

Information & Technology Governance Decision Document

March 24, 2025

Scope

The decisions in this document direct the UW's near-term stewardship of technology services in response to current funding challenges, as well as long-term optimization of technology services to better serve the UW.

Governance Review

- The two decisions in this document were proposed to the I&T Executive Committee in its meeting on March 24, 2025, and a majority of the members voted in favor.

Decisions of the I&T Executive Committee

(1) The Committee requests the UW-IT OCIO to initiate a central project for IT financial risk mitigation and stewardship

- Gather, assess, prioritize and pursue opportunities for IT efficiencies and consolidation
- Rapidly define implementation projects and propose to advisory groups, I&T Governance Boards and/or this Committee

(2) The Committee directs I&T Governance Boards to make financial risk mitigation the highest priority in 2025 work, if applicable

- Give priority to input and decisions on financial risk mitigation projects
- Ask members to actively build understanding and support in their organizations for coming changes

Rationale

In Winter 2024, President Cauce and Provost Serio introduced the [Together We Thrive](#) program, calling for a “strategic course correction to ensure institutional financial

resilience.” Since then, federal and state changes have only increased serious and growing financial pressures on the UW.

In prior meetings in 2025, the I&T Executive Committee set general direction in response to these challenges:

- Pursue opportunities to consolidate software, solutions and services
 - Where services at scale are likely to result in cost efficiencies
 - Not consolidation for the sake of consolidation
 - Efficiency includes directly reducing costs as well as improving outcomes
- Reduce duplication of work that is standard or similar across units
 - Prioritize opportunities that benefit from standardization and have existing clear demand
 - Not work that is clearly discipline-specific or requires unique expertise
 - Take into account different needs among academic, administrative, and clinical units

This direction is consistent with the [I&T Governance Charter](#), which charges governance to “obtain benefits from shared direction and standardization,” “define shared information technology goals, strategies, standards, services, processes, and practices,” and “prioritize and steward resources and funding for information and technology.”