

# SCEDIT Meeting Minutes-Senate Copy

Nov 15, 2024 3 pm - 4 pm ET

In attendance: Victoria Pilato, Cynthia Davidson, Simeon Ananou, Matt Reuter, Christopher Chan, Shyam Sharma, Henry Joseph, Rose Tirotta-Esposito, Diana Voss, Caterina Reed, Alaa Abd-El-Hafez

The meeting began at 3 PM.

The meeting minutes from October 18th were approved.

## Summary:

The Senate Committee on Educational Instructional Technology welcomed new members and discussed the transition to Microsoft's Defender for Cloud Solutions. They also deliberated on the digital governance framework, the proposed AI and Society Department and the advisory role that SCEDIT could play in this formation, and the importance of human intelligence in the age of AI. Lastly, they discussed the potential of the AI and Society department and the need for a thoughtful approach to AI.

Undergraduate student representative Christopher Chan was welcomed to the Senate Committee on Educational Instructional Technology. His role in advocating for student views and encouraging him to participate in future meetings was explained. A discussion of additional new members to the group, including Will Farr for the Natural Sciences and a returning representative from the Health Sciences Center, Moises Eisenberg, was also discussed. The group also discussed the deprecation of Symantec and the transition to Microsoft's Defender for cloud solutions. A rep from DoIT provided an update on these changes and was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting.

## Discussion:

The research committee liaison issue was tabled until the next meeting, suggesting that more discussion was needed. The committee then discussed the governance framework, with the CIO explaining the role of the digital governance working group. The committee agreed to nominate a representative for this group and to lead the committee subcommittees, with one committee member expressing interest in leading the AI Advisory Subcommittee and another expressing interest in leading the Academic Judiciary Advisory Group. A Google Doc table for people to sign up for the subcommittees was determined as the next step. The committee also discussed the proposed AI and Society Department. A committee member provided an update on a

meeting he attended. The committee agreed to continue discussing these issues in future meetings.

In the meeting, a committee member discussed the importance of fostering human intelligence in the age of AI and the need for a thoughtful approach to avoid chasing fads. The team also discussed the potential of the AI and Society department, with a committee member expressing concerns about the hype surrounding AI and its potential impact on academia.

Next steps:

- Create a Google Doc table for committee members to sign up for subcommittee working groups.
- Committee members will review the Google Doc table and sign up for subcommittee working groups they are interested in.
- Committee member to present at the next meeting about software and privacy concerns related to plagiarism checkers.
- Undergraduate rep to present his concerns regarding undergraduate needs at the next meeting.
- Calendar invite for the next meeting on December 13th will be sent.
- Committee members to consider volunteering to represent the digital governance working group.

Meeting ended at 4:06.