

UNIVERSITY SENATE
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE:
REVISIONS TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY USAGE COMMITTEE**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

Revised Title:

The Information Technology Committee

Revised Charge:

The Committee shall consist of at least 6 but not more than 8 members, with at least 3 from the Council. It will be chaired by the Chief Information Officer or designee.

The Committee shall review and make recommendations on IT services in support of the University's academic programs and goals. The Committee's work addresses a wide spectrum of information technology matters including planning, infrastructure, service delivery and quality, access and security, and new technologies. They shall examine current trends in information technologies which may influence IT services and changing University priorities, emerging academic programs, and new information needs. The Office of the CIO shall consult with the Committee on matters of IT policy. The Committee shall submit all recommendations for approval to the Council. Policy changes are then brought to the Senate if approved by the Council.

Rationale for Change:

The Chair of LISC and the Office of the CIO propose revisions to the LISC subcommittee known as the Information Technology Usage Policy Committee. The goal of this revision is to broaden the scope of the Committee's charge and create a group with responsibilities for campus-wide IT.

Revising the charge allows the Committee to assume an expanded role in shaping new directions for IT on behalf of the University community. Confining the scope to IT policy issues limits the ability of the group to examine a wider range of academic and programmatic IT matters. Broader responsibilities will enable this group to provide valuable input for strategic planning, examining trends and exploring new directions for campus technology needs. The revised charge makes the responsibilities of the subcommittee similar to those of the LISC Library Committee. This balance better reflects LISC's broader charge to examine campus-wide matters of the Libraries and information technologies.

The Information Technology Usage Policy Committee is part of an historical legacy predating the appointment of a CIO. For the past several years, the Committee has had little business, so they have met sporadically. It has also been difficult to staff. A broader charge would give the Committee new opportunities to explore the technology needs of the campus. Assigning the CIO or designee as permanent chair—parallel to the Library Committee—lends continuity to the group, which is important for long-term planning, history and information sharing.