STRATEGIC IT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
AGENDA
Tuesday, July 30, 2013
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
STARK LIBRARY

Attendees: President Powers, Randy Diehl, Brad Englert, Charles Roeckle, Dan Slesnick (for Steve Leslie), Jerry Speitel, Fred Steiner, Kevin Hegarty, Jay Boisseau, Tom Gilligan

Absent: Pat Clubb, Paul Resta

Guests: Patrick Davis, Mary Knight, Kristi Fisher

I. Learning Management System Strategy – Endorse (Pat Davis)
Pat Davis presented the recommendation from the learning management system task force to adopt Canvas as the learning management system for the University of Texas at Austin. This recommendation was endorsed by R&E and OIT. The timeline suggested for implementation of Canvas is up to two years. Blackboard, the current learning management system, will be retired in 2015.

The committee inquired about the final vote of the task force. Only one member of the task force did not vote in favor of recommending Canvas as the learning management system for campus. This particular member of the task force is a power Blackboard user. She noted that for power users, transition to Canvas may not be as easy as for normal users because the if/then command structure in Blackboard is not portable to Canvas. More programming would be necessary for transition. The Center for Teaching and Learning and Information Technology Services will provided dedicated support for the transition to Canvas.

The recommendation to adopt Canvas as the learning management system for campus and to retire Blackboard in 2015 was unanimously endorsed by the committee.

II. Longhorn Innovation Fund for Technology – Update (Pat Davis)
Pat Davis presented the awardees for the Longhorn Innovation Fund for Technology. The committee appreciated the breadth of applicants and awardees and congratulated those who received awards.

III. Administrative Systems Procurement and Data Access Governance – Update (Mary Knight, Kristi Fisher)
Mary Knight presented the status of the administrative systems replacement project. She noted that vendor responses will be due the third week in August and not August 8 as stated in the meeting packet. The committee inquired if a cloud solution was being considered. Cloud solutions will be considered.

Kristi presented the status of the data access policies and noted that the ultimate policies are expected to be living and breathing policies that are responsive to need discovered as the new
access policies are set in place. A governance committee will respond to data access needs and any augmentations to policy.

IV. Email Strategy – Update (Brad Englert)
Brad Englert presented an update on the ongoing implementation of Office 365. Information Technology Services is working with the vendor to smooth the transition and to respond to issues during transition.