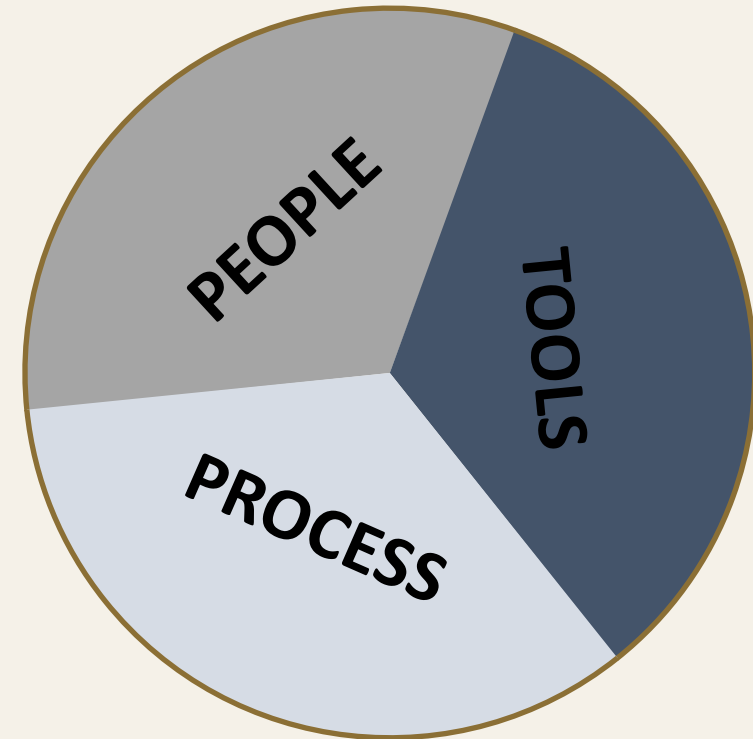


CU Data Steward Re-Orientation

Your authority, responsibilities, and path to action

**Your role turns governance
into trusted data.**

A practical refresher on the decisions you make, the
context you provide, and how the council supports you.



1. Why your stewardship matters

Data Stewards bring business meaning and decision authority to shared CU data.

Trust & clarity

Common definitions, understood sources, and transparent decisions reduce conflicting interpretations.

Responsible use

Clear access, privacy, security, and compliance expectations help protect university data.

Better outcomes

Reliable data supports reporting, operations, analytics, research, and informed decisions.

Data governance = the framework of roles, rules, and standards.
Data management = the day-to-day work that applies them.

2. Your authority under APS 6010

The Data Trustee remains accountable and may delegate decision authority to the Data Steward.

Policy intent

Manage data as a material asset so it provides value, meets compliance requirements, and has risks managed appropriately.

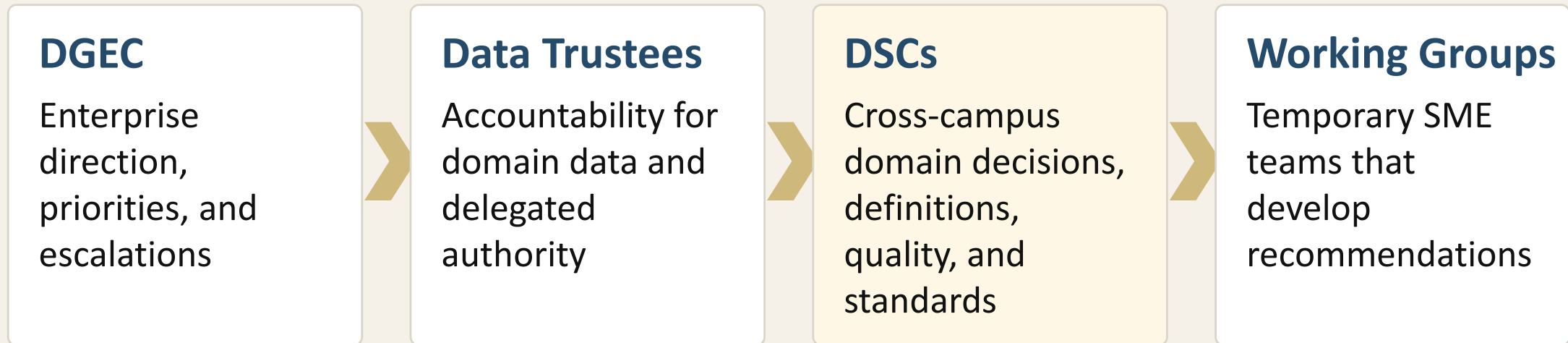
What it requires

- Defined accountability and decision authority
- Reliable, authentic, accurate, and timely data
- Appropriate access and protection
- Campus practices aligned to the CU program

The policy tells us who is accountable. The operating model and councils turn that accountability into repeatable decisions and practices.

3. Where you fit in the operating model

You connect campus business needs to cross-campus domain decisions.



Escalation flows upward when issues cross domains or campuses. Guidance and decisions flow back into domain operations.

4. What is expected of you

Your role is to decide, validate, collaborate, and escalate, not to do every task yourself.

Data Trustee

Executive accountability for managing, protecting, and ensuring the integrity and usefulness of domain data.

Data Steward

Delegated business decision authority. Defines context, quality expectations, access needs, and shared terms.

Data Custodian

Technical control and protection of data assets, systems, movement, modification, and distribution.

SMEs / Working Groups

Provide focused business or technical expertise and recommend solutions for council approval.

DGE Team

Training, facilitation, standards, tools, and support that enable the program.

Everyone who creates, accesses, or uses university data shares responsibility for following applicable policies and safeguards.

5. How you contribute in the council

The council is where Data Stewards align definitions, standards, priorities, and decisions across campuses.

IN SCOPE

- Data used by more than one campus
- Shared definitions or decisions
- Enterprise reporting, analytics, accreditation, or compliance

CORE WORK

- Approve terms and definitions
- Maintain glossary and asset documentation
- Set quality expectations and resolve issues
- Coordinate across campuses and domains
- Escalate unresolved enterprise issues

The DSC is a decision-alignment group, not a support desk or technical operations team.

6. Your near-term stewardship focus

Start with a manageable set of terms, assets, issues, and decisions that create visible value.



Start small. Build a repeatable rhythm. Embed governance into normal work.

7. What to do next

Bring the right context, make transparent decisions, and use the support around you.

- 1 Use the agreed definitions and governed sources.
- 2 Bring business and technical context into decisions.
- 3 Document decisions, ownership, and important assets.
- 4 Raise data issues through the appropriate governance path.
- 5 **Choose progress and adoption over perfect completeness.**

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