About the “Future of IT in the FoM” Initiative

PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of the Future of IT in the Faculty of Medicine (FoM) initiative is to put mechanisms in place to ensure that IT investments are aligned with and support the mission of the Faculty of Medicine.

This work includes –

- **Strategy**: Developing IT governance and finance models
- **Services**: Clarifying the scope of services required by FoM departments, centres, and programs
- **Service Delivery**: Developing the technical and organizational means to deliver these services
- **Engagement & Improvement**: Establishing mechanisms for ongoing customer engagement and continuous improvement of IT services

The Dean has convened a Steering Committee with representatives from the FoM, UBC and PHSA to oversee this initiative. The committee is chaired by Mike Allard, Head of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Sciences.

BACKGROUND

The Faculty of Medicine has a long-standing and growing dependency on information technology services for its teaching, research and administrative effectiveness. Technology requirements are becoming more complex as we see increased collaboration between universities, health authorities and the government for education, research and patient care. At the same time, the 2013 review of the Dean’s Office found a lack of alignment between the Faculty of Medicine’s vision and current IT service delivery. The IT structure in the FoM needs to ensure effective and efficient support of the community of faculty, students and staff.

TIMELINES

Throughout winter & spring of 2015, the project team will be reaching out to units across the FoM for information about their technology priorities and challenges. Recommendations about the future direction of IT at the FoM will be presented to the Faculty Executive in early summer 2015.

A roadmap to guide proposed changes will be developed after the recommendations are ratified.

MORE INFORMATION

More information about the initiative, including regular updates, can be found at the [Future of IT in the FoM](#).

PARTICIPATION

There are a number of ways to participate in this initiative:

1. **Complete the Future of IT in the FoM survey** to share opinions about IT services and service delivery.
2. **Sign-up for monthly email updates**. Email it.fom@ubc.ca or use the [sign-up sheet](#) to be added to the mailing list.
3. **Contact the project team** with additional thoughts about IT at the FoM: it.fom@ubc.ca.

Additionally, interviews with FoM Heads and Directors are underway and will continue throughout the project.