LUMS University Information Systems & Technology (IST) Governance Framework

Introduction

LUMS University recognizes the critical role that Information Systems & Technology (IST) play in achieving its educational and administrative goals. This IT Governance Framework aims to establish a structured approach to managing and utilizing information systems in alignment with the university's strategic objectives.

2. Governance Structure

The governance of IT at LUMS University is overseen by the IT Steering Committee (ITSC).

This committee includes CS/IT oriented faculty from various schools and two senior members from the Information Services & Technology (IST) department. The IT Steering Committee's mandate encompasses the following responsibilities:

1. **Advisory Role**:

   o Develop and evolve the University's IT strategy.

2. **Input Provision**:

   o Provide insights from both academic and administrative perspectives on the IT needs of the University.

3. **Decision-Making**:

   o Make decisions on the selection and onboarding of major enterprise-level information systems and their integration with existing systems.

4. **Policy Recommendations**:

   o Recommend and review IT and related policies and assess their impact on other university policies.

5. **Investment Recommendations**:

   o Make recommendations to the Vice Chancellor (VC) and Management Committee (MC) regarding major investments in IT infrastructure, both software and hardware.

The ITSC meets on as-needs basis, typically at the beginning of the Fall semester to discuss upcoming projects and automation needs. It is also called when there is a major technology decision, for example moving from a major software or hardware platform to another one, or discontinuing an existing platform or service.

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