Welcome to the first IT Strategic Planning Monthly Progress Report! We are glad to have you here as we take on the development of CSU’s first ever campus-wide IT strategic plan. The goal of this progress report is to notify the campus community on the updates and progress of the IT strategic planning project. A progress report will be sent out via email every month from now through the end of the project (expected completion date: May 2022). Be on the lookout for the next update sometime mid-January.

We are also happy to announce that we have launched a website for the IT strategic planning process. This website is the primary source to pull project information. It will be updated weekly to ensure that the information is relevant. Take a look: [CSU IT Strategic Planning 2021-22 website](#).

**UNDERSTAND**

A commentary from Emma Eckley.

“A strategic plan may be viewed by some as a nebulous document having no direct impact on the individuals of our IT community. I say this because I used to think similarly. As a developer on the Student Information Systems team, I sometimes do not know how large campus projects really impact my day-to-day operations. The objective of a strategic plan is to align the organization to achieve high impact and important goals. We, as an IT community, accomplish great things. I have personally witnessed our ability to move mountains. But we oftentimes work in silos moving mountains in different directions. We have the opportunity to create a shared vision. A strategic plan acts as a roadmap showing us which mountains to move in what direction. Our strategic plan will provide CSU IT with the foundation to move mountain ranges! Our strategic plan is set to scope our unified work for the next 3 years. Engagement from our entire campus community will lead to goals and objectives that are representative of our collective strengths and opportunities. Project participation now will have a lasting impact on our operations over the next 3 years. It is an exciting time for CSU. It is an exciting time for IT. Keep an eye out in the ENGAGE sections of the monthly progress reports and webpages to learn about the available involvement opportunities.”

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No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.

- Halford E. Luccock
This section will provide a picture of the project’s ‘big rocks’. It highlights which high-impact tasks were accomplished over the past month and which critical to-dos are upcoming. This section and the website’s Process page are both great resources for tracking how the project is progressing.

OUR MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Launch of the project website!

- Creation of the Core Planning Team! See the Core Planning Team section of the website for more information about this team.

- Core Planning Team Kick-Off Meeting! See the meeting agenda on the Project Communication Archive webpage.

OUR UPCOMING TASKS

- Refine communication plan based on feedback. See the ENGAGE section of this progress report.

- 1st Strategic Planning Workshop (with Core Planning Team). Workshop design and agenda to come. Information will be posted on the website once it is finalized.

- Creation of the advisory committee. See the Advisory Committee section of the website for more information about this team.

ENGSAGE

Communication is key! We want you to know what you want to know about this project. Our commitment is to send out this monthly progress report and maintain an up-to-date project website. Do you have any other ideas? Are there people missing from this distribution list that should be included?

We want to know how to make project communications successful for our campus. Give us your thoughts by filling out this quick questionnaire. All input provided will be read and considered.

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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Reach out to Emma Eckley to discuss further and find out how to get involved.

Thank you for reading our first IT Strategic Planning Monthly Newsletter!

Stay tuned for the next update in January.