FM Strategic Planning

Project #213

Project Management Software Committee

Purpose & Mission:
Facilities Management (FM) portfolio of capital projects has grown in recent years to over $1.2 billion in current capital projects and $750 million in planning. The current Project Management software tools for managing and reporting the expanded portfolio could be substantially improved. The Committee will complete a short term and long term plan: short term solution to identify quick improvements to Projecto for FM and the Customers; long term solution will complete a full review of the existing Project Management Software and other options specific to Higher Education and select software that meets the needs of Northwestern University’s FM and User Community. The committee will consider the following in the evaluation:

- Identify requirements of FM and Customers to serve as a project management and reporting tool – for planning, scope, scheduling, budget, approvals, etc.
- Assess existing tools that could be leveraged. (Projecto, Cognos, FAMIS, VFA, NUFin, etc.)
- Identify Key Performance Metrics - Dashboard
- Interface with NU Financial System and FAMIS (Work Order Management System)
- Business processes and policies of FM and NU
- Identify and implement short term improvements to Projecto (NUFin interface, user facing capabilities) until permanent solution is selected.

Possible Committee Members:
- FM – Chair
- FMDC
- FMO
- FMP
- FMFA
- FMS
- WCAS
- Kellogg
- FSM
- Law
- McCormick
- Budget Office
- Student Affairs/Housing
- NUIT