

BFC Technology Policy Committee 2024-2025

Meeting 01 (9/12/2024)

Attendee: Michael Collins, Daniel Hickey, Michele Kelmer, David Taylor, Anne Leftwich, Elizabeth Harris, David McDonald, Ashley Ahlbrand, Jeremy Siek, Alexander Alexeev

Agenda

1. Introductions [Mike/Dan]
2. About the Committee [Mike/Dan]
3. Charges for this year [Mike/Dan]
4. AI Subcommittee [Dan]
5. Questions/Comments/Concerns

Meeting notes:

- **Tech Policy Committee's Role:** Michael clarified that the Tech Policy Committee does not create or manage policy but advises and influences technology policies and procedures, acting as a bridge between faculty and UITs.
 - **Committee's Advisory Role:** Michael emphasized the committee's role in advising on technology policies and procedures, not in creating or managing them, highlighting the importance of acting as a liaison between faculty and UITs.
 - **Policy Influence:** The committee's influence on policy was discussed, with a focus on how faculty concerns can be brought to UITs for consideration, thereby shaping the implementation of technology-related policies.
 - **Policy Creation Process:** Clarification was provided on the process of policy creation, with Michele explaining the steps involved and the role of the university compliance and Policy Office, indicating that the committee can submit policy change recommendations.
 - **Faculty and UITs Relationship:** Michael mentioned the historical context of the relationship between faculty and UITs, expressing a desire to continue the positive collaboration established by previous committee chairs.
- **AI Subcommittee Formation:** Daniel expressed a desire for volunteers for an AI subcommittee to explore and potentially recommend policies or guidelines regarding artificial intelligence, with Anne, Alexander, Michele, and Elizabeth volunteering.
 - **Subcommittee Volunteers:** Several members, including Anne, Alexander, Michele, and Elizabeth, volunteered to join the AI subcommittee, showing a strong interest in shaping AI-related policies and guidelines.
 - **Subcommittee Scope:** The subcommittee's scope was discussed, with the intention to tackle the implementation of the AI task force's suggestions and to consider whether policies or guidelines should be university-wide or tailored to individual schools.
 - **Meeting Scheduling:** Daniel plans to schedule the subcommittee's first meeting for early October, aiming to manage the workload effectively and avoid mission creep.
 - **UFC Coordination:** The need for coordination with the UFC Tech Policy Committee was highlighted, with the possibility of inviting members from the UFC to join the subcommittee.

- **DMAI to Elements Transition:** Michael highlighted concerns about the transition from DMAI to Elements, emphasizing the need for schools to assess their reliance on DMAI data and the potential impact of the transition.
 - **Transition Concerns:** Concerns were raised about the transition timeline, with DMAI access ending in October and Elements data import completion expected in December, potentially affecting schools' accreditation processes.
 - **Engagement with Transition Team:** Michael advised faculty to engage with the Elements transition team to ensure their school's needs are met, sharing his experience of facilitating a connection for the Kelly School.
 - **Elements Pilot Program:** A pilot program for Elements is underway, with certain faculty members, including Michael and Anne, participating to test and provide feedback on the new system.
 - **Reporting and Data Mapping:** The transition team is working on data mapping and creating reports to mimic those from DMAI, aiming to ease the transition for faculty who rely on these reports for reviews.
 - **Transition Communication:** Concerns were voiced about the communication strategy for the transition to Elements, with suggestions to improve the naming and searchability of the new system in one.IU.
- **@IU.edu Transition Concerns:** Daniel and others expressed concerns about the transition to @iu.edu email accounts, indicating a need for further discussion and possibly inviting Aaron Neal to provide more information in the next meeting.
 - **Faculty Impact:** Discussion centered on the impact of the transition on faculty, particularly regarding the publication of research and papers under the indiana.edu domain.
- **Ethics Point System Concerns:** Jeremy raised concerns about the Ethics Point complaint system being anonymous and without login requirements, suggesting a potential area for technical and policy review.
 - **Complaint System Flaws:** Jeremy highlighted the lack of login requirements for the Ethics Point complaint system, allowing for anonymous submissions and raising concerns about the potential for misuse.
 - **Faculty Concerns:** Faculty concerns about the Ethics Point system were discussed, with the need for a review of the technical and policy aspects to address these issues.

Follow-up tasks:

- **AI Subcommittee:** Invite additional faculty members to join the AI Subcommittee. (Dan)
- **AI Subcommittee:** Schedule the first AI Subcommittee meeting for early October. (Dan)
- **Elements Transition:** Reach out to the Elements transition team for a demo in the next TPC meeting. (Michael)
- **@iu.edu Transition:** Invite Aaron Neal to discuss the @iu.edu transition at the next TPC meeting. (Ann)
- **DMAI Transition:** Communicate DMAI transition concerns and timelines to respective schools and departments. (All Faculty Members)