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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Grainger College of Engineering IT Governance Education Working Group for the academic year 2025-2026. This working group is critical to helping ensure that IT support of the educational needs of faculty, instructors, and 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 prioritization of any needed educational IT that enhances the College teaching mission, both at the Engineering College level and at the campus level.
- Considering IT support for new educational pursuits in our College, anticipating new opportunities and responding to interests and initiatives from our units.
- Monitor, assist with prioritizing, and provide feedback on the implementation of any proposals concerning educational 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 teaching.
- Coordinating and communicating with the other IT working groups with overlapping interests.

In particular, over this academic year, I would like to ask you to

- Digital accessibility adoption
- Review Teaching & Learning governance portfolio from Tech Services, Dean of Gies is serving as chair.
- Instructional services that they need that they don't have...? What are the gaps we could close

You will also be asked to provide an assessment at the end of the academic year (no later than June 1, 2026) on the current state of IT support for instructional activities. Dr. Talebpour 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Geubelle', with a stylized, cursive-like flourish at the end.

Philippe H. Geubelle