

Data & Reporting Team (DART) Minutes, 12-13-18

Minutes from last meeting: Previously approved via OneDrive

Data Governance: Interim Data Governance Policy: Susannah Livingood, Chair—Norman Campus Data Governance Committee (N-DGC), and Associate Provost & Director, Institutional Research & Reporting

Susannah had previously shared the draft policy with ITC, and it had been circulated via e-mail previously to DART. Based on immediate feedback, Susannah said the draft document will undergo three changes to:

1. Remove harsh language regarding consequences for policy violation. The policy is not intended to be a 'gotcha' but rather a framework for governance.
2. Improve and define the definition of 'Shadow System.' There have been many questions about what constitutes a Shadow System, and how departments would have difficulty functioning without them given that current data structures make Shadow System use more necessary. Susannah said that the N-DGC is interested in those systems which duplicate function, process, or software compared to the functionality offered by the source system for any data in question.
3. Make clear that current business practices will continue but will be documented and reviewed. The final policy will be enforced going forward after the approval process is complete.

There were questions about the sample data access request form at end of the interim policy. Susannah mentioned that it was just a sample and will undergo revision. Jeff Wall said IT wanted to be in lockstep with the policy.

Shelly Rolland asked what if a system had functionality but it was not used and that functionality was done outside of that source system instead. For instance, auxiliary and service units have their own systems for financials. There were also questions about using data granted under a previous data request for new purposes—would that require a new data access request? Susannah a new request may be required, but she can't answer definitely until implementation guidelines have been set. She acknowledged that was a potential pain point and said any implementation would need to be mindful of balancing governance concerns with business needs.

Susannah said that if data is being kept within that same Data Owner area (i.e. Admissions, HR) no access form is needed. But if data is being sent outside of that area, whether to a third party or another office or department, some kind of documentation would be necessary.

The Purchasing/RFP processes should operate within the governance framework, especially for hardware/software.

There was also a discussion of the four roles defined by the N-DGC: Data Owners (ERP-level), Data Stewards (can take some actions on behalf of Data Owner), Data Managers (project level), and Data Users.

Susannah mentioned that General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is influencing the governance discussion and policy at OU.

Susannah said implementation of the policy will require people, and that should not be a side part of a job, but FTEs should be allocated.

It's possible that DART may be dissolved and reintegrated into the new governance structure.

Jeff mentioned that policy education will be crucial.

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- David Wilkins presented a slide show (attached) for the ten Administrative Staff tracks offered at ATE 2019 (up from five last year). There are seven fifty-minute presentations and two twenty-minute presentations. David mentioned that a poll will be taken after the Power BI presentation by Lindsey Johnston to gauge interest in a PowerBI user group. Jeff mentioned including HSC and will give David an HSC contact.
- David encouraged DART members to register for ATE and said the scheduling app will be released soon so that attendees can schedule sessions.
- Watch e-mail for latest updates

DART Subteam Updates

- **Community Support** (David Wilkins) Added a [Policy page](#) to the [DART website](#). Made enhancements to [Cognos SharePoint](#) and [Cognos Resources & Support](#) document to add pointers to IT/Data policies. Also added pointers inside the Cognos Help folder. E-mailed a notice of these enhancements to DART members and Cognos licensees. Discussed possible communications channel for ESFS/SPCC decisions that may affect hardcoding in Academic General Reports. Sent that thought on to Chris Kennedy. Have not heard back.
- **Data Dictionary** (David Wilkins) This subteam has been defining columns in Admissions tables and will be sending those and Financial Aid metadata to IT soon to push into the Oracle web app soon. There appears to be a SPCC/IT backlog as two prior requests to push updated Metadata to the Oracle tables (so consumers can review them via the website) have not been completed. David will contact Kevin Boydston to ensure these requests are entered into an upcoming IT sprint.
- **Data Review** (Patti Otto) This group has been dormant due to changes in governance structure.
- **Data Quality & Training** (David Wilkins) This group on hold due to governance changes. If resurrected, new leadership will be sought. Some issues being dealt with in the HR Data Group (military status, Reports to ID, Citizenship, obsolete staff ranks, etc.) With governance in flux at the moment, this group is continuing to add data quality issues/concerns to a master list. Once governance is working more smoothly, it's hoped some of those can be addressed.
- **Policy & Recommendations** (David Wilkins) This group has been in a holding pattern with the advent of the N-DGC and is currently uncertain of future activities pending direction of N-DGC.
- **Reporting Tool Training** (Susie Irwin) Susie has conducted Cognos author and consumer trainings, conducted departmental trainings, and held Cognos Office Hours. She will offer a New Cognos Author training in January, 2019.

Other issues/upcoming activities

Next meeting: February 28th, 2019, 8:30-10:00, BL 339

Special Guest: Ron Fellhauer, Executive Director, Security & Risk Management / CISO. Ron will talk about the wild world of data and security policies, current OU IT/Data and security policies, and those that are in the pipeline.

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Thursday, January 10, 2019

- **Event: iHub for Staff**
- **Location: OU Innovation Hub (South Campus)**
- **Time: 10:30-11:30**
- **Topic: Power BI—Lessons Learned & Q&A**
- ***Lunch following***
- ***Remember to register [here](#).***

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11:00 AM	Home in Time for Dinner: How to be More Efficient with Tools We Already Have-- <i>Justin S Wollenberg</i>		
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1:30 PM	An E-Learning Tool with Accessibility in Mind-- <i>Jessica Anderson</i>		Communicating with International students in Higher Education-- <i>Heather Arnett</i>
2:30 PM	How To Use Asset Panda for Asset Tracking and Continuity Planning-- <i>Derek Mehl</i>	Sorting Scholarship Applications Using Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS)-- <i>Matthew Grover</i>	Data Governance. Meet Data Security.-- <i>Sharon Nichols</i>
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NOON	<p>Many campus staff, especially in student services, use some combination of Excel, Cognos, and Laserfiche. How can we leverage these tools to be more efficient in our work? Come see how time consuming tasks formerly done by hand are now done at scale in Arts & Sciences. Customized data items in Cognos reports allocate student information to the respective advisers and departments. Excel macros format and parse data, and a Laserfiche query easily identifies records for batches of students.</p>		
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