

TAC Meeting

October 19, 2023

Attendance: Jim Stewart, Jeremy Cox, Elwood Downing, Mark Johnson, Greg Scherer, Jonathan Karras, Spencer Jenkins, Jeff Egly, Lynne Yocom, Joe Breen, Rick Gaisford

- Welcome
- Board consultant – survey feedback (Elwood Downing)
 - Slide deck presented
 - Board and advisory alignment
 - Clear roles and responsibilities
 - Board retreat thought it was good
 - Strategic alignment
 - Board retreat thought it was good
 - Collaboration & communication
 - Board retreat thought it could improve
 - Decision-making and influence
 - Board retreat thought it could improve
 - Diversity and complementary skills
 - Board retreat thought it was a good cross-sectional approach
 - Regular evaluation
 - Most thought poor – need the board and councils to regularly evaluate
 - What the board wants from the TAC
 - Expertise
 - Engaged in key factors impacting UETN's mission
 - Be advised of threats and opportunities
 - Investigate topics and provide recommendations
 - What TAC wants from the board
 - Topics to address
 - More direction of what to explore
 - Specific questions or concerns with new inbound technology that affects UETN customers
 - Technical review of any technology
 - Recommendations
 - Chair and Vice Chair Terms
 - Currently, no terms
 - Committees to add to the current board
 - Finance Committee – Budget/funding and audit
 - Governance committee – Nomination and policies committee instead
 - TAC – Advisory Committee
 - Remain as a committee and not an advisory council
- Vision for TAC (Spencer Jenkins)
 - Elwood to identify role in TAC and engagement
 - Figure out how this committee/staff can integrate with the councils and the board. How does the technology role fit?
 - Engagement – How much weight does the board put in a committee vs counsel? How do we ensure the correct way to get engagement understandably?

- How to move forward with: (Jim Stewart)
 - Recommendations from members: Who do we need to communicate with? (UEN/UTN advisory councils, the board, TCC, etc.) and who/how should we communicate on the following:
 - The helpful part is to have the councils have an opportunity to get an update and vice versa.
 - Should we expand the committee to cover apps and other foundation pieces?
 - Can easily add others as needed per the bylaws
 - ESports
 - Direction
 - Servers on network
 - Looking at routing for school games/sparing
 - How does that protect students
 - Set up a cyber/game range
 - If there are so many entities around the state working on ESports, do we bring them all together for discussion?
 - **ACTION:** Jonathan Karras will invite the person working on this to the next meeting.
 - **ACTION** Joe Breen suggests we invite Rob Ricci: Flux. He has a lot of experience.
 - Equitable playing grounds on the network between the schools
 - How to route to minimize latency between sites
 - Create “pockets” between school
 - Barriers and technology for protecting students
 - Wanting to know how we are going to move forward
 - Security
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Wireless directions
 - How do we go about sharing the information on the above four topics?
 - How we take the information back
- Next meeting topics
 - ESports
 - Cyber Range
 - **ACTION:** Jonathan Karras has invited Weber State faculty working on this to the December 21 meeting.
 - **ACTION** Joe Breen suggests we invite Rob Ricci: Flux. He has a lot of experience.
 - Wireless directions: What do we want to say to the councils?
- Adjourn