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**TO:** The University Community

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**FROM:** Ethan Durham, M.P.A, Manager of Policy and Board Operations

**DATE:** July 13, 2026

**RE:** Notice of Comment Period: Administrative Regulation 11.3.2ADR, Information Technology and Data Governance

## MEMORANDUM

Substantive revisions to Administrative Regulation 11.3.2ADR, Information Technology and Data Governance, have been drafted and are now posted for the required public comment period in accordance with [University Policy 1.1.1, Policy on Policies and Regulations](#). Copies of the proposed draft, the existing Regulation, and the public comment form are available on the [EKU Policy Website](#). The public comment period will begin on Monday, July 13, 2026, and will close at the end of business on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

The drafting team completed its work in Spring and Summer 2026 and included the following members: Carrie Ernst, Chief Innovation and Optimization Officer; Jeff Whitaker, Chief Information Officer; Bryon Sims, Executive Director, Infrastructure, Security, and Systems; Jason Fry, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Geosciences and Astronomy; Matt Connell, Director, EKU Online Instructional Design Center; and Ethan Durham, Manager of Policy and Board Operations.

### I. Summary of Changes

The proposed revisions substantially update the University's information technology and data governance structure. The current Regulation includes several IT governance bodies, including the IT Executive Council, Information Technology Council, Teaching and Learning Technology Committee, Administrative Technology Committee, and Security Committee. The revised draft simplifies that structure by establishing one primary decision-making council and one advisory council.

The revised Regulation creates the Executive Data & Technology Council, or EDTC, as the University's primary decision-making body for information technology and data governance. Recommendations and actions of the EDTC remain subject to final review and approval by the President's Cabinet, where required.

The revised Regulation also creates the Data & Technology Advisory Council, or DTAC, to provide broad campus input and recommendations to the EDTC. Its membership includes representatives from major functional areas, as well as Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Student Government Association, and Libraries.

The Definitions and Responsibilities sections have been updated to reflect the revised governance model and to clarify several data governance terms. New and revised definitions include Data Governance, Data Owner, Data Steward, Data Custodian, Institutional Data, Information Technology Services, Institutional Effectiveness & Research, EDTC, and DTAC.

## **II. Comment Period**

In accordance with Policy 1.1.1, this proposed Regulation is now submitted to the University community for review during the public comment period. As required, the President's Cabinet, Provost Council, Staff Council, and Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate are being notified of this posting. All comments received during the public comment period will be routed to the appropriate stakeholders for consideration prior to final approval.

Comments should be submitted through the [public comment form](#) on the ECU Policy Website. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of University Counsel.