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Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to ask you to serve on the interim University Technology Advisory Committee (interim U-TAC). The committee charge and membership list are attached.

The interim U-TAC is being formed to address the need for an information technology (IT) advisory body while work is underway to revise the UW's IT governance structure.

This work stems from the recommendations outlined in the September 10 *UW Technology Working Group Report to President Mark Emmert*. The recommendations call for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the UW's IT governance structure, including its three high-level advisory committees: the University Technology Advisory Committee (U-TAC), Academic Technology Advisory Committee (A-TAC), and Information Management Advisory Committee (I-MAC). An action team is being initiated this month to carry out this work.

The new interim U-TAC will be advisory to me and will have purview over all University information technology strategies, policies, directions, issues, and priorities at all levels and across the University. The interim U-TAC will assume responsibility for all areas formerly covered by A-TAC and I-MAC, including project oversight and other activities required to meet the UW's regulatory obligations. The interim U-TAC will be in place until a new permanent governance structure can be established.

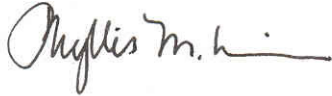
The recommendation for this interim approach emerged from an IT governance retreat held in November and attended by the chairs and several members of the Technology Advisory Committees, representatives from other UW IT advisory groups, and other key stakeholders, including many of you. The group recognized the need for an interim IT governance body to enable the UW to move forward on important IT policies and priorities. However, rather than continuing with three committees or creating a new structure, the group recommended that the University

consolidate responsibilities of all of the committees into U-TAC and reconstitute that committee to be a smaller, more agile interim governance body.

The interim U-TAC will be supported by staff from the Office of Information Management and UW Technology. A first meeting will be scheduled for February.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the University in this important capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phyllis M. Wise". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Phyllis M. Wise  
Provost and Executive Vice President

Attachments