



EMPOWERING IT GOVERNANCE

**Unlocking Opportunities
with the Kansas Board of
Regents' New IT Policy**

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What will you learn today?



- > Understand the key elements of the new KBOR IT policy
- > Hear real-world impacts in KBOR institutions
- > Explore strategic benefits and implementation challenges
- > Learn best practices and tools for compliance



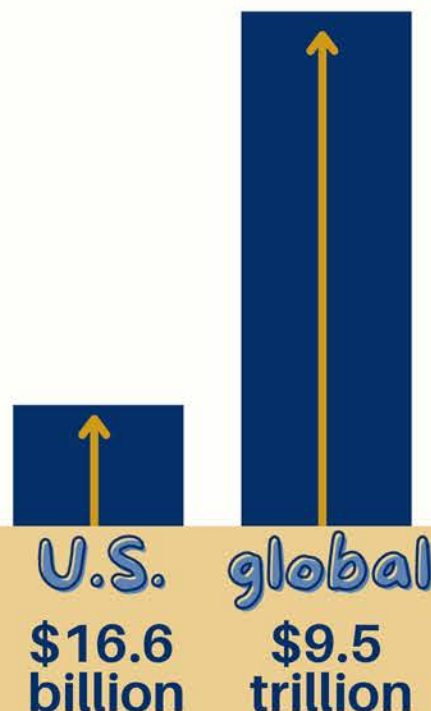
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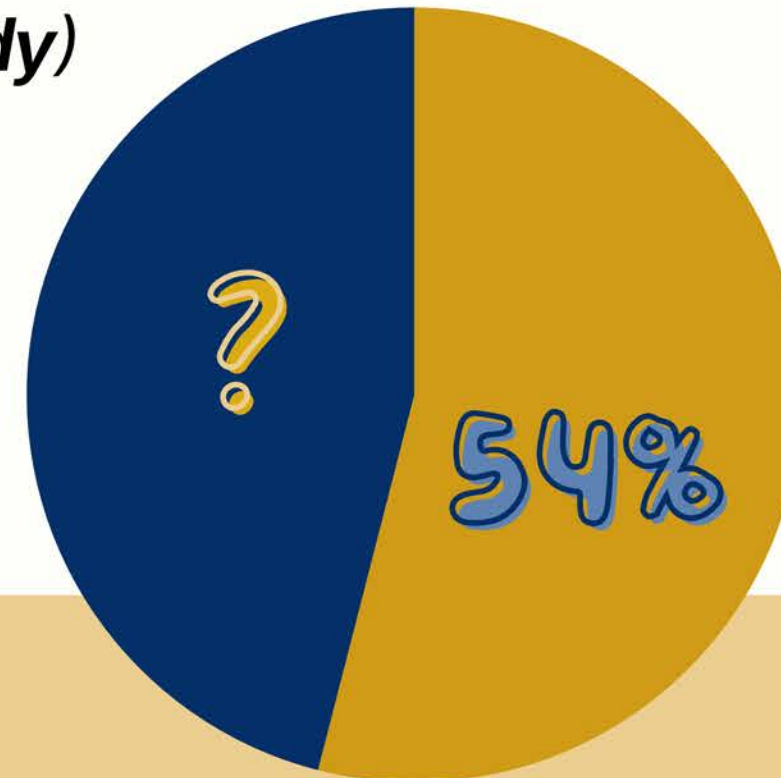
Attackers are using AI to supercharge deception, making fraud more convincing, more scalable, and harder to detect. 87% of global organizations faced an AI-powered cyberattack in (*The CFO AI Cybercrime Report*)



Rising cyber crime costs in 2024: U.S. = \$16.6 billion. (*FBI Cyber crimes report*). Globally = \$9.5 trillion (*Statista*).



Only 54% of higher ed institutions have formal IT governance. (*EDUCAUSE 2024 IT Governance Study*)



Why do we have this policy?



