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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Engineering at Illinois IT Governance Research Working Group for the academic year 2020-2021. This working group is critical to helping ensure that IT support of the research needs of faculty, researchers, and graduate students in the College is of the highest quality and reliability.

Your recommendations and comments are advisory to the Executive Associate Dean, with primary responsibilities for:

- Reviewing policies concerning the sustainability and provision of any needed research IT that enhances the College research mission, both at the Engineering College level and at the campus level.
- Considering IT support for new research pursuits in our College, anticipating new opportunities and responding to interests and initiatives from our units.
- Monitoring, assist with prioritizing, and provide feedback on the implementation of any proposals concerning research IT.
- Assist with monitoring, providing feedback, and reporting on the progress of work to align Engineering IT services with campus-level IT services, in particular with respect to research.
- Coordinating and communicating with the other IT working groups over overlapping interests.

In particular, over the next few months, I would like to ask you to

- Perform an evaluation of the annual campus cluster investment and propose any adjustments to the investment or sharing model.
- Consider the issue with security for research data as highlighted in recent audit.

You will also be asked to provide an assessment at the end of the academic year on the current state of IT support for research activities. Professor Curreli has graciously agreed to chair this working group. He will be in contact with you soon to arrange for your first meeting.

I am thankful to all of you for your willingness to contribute to this important work for our College. I look forward to joining you at your first meeting to discuss the charge and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several vertical strokes followed by a horizontal line with a small flourish at the end.

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