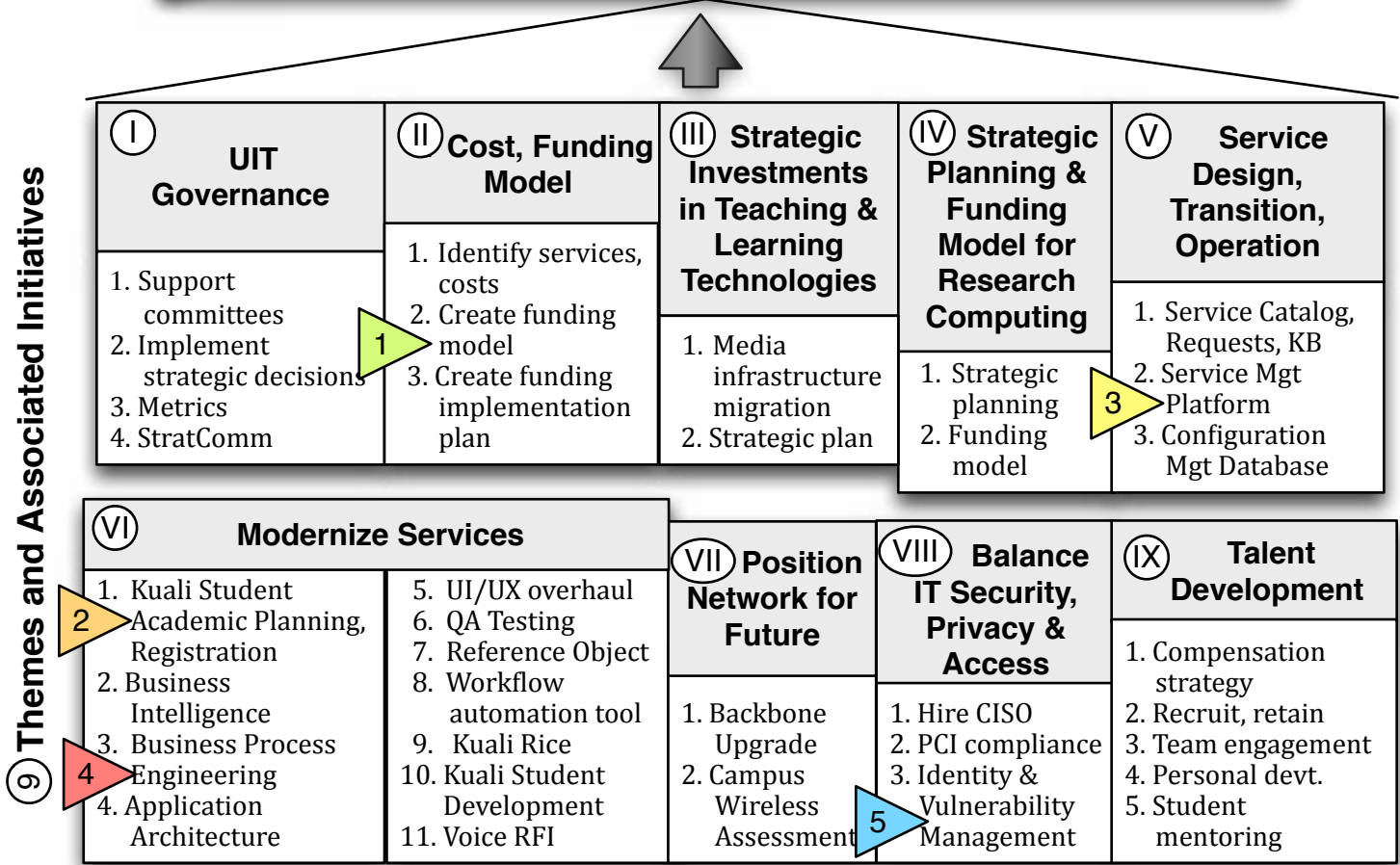
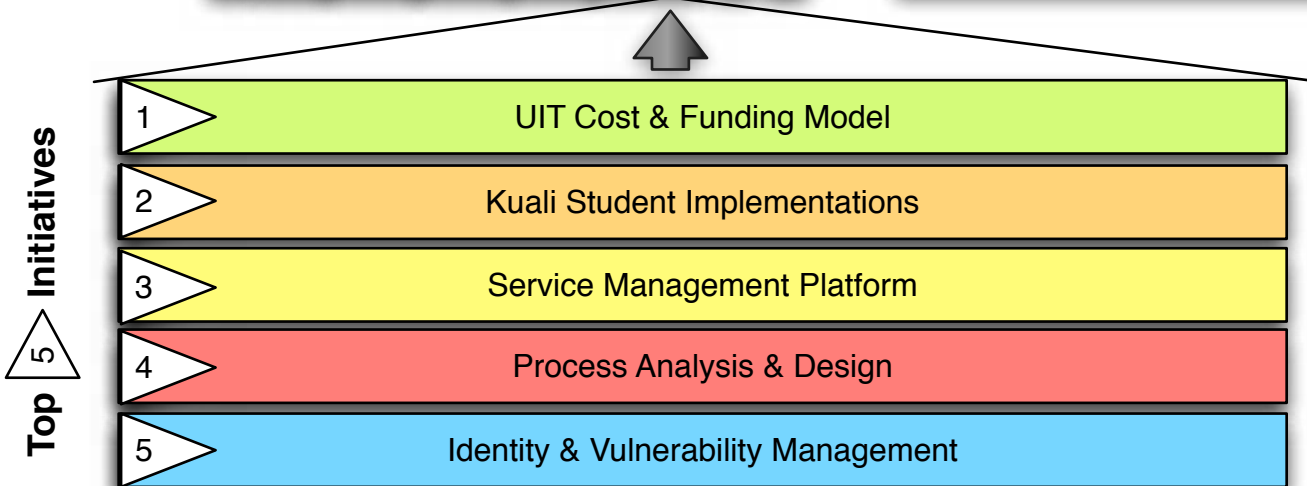
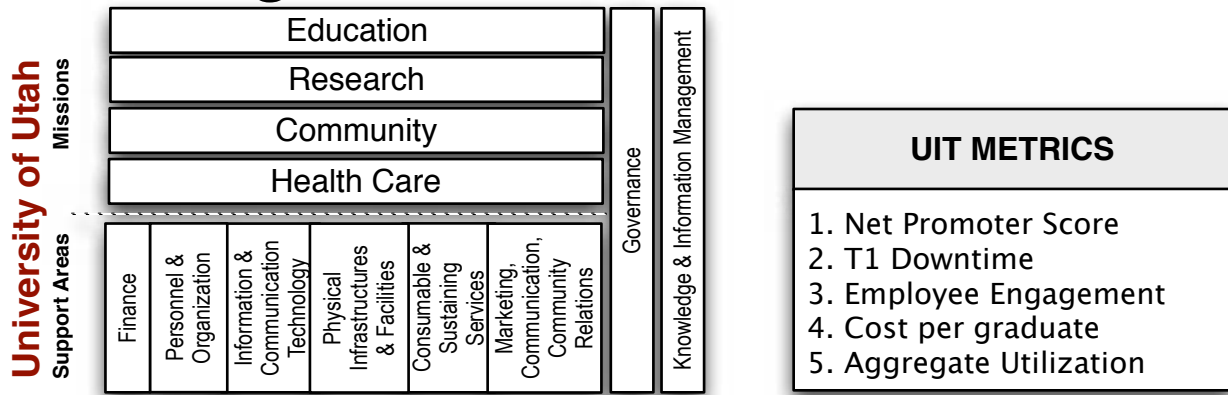


