ITS Strategic Plan



Business Process Automation

Strategies

Focus computers on things computers do well and humans on things humans do well

Purpose

Eliminating repetitive tasks, configurations, and manual workloads allow staff to focus their time and skills on high orders of problem solving and engagement

Metrics

Processes automated
People time saved
Transaction volume

Ensure digital fluency to provide creative, equitable, and innovative engagements, including training, support, documentation, and AI-driven solutions

Knowledge of how to leverage and use digital tools effectively in an evolving environment is critical to the success of technology deployment

Support ticket volume Trainings completed

Values

Agility Collaboration Innovation

Supports Campus Goals



Enhance User Experiences

Strategies

Create cohesive paths for user engagement across the enterprise platform of services and interfaces

Building relationships, increase engagement, collaboration, perception, of technology initiatives and support

Purpose

Fractured user experiences create additional overhead and burden on faculty, staff, and students

Creates awareness of the ITS portfolio (roadmap) and associated value (strategic alignment in project selection and prioritization) to the campus. Promotes inclusive campus stakeholder engagement with ITS initiatives and projects

Metrics

Session Duration Net Promoter

Governance backlog requests
Satisfaction surveys
Average Scrum backlog
completion time
Confirmation of portfolio alignment
to ITS' strategic plan

Values

Diversity Collaboration Agility

Supports Campus Goals



Be Secure, Protect Assets & Privacy

Strategies

Identify the highest compliance risks to UCR and make them the priority for controls, policies, and procedures related to cyber security and data privacy

Purpose

As a Research 1 (RI) University, UCR is a custodian of sensitive data, as well as a highly targeted institution by a host of bad actors

Metrics

Total vulnerabilities and incidents

Infusing an understanding and use of the UC privacy values and principles across the campus community through the technology and services that ITS manages

Privacy is fundamental to the University and, together with information security, underpins the University's ability to be a good steward of the information entrusted to it Security protocols adherence Cybersecurity training completed Phishalarm volume

Zero Trust Security (ZTS) verification for all focused on users, assets, and resources The campus must share security responsibilities because attacks are increasing; broadly, the internet is not a secure network, platform as a service (PaaS) and software as a service (SaaS) cannot be blindly trusted, and endpoints that are not managed by ITS pose a security risk to campus

Percent of UCR on Managed Endpoints Number of known exploits in our ecosystem

Values

Diversity Agility Innovation

Supports Campus Goals

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Data Drives Business

Strategies

Establish effective campus data governance that builds trust in the data being provided to answer important questions

Create platforms that ensure faculty, staff, and students have access to all the data they need in a secure manner

Build a data management program that ensures data is high quality, accurate, and up to date

Purpose

Data governance is the core to successful utilization and agreement on narrative around data

Data that is inaccessible or takes a lot of effort to access doesn't provide any value, and leads to the creation of duplicate and shadow data systems that result in confusion

Unclear, out of date, and repetitive data leads to reporting errors and inconsistent answers to key questions

Metrics

Number of approved definitions in business glossary

Datasets brought into data governance

Active user accounts on Looker platform

Average net promoter score on data quality

Data management areas implemented

Data management maturity assessment level

Values

Innovation Integrity Agility

Supports Campus Goals

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Sustainable Operations at Scale

Strategies

Operational excellence, platform alignment, and reduction of complexity throughout business and functional operations (e.g., automation)

Purpose

It is critical that IT operations are able to scale to fit the evolving needs and growth of UCR

Metrics

Agile velocity average

Deploy infrastructure in a way that enables ITS staff to quickly meet the strategic needs of the campus The ability to move quickly to meet campus needs provides UCR with agility, enabling the University to be more responsive and pursue time-sensitive opportunities Time to project delivery

Number of major incidents

Deploy new services that have a minimal environmental impact

Global climate change continues to impact the planet, and UC has pledge to become carbon neutral Greenhouse gas emissions of IT services

Values

Integrity Diversity Collaboration

Supports Campus Goals



Research at Cloud Scale

Strategies

Build, deploy, and support research computing in cloud and hybrid constructs that supports the research endeavors of UCR

Purpose

UCR today lacks a cohesive, scaled strategy around research computing and support; Systems are fractured and operating in insecure environments; Researchers spend a lot of time managing and deploying research computing tools that could be better spent on direct research

Metrics

Grants dollars supported compared to cost overhead

Values

Agility Collaboration Innovation

Supports Campus Goals

