

THE IT ALLIANCE
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS, AND
APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
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The IT Alliance is established to provide direct and effective communication between the information technology profession/practitioner and the academic computer information systems/computer science environment.

BYLAWS OF THE IT ALLIANCE

Article I

A. Purposes

1. To provide a channel of communication between the Department of Management and Information Sciences (MNGT & IS) and information technology practitioners.
2. To participate with and provide counsel to the Department of Management and Information Sciences (MNGT & IS) regarding objectives, strategies, goals, curriculum development, problems, and opportunities.
3. To promote and participate in appropriate business-faculty-student interaction activities and programs.
4. To assist with the placement of graduates.
5. To assist with Intern/Co-op placement.
6. To support and assist the Department in the development of various forms of financial resources.

B. Organization

1. The Chair of the IT Alliance and the Chair-Elect are to be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected for a two-years term by a majority of the voting members present at a duly called meeting of the Alliance. The Chair of the IT Alliance is also the Chair of the Executive Committee of the IT Alliance. The Chair will be an ex-officio member of the Romain College of Business Board of Advisors.
2. The Secretary of the IT Alliance is the College of Business Coordinator of External Relations.
3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Chair-Elect, immediate Past Chair of the IT Alliance, the Secretary, and the USI Department of Management and Information Sciences (MNGT & IS)
4. The IT Alliance may create standing committees as needed which will be instituted by a majority vote of the members of the Alliance present at a duly called meeting. Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the majority vote of the members of the Alliance present at a duly called meeting.

Article II

Members

The IT Alliance shall consist of the following members:

1. Members originally appointed to the Alliance and those subsequently reappointed or appointed under the provisions of these Bylaws. Members ordinarily will be high-level IT professionals.
2. The Department of Management and Information Sciences (MNGT & IS) Chair, the College of Business Dean, the Chair of the Romain College of Business Board of Advisors, and the Coordinator of External Relations of the College of Business of the University of Southern Indiana serve as ex-officio members of the Alliance. Additional individuals may be appointed as ex-officio members by the chair of the Alliance. The President of the USI ACM Student Chapter shall be extended full membership to the IT Alliance.
3. The IT Alliance will consist of at least twelve (12) but not more than twenty-five (25) members.
4. All members, other than ex-officio and those specified under Article II, Section 2, shall be elected for three-year memberships. To provide continuity and even the load of nominations required, effort will be made to stagger the three-year membership terms where only roughly one-third of the memberships expire each year.
5. A member of the IT Alliance may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at a duly called meeting of the Alliance. The proposed removal must be on the agenda of the meeting at which said action is to take place.
6. IT Alliance members, including ex-officio and those specified under Article II, Section 2, are expected to be active contributors. If a member misses two (2) consecutive Alliance meetings and fails to inform the Alliance chair or Administrative Assistant, the Membership Committee will contact the member to determine their interest in continuing as an Alliance member. If a member misses three (3) consecutive Alliance meetings, the member will be recommended by the Membership Committee for removal as specified under Article II, Section 5.

Article III

Election of Members

1. Nominations, including those to fill vacancies, shall be submitted to the IT Alliance for approval. A majority vote of the members present is required for approval. Although such votes will normally occur at a duly called in-person or virtual meeting of the Alliance, the Chair may call, in certain circumstances, for a vote by phone, by virtual meeting, or by e-mail.
2. Members shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Membership Committee shall submit the names of proposed candidates to each member of the IT Alliance at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the election is to be held. Such elections must be on the agenda for that meeting.
4. Members of the IT Alliance shall give due consideration to the recommendations of the Membership Committee but may accept nominations from the floor and elect any other person or persons to membership in the IT Alliance in accordance with these Bylaws.

5. Election for membership will normally be by open election. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of a member.

Article IV

A. Meetings

1. Regular meetings will be scheduled in the spring and fall of each year.
2. Special meetings of the IT Alliance may be called by the Chair at any time or upon written request to the Chair signed by five of the voting members of the Alliance. Special meetings may be constituted through conference calling and/or electronic communication of members.
3. One-half of the voting members of the IT Alliance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Alliance.
4. All members of the IT Alliance, except ex-officio members, are eligible to vote on any matters considered by the Alliance.

B. Notice of Meetings

1. Regular Meetings: Notice shall be given by mail, phone, or e-mail to members at their usual address at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting. The notice will specify time, place, and the agenda for the meeting.
2. Special Meetings: Notice of special meetings may be given by mail, phone, or e-mail at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice will specify time, place, and the agenda for the meeting.

C. Agenda

1. An agenda shall be mailed, phoned, or e-mailed with the notice of any meeting of the IT Alliance.
2. At the regular meetings of the IT Alliance, the Chair shall report on the status of the Alliance, and the Chair of the Management, Management Information Systems, and Applied Computer Science Department at USI will report on the status of the Management, Management Information Systems, and Applied Computer Science Department. The chairs of the standing committees and the ad hoc committees shall report on the status of their committees. The Alliance shall initiate whatever actions it deems necessary.
3. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the IT Alliance. When such rules are in conflict with the Bylaws, the latter shall govern.

Article V

Duties of Officers

A. Chair

1. To preside at all meetings of the IT Alliance.
2. To submit to the IT Alliance a list of members willing to serve on committees.
3. To appoint standing and ad hoc committees as may be required for the resolution of matters not already covered by these Bylaws. Such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the IT Alliance.
4. To report to the members at regular and special meetings.
5. To call special meetings of the IT Alliance.
6. To serve one additional year on the Executive Committee upon completion of the term as chair.
7. To hold ex-officio membership on the College of Business of Advisors and make regular reports to the Board of Advisors of IT Alliance initiatives.

B. Chair-Elect

1. To perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.
2. To perform other duties as may be conferred by the Chair consistent with the Bylaws.

C. Secretary

1. To keep accurate records.
2. To preserve all documents and records determined by the IT Alliance to be a part of its official records.
3. To conduct correspondence as directed by the IT Alliance.
4. To serve as an ex-officio member of all committees of the IT Alliance.
5. To record the proceedings of all regular and special meetings of the IT Alliance.

Article VI

Committees of the IT Alliance

There shall be an Executive Committee of the IT Alliance composed of the Chair, the Chair-elect, the Immediate Past Chair, and Secretary of the Alliance and the Chair of the Department of Management and Information Sciences.

The IT Alliance shall establish the standing committees as provided in Article I, Section B, Paragraph 5. The Chair of the Alliance shall appoint ad hoc committees as may be required subject to the approval by a majority vote of those present at a duly called meeting of the Alliance. All committees shall report to the Alliance at the regular meetings and at special meetings when appropriate.

The standing committees of the IT Alliance are as follows:

1. Executive Committee
2. Finance Committee/Scholarship Committee
3. Membership Committee
4. Other ad hoc committees will be formed as needed at beginning of each academic year.

The procedure for forming the committees shall be as follows:

1. The Chair of the IT Alliance shall submit a list of names of members willing to serve on committees to the Executive Committee. The committees so formed will be approved by the Executive Committee.
2. The Chair of the IT Alliance shall appoint a committee chair.
3. A quorum for any committee meeting shall be three members.

Article VII

Amendments to Bylaws

1. These Bylaws may be amended at any duly held meeting of the IT Alliance. Notice of the proposed changes must be on the agenda of the meeting at which the changes are to be considered.
2. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be referred to the Chair of the IT Alliance for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular meeting.
3. A majority vote of the members present at a duly called meeting of the board shall be required for the Bylaws to be amended.