Our IT strategic planning process is broken down into three sequential stages. We are currently in the first stage.

Stage 1: WHY
The focus of the WHY stage is to define IT’s purpose in supporting our university’s Courageous Strategic Transformation (CST).

Stage 2: WHAT
The focus of the WHAT stage is to identify our main strategic goals.

Stage 3: HOW
The focus of the HOW stage is to define how IT resources will be managed to support the accomplishment of the desired strategic goals.

Currently, our university is finalizing the CST plan. The CST’s strategic initiatives will guide our work in creating an effective IT strategic plan that is in alignment with our university’s goals. As we think about IT’s role at CSU, we will use the CST as our vision for success. How can IT best support our university? What does the CST show us to be our most important initiatives?

Until the final CST plan is distributed, we will use the CST framework as our guiding vision for developing a supportive and effective IT strategic plan.

A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more.

- Rosabeth Moss Kanter
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**

- Selection of the advisory committee! See the Advisory Committee section of our CSU IT Strategic Planning 2021-22 webpage for more information about this team.

- Creation of the strategic planning process framework!

- Definition of our WHY workshop agendas!

**OUR UPCOMING TASKS**

- Strategic planning workshop focused on our WHY (Core Planning Team)

- Strategic planning workshop focused on our WHY (Advisory Committee + Core Planning Team).

- Definition of our WHAT workshop agenda

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**ENGAGE**

Strategic. Vision. Digital transformation. These words could easily be described as buzzwords if not properly defined within the context of the IT Strategic Planning project and our work here at CSU.

What buzzwords are you hearing in relation to the project? Are they helpful in depicting the project’s intentions? Or, do we need to do a better job in defining our terminology? Let us know your thoughts by clicking this link.

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QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Reach out to Emma Eckley for more information and find out how to get involved.

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