Kansas has seen its cyber incidents rise as well (at both the state level and in higher ed), which led to the development of this policy.



Legislative and KBOR concerns regarding IT governance were shared with Regent CEOs and CIOs.



We were asked to collaborate on how we could do a better job as a system through policy development focused on IT governance.



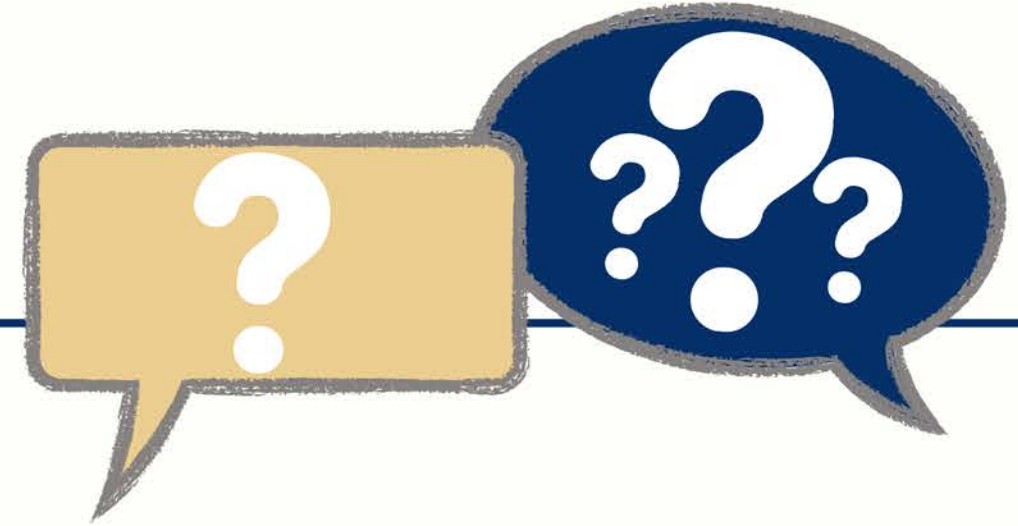


What Are The Key Policy Elements?



- Enhances IT governance, cybersecurity, and operational oversight
- Defines institutional accountability by specifically noting the CIO and CISO responsibilities
- Aligns with NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) 2.0
- Details compliance expectations

POLLING QUESTION



*How familiar are
you with the NIST
Cybersecurity
Framework (CSF) 2.0?*

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What is NIST CSF 2.0?

The National Institute of Standards and Technology endorses Cyber Security Framework 2.0



Core Functions

5 core functions:

- **Identify**
- **Protect**
- **Detect**
- **Respond**
- **Recover**



Governance

New emphasis on governance



Scalable

Supports scalable security practices across institutions

How Are Regent Institutions Responding?



- > Understanding and applying the policy
- > Approaches vary based on size, maturity, and infrastructure
- > Key governance and compliance adjustments lead to policy and process changes. Examples:
 - IT purchase approvals
 - IT project approvals
 - More formal governance procedures



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How Are Regents Implementing the Policy?



Gap Analysis:

- What gaps can we identify that need filled?
- How is the Rubin Brown Cyber Assessment identifying those gaps?



Including policy requirements in strategic planning.



