

**AGENDA**  
**BUDGETING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

April 29, 2025  
4:00 p.m.  
Burruss 130 & Zoom

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 18, 2025**

These minutes were emailed to Budgeting and Planning Committee members on February 21, 2025. Having received no feedback, the minutes were forwarded on to University Council for posting on the web.

3. **New Business**

**4:00 – 4:45 pm**

- Enabling Infrastructure Update: ERP Modernization

Sharon Pitt

4. **Question & Answer**

**4:45 – 5:00 pm**

5. **Adjournment**

**MINUTES  
BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
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**Present:** Christine Absher, Kylie Allen, Leanna Blevins, Tara Brent, Travis Burns, Kerry Chipman, Opal Cohen, Kristen Cox, Jeff Earley, Pascha Gerni, Tim Hodge, Creed Jones, Daniel Kim, Stephen Kleiber, Nancy McGehee, Liza Morris, Lauren Pollard, Amy Sebring, Rebecca Weaver-Hightower, and Madison Wypyski.

**Absent with Notice:** Cyril Clarke, Rebecca Pauly

**Absent:** Sherif Abdelaziz, Cathy Duerbeck, and John McGee

**Guests:** Brennan Shepard, Debbie Greer, Sharon Barrett (substitute for Rebecca Pauley), Sharon Pitt, Kyle Johnson, David Raymond, Alberto Cano.

- **Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of February 18, 2025**

The February 18, 2025 minutes have been approved and forwarded to the University Council for posting on the web.

- **Presentation**

Sharon Pitt, Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer, along with three of her leadership team, provided an update to the Committee on several initiatives with the Division of Information Technology.

Kyle Johnson, Associate Vice President for IT Governance, Planning & Strategy provided an update on the ERP Stabilization, Readiness, and Modernization Program. Mr. Johnson reviewed the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) basics, which included the three core areas of applications and services: Student, Human Capital Management (HCM) and Finance, with the Student related applications being the most extensive in variety and complexity. VT is currently in the Phase 1 – Stabilization of the ERP program which includes the de-customization back to baseline functionality, decommission (declutter), reduce technical debt, decouple tightly-coupled integrations, and eliminate unsupported software. Mr. Johnson then walked through the applications in the student ecosystem, what tools are active in that ecosystem and what the ‘stabilization steps’ for this ecosystem. Mr. Johnson then walked through the next steps and a draft timeline and key milestones.

Alberto Cano, Associate Vice President for Research Computing, gave an update on the Advance Research Computing (ARC) department. The mission of ARC is to provide research computing resources and support to advance scientific research at Virginia Tech, they complete this through services, teams, and utilization. Dr. Cano shared the ARC infrastructure, current cluster utilization, cost center and investment program. He also briefly touched on AI integration.

David Raymond, Associate Vice President for Security & Identity, provided an update on IT Security Initiatives. An IT Risk Management study was completed in March 2025 to gain a better understanding of where sensitive data is stored to help assess IT risk and focus security efforts. He also shared that the Security Awareness Refresher Training is

a now an annual mandatory training being managed centrally through PageUp Learning Management System. He shared some additional security enhancements the university is rolling out, including IT security and financial system alert correlation, enhanced two-factor authentication, and enhanced user notifications of direct deposit changes. Departments can also opt-in to the monthly phishing simulator 'Microsoft attack simulator'. The simulator sends mock phishing emails to departments to test a department's understanding of security threats.

Lastly, Kyle Johnson presented a draft presentation of the new IT Strategic Plan which laid out the five themes of the plan:

- Strategic Theme 1: Enable global impact around teaching, research and outreach
- Strategic Theme 2: Modernize and optimize administrative applications and data platforms
- Strategic Theme 3: Improve the customer experience
- Strategic Theme 4: Expand capabilities to use, manage and protect data
- Strategic Theme 5: Strengthen technology and data governance

He also shared a 'roadmap framework' broken down into foundational, optimize, and modernize areas of focus. He also provided preview of projects for Year 1, Years 2/3 and Years 4/5. Provided final takeaways from the plan. A copy of the presentations was sent along with these minutes to the Committee members.

- **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.