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IT Strategy Board

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the IT Strategy Board that is being established to provide strategic direction on information technology (IT) at the University.

The IT Strategy Board is advisory to the President and to me and will be responsible for making recommendations on strategic plans, policies, and funding priorities for information technology at the University, including identifying critical opportunities and actions that will best position the University for the future. The IT Strategy Board has purview over all activities of UW Information Technology (UW-IT), including major projects, service improvements and infrastructure investments. In addition, the IT Strategy Board makes recommendations about University-wide IT strategies, investments, projects and initiatives.

The IT Strategy Board is part of a comprehensive governance process that is being established for information technology at the University. The new process builds upon previous efforts, including the IT Costing Oversight Group and President's Working Group on Information Technology. The new governance process consists of three interrelated boards:

- **IT Strategy Board** provides strategic direction on information technology at the University.
- **IT Service Investment Board** makes recommendations about services provided by UW-IT, including priorities and funding levels for major UW-IT projects. A TRF Advisory Committee provides recommendations to inform the Board on cost allocation, methodology and services.
- **IT Service Management Board** ensures alignment of UW-IT services with institutional IT strategy and priorities, as identified by the other two governance boards, and optimizes the design, delivery, operation and sourcing of those services.

The IT Strategy Board identifies high-level strategic direction, opportunities, and policies to be used in making decisions about UW-IT services and projects. This strategic direction is used to guide the recommendations of both the IT Service Investment Board and the IT Service Management Board. Similarly, the IT Strategy Board considers issues and recommendations brought to it by the IT Service Investment Board.

The IT Strategy Board will meet three times annually, and may participate in other activities as needed. A charter is enclosed. Meetings of the IT Strategy Board will be scheduled and supported by the Office of the Vice President for UW -IT and CIO. That office will contact you in the near future to schedule the first meeting.

As you know, information technology is critical to supporting and advancing the University's teaching, learning, research and service missions. This committee will be vital to ensuring the University makes the right strategic choices and investments in IT. Thank you for your willingness to serve on this important committee.

Sincerely,

Ana Mari Cauce
Provost and Executive Vice President

cc: Michael K. Young, Matt O'Donnell, Paul G. Ramsey, Johnese Spisso,
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Enclosures: IT Strategy Board Charter
IT Governance Diagram