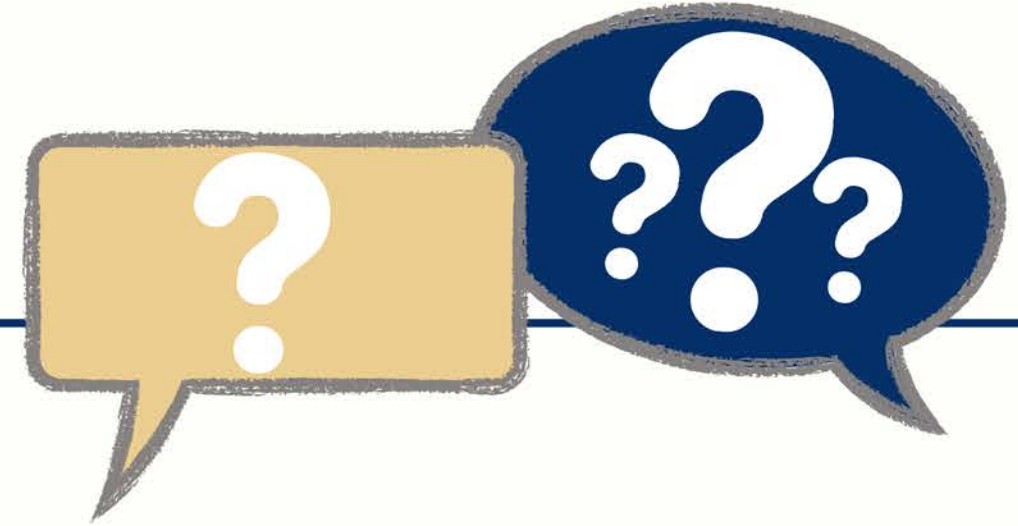
Aligning the policy with executive leadership goals.



Embedding the needed governance into IT operations.



POLLING QUESTION



What do you see as the biggest challenge in implementing the new policy at your institution?

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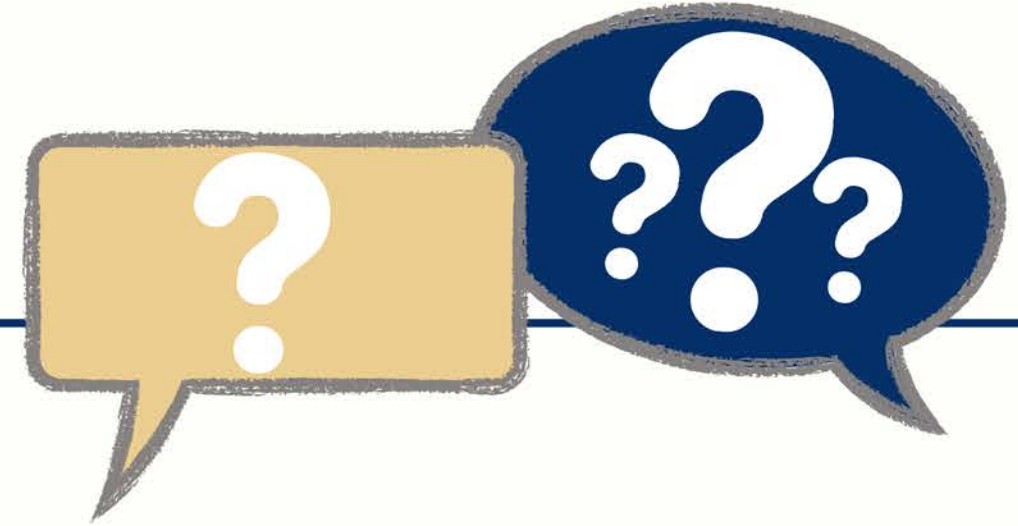


What Are The Benefits and Opportunities?



- Increased visibility for central IT into technology projects on our campuses
- Elevates the KBOR system's cybersecurity posture and audit readiness
- Strengthens institutional IT governance
- Boosts cross-institution collaboration

POLLING QUESTION



*Does your institution
currently have a formal
IT governance
framework?*

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How Do We Navigate the Roadblocks?



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- Budget, staffing, and technical debt.
- Getting buy-in and working through cultural resistance to change.
- Remembering the spirit of the policy.
- Balancing/Collaboration with local control vs. centralized mandates.
 - ie: KBOR allowed us to create/have a voice
- Understanding the difference between the KBOR policy and the ITEC policies.



What Are The Best Practices for Implementation?



Governance councils and stakeholder engagement



Training opportunities for IT and non IT employees



Shared resources and regular conversations among Regents



Positioning IT as a driver of student success and research/innovation.





QUESTIONS?

**THANK
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