# UIT Strategic Themes & Initiatives FY2014





You want better communication. We want to give it to you. That's why UIT's Strategic Planning & Communication department is excited to announce several efforts aimed at keeping you informed of what's going on throughout University Information Technology.



## Node 4 newsletter

This month's launch of the UIT newsletter, Node 4, signals a new emphasis on communication and camaraderie. The monthly publication will have updates on major IT initiatives, first looks at software and platform trials, news regarding each service unit in UIT, updates from the various governance portfolios, and a stories about the people who make up this organization.



### Kuali's approach puts keys in higher education's hands

Community-sourced software suite developed by and for universities is a cost-effective alternative to PeopleSoft

When Indiana University knew it was time to overhaul its aging financial software platform more than a dozen years ago, many assumed the school would buy in to the obvious choice, Oracle's PeopleSoft. That didn't sit well with Indiana's Barry Walsh, who estimated it would cost the school upward of \$22 million to implement PeopleSoft Financial. As he searched for alternatives, one figure stood out. "I felt we could do it for about \$4 million, of which \$2 million would be out of pocket and \$2 million would be reallocating existing positions," Walsh said.

He presented the idea of a ground-up solution to Indiana's leadership. "We looked at it, and it didn't take very long for them to see, 'My gosh this is a no-brainer.'"

However, Walsh also knew there were inherent pitfalls with bootstrapping such a complex software solution internally. "Nobody was going to undergo homegrown development in the 20<sup>th</sup> century."

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**Colleagues on the run**  
A group of UIT employees got together for two good causes. Being active and funding higher education. .03



**Video gets 10M views**  
UIT's Spencer Stout showed when his flash mob video becomes a viral YouTube sensation overnight. .07

Here's the important part: This is your newsletter. If you have suggestions for topics, we want to hear them. If you have an idea for a monthly feature, we want to hear it. If you have a question for the leadership team that might be of interest to everyone, let us get you the answer. And help us recognize the great work being done in UIT by nominating a coworker for our Kudos & Congrats section. See the newsletter at [cio.utah.edu/node4](http://cio.utah.edu/node4), and send your ideas and nominations to [scott.sherman@utah.edu](mailto:scott.sherman@utah.edu).

## Director podcasts

Starting in the next couple of weeks, UIT leadership will record 10- to 15-minute audio updates covering recent happenings in their service unit, what's coming up, and whether there are any items of interest to the rest of UIT. They may also ask for input from UIT staff about any upcoming initiatives, changes or deliberations. Expect to find these podcasts along with the newsletter at [cio.utah.edu/node4](http://cio.utah.edu/node4).



## Where to get more information

- Governance** • [cio.utah.edu](http://cio.utah.edu), find portfolio membership, agendas and meeting summaries on the left
- UIT newsletter/podcasts** • [cio.utah.edu/node4](http://cio.utah.edu/node4)
- Organizational charts** • [it.utah.edu/leadership/orgcharts](http://it.utah.edu/leadership/orgcharts)
- Other UIT information** • [it.utah.edu](http://it.utah.edu) (new website coming soon)
- Other questions or concerns** • Contact Cassandra Van Buren at [cvb@utah.edu](mailto:cvb@utah.edu)

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