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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: University of Wisconsin (UW) Information Assurance Council (IAC)

Executive Summary

On behalf of the UW Chief Information Officer's (CIO) Council this Memorandum for the Record serves to disestablish the UW IAC effective immediately.

Background

In January of 2016, a cross-functional team, comprised of Chief Information Officers (CIOs), Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs), Information Security Officers (ISOs), as well as specialists in data classification, audit and legal affairs was established to provide governance for, and guide implementation of, an effective data privacy and security program at all levels of the University of Wisconsin's System Administration, Universities and Branch Campuses. The IAC was under the executive sponsorship of the UW System CIO and UW CIO Council and the team's mission was to create an information security program, and related policies and procedures.

Since that time, UW System Administration has established the Office of Information Security (OIS) whose responsibility includes, among other functions, the implementation of an effective data privacy and security program. The OIS, in conjunction with the Technology and Information Security Council (TISC) has established the IS program and is working its implementation through a two-year workplan effort.

Membership between those on the IAC and TISC overlapped by more than 50 percent (eight of the 15 were members of both councils). Additionally, the purpose and scope of the TISC has been updated to ensure the necessary functions formally performed by the IAC have been considered. Lastly, functional specialists have been invited to become members of the TISC in an ex-officio capacity.

The Associate Vice President (AVP) for the Office of Information Security serves as the executive sponsor to the TISC and as a member of the CIO Council. In addition to the routine collaboration and communication that occurs between information security professionals and CIOs at each institution, the AVP for OIS will serve as a liaison between the TISC and the CIO Council.

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