

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Information Technology Strategic Direction
For Fiscal Years 2004 – 2006

PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of Kansas State University's Information Technology strategic direction for the period FY04-06. The source of information is the "Kansas State University Information Technology Three Year Management and Budget Plan for Fiscal Year 2005".

This document will be used to determine if new central management information systems projects under consideration by the CMIS Advisory Committee are in alignment with K-State's Information Technology strategic direction. It is anticipated that this document will be replaced in the near future with an official K-State Information Technology Strategic Plan currently under development.

IT STRATEGIC SUMMARY

Note: Numbering is provided for ease of reference only and is not an indicator of priority.

1. Leverage information assets to serve faculty, staff, and students.
2. Move to a networked system with capability to support the clients as the user access device.
3. Create a system of information assets that are well organized on centrally managed Oracle relational databases.
4. Create tools and sources of information to allow users to do most of their computing without assistance.
5. Make information available widely on the campus.
6. Provide remote monitoring and maintenance of IT systems.
7. Expand continuing professional education through use of the Internet.
8. Purchase commercial products when they exist and create tools to bridge the time until commercial products are available.
9. Identify the most critical university facilities and their IT resources to facilitate recovery and increase awareness of the business risks of IT service outages.
10. Maintain and advance the reliability, redundancy, and recoverability of the information technology infrastructure.
11. Enhance user assistance and support.
12. Empower the user and expand the user base with an increasing variety of computing and telecommunication tools, capability, and interfaces.
13. Encourage mediated instruction, distance learning, e-tech transfer, digital library functions, and e-life-long learning.
14. Establish policies to guide the access, use, organization, confidentiality, and integrity of information assets.
15. Develop and maintain integrated information structure and access.
16. Seek additional funding sources.
17. Encourage a teamwork approach and enhance staff education.