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Minutes
Enterprise Data Coordinating Committee
5/2/2017

Meeting of the combined Steering Committee, Functional Subcommittee, and Regulatory Operations Subcommittee of the Enterprise Data Governance Committee

Attending: Susan Kellogg, Kim Stahl, Micki Jernigan, Mel Jones, Molly O'Keefe, Lee Bollinger, Allison Legge, Rick Root, Lynn Williford

Not Attending: Kevin Lanning, Phyllis Petree, Rich Arnold, Nicholas Graham, Vicki Bradley, Scott Jackson, Fran Dykstra, Dwayne Pinkney, Andy Johns, Patricia Oliver

Minutes:
- Welcome, announcements, approval of minutes:

Minutes of 4/20/2017 meeting approved. Welcome to Robin Cyr, also attending.

- Appropriate/allowable delegation in data governance roles:

The committee discussed whether any responsibilities should be fixed to an assigned role in the Data Governance Policy/Standard. The question centered on the degree of flexibility Trustees should have to delegate (and for subordinate roles to further delegate) responsibilities for data governance. Scenarios in which others may seek approval for data access, review of risk assessments, or other decisions by Data Trustees or Stewards, and whether delegated authority should be accepted as given. The committee determined that where some question of sufficient authority exists, those in data governance roles should elevate reviews. The option for those seeking review/approval to informally address questions "up the chain of command" was seen as sufficient to handle unusual situations.

- Review of Information Classification Standard:

The need for review was discussed, and the committee deferred review to a later meeting.

- Status of the Data Governance Policy and Standard:

Continued discussion of the research data question. The committee debated issues of whether research would fit in the "framework" being established by the new Policy. Robin Cyr contributed perspective on the needs and challenges surrounding management of research data. The committee considered information from a 2012 Research Data Stewardship study by the University and how the issues identified there specific to research data might be addressed by the EDCC and by the Policy. The committee also discussed alternative methods of coordinating with Research Administration on data stewardship activity should it be determined not to include research data in the scope of these documents. The section referring to research data will remain in the draft, but the documents will not be finalized until the issues are resolved. Robin Cyr committed to review of the drafts, to bring the question to the VC for Research, and to provide sample definitions that might assist with refining the documents.

The committee also addressed models of "trust relationships" between Trustees or Stewards to allow multi-domain authorizations. This approach was disfavored. The potential efficiencies were deemed insufficient to justify what would essentially undermine the role structure and designations of responsibility with those most knowledgeable. It was acknowledged that cross-domain delegation could occur at the discretion of Trustees.