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Application Manager:

Service OwnerStaff member internal to UIS who represents a UIS-owned service (or set of services) and is responsible for all support and delivery actions taken to ensure they meet business needs and IT requirements. May also be referred to as the Application Manager.s. [3].

Asynchronous:

Doesn’t happen at the same time. In IT, this may refer to a recorded meeting or training.

Bug:

A deviation from the expected functionality of a software application.

Business Owner:

The person or group external to UIS who defines and agrees to the service level objectives for a UIS-provided service (or set of services). May also be referred to as Customer.

CAB:

Change Advisory Board (CAB)A group of selected representatives from all groups within UIS who assess, approve, prioritize and schedule Change Requests. [4].

Central Information Warehouse (CIW):
CU’s systemwide centralized data repository for information sourced from administrative systems. Included are the Human Capital Management (HCM) system, Finance (FIN) system, Student Information System (CU-SIS) and more.

Change:

The addition, modification or removal of authorized, planned or support services or service components. Changes are of the following type:

Normal Change: A change that must adhere to the change management process, including authorization and scheduling. Normal changes are categorized according to risk and impact as follows:

- Minor – a change with a low factor of impact and risk. Minor changes differ from standard changes in that they have not been performed before.
- Major – a change with a medium to high factor of risk for critical services, involves less understood risks, has less predictable outcomes, and/or is a change that is not regularly made during the course of business. Major changes may affect downstream or upstream services.

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Cognos:

The CU Reporting System (Cognos) is a robust tool offering standardized business intelligence reports to assist with analysis and presentation of data contained in the CIW.

Constituent Relationship Management (CRM):

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Customer:

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Defect:

An application is defective when it is not performing as expected.

DEV:

Development Environment. This is the server environment in which new or changed software is developed or updated and validated. [11].

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DRT:

Design Review Team. Team of technical and functional experts within UIS who partner to determine the optimal configuration for an application or process as part of the project process.

ECS:

Enterprise Cloud Services. Enterprise Cloud Services (ECS) Team within UIS that manages System Administration’s and ERP system’s network infrastructure, database and network Oracle PeopleSoft team. [12].

eFort:

Physical location of the non-production data center.

Electronic Research and Administration (eRA):

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university uses to apply for research grants and other funding. It manages the pre- and post-award administrative and regulatory aspects of grants, contracts, protocols and conflicts of interest. eRA provides integration across business offices, creating efficiencies and streamlining processes. It provides the research community with the technology to manage their research portfolios, allowing them to spend more time on the science.

End user:

People using UIS's services, like students, faculty and staff.

Enhancement:

Any product change or upgrade that increases software or hardware capabilities beyond original client specifications. Includes improvements, customizations and new features.

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Term used to describe a suite of integrated enterprise applications.

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FTP:

File Transfer Protocol A system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations (Merriam-Webster). [15]. A set of rules for transferring files between computers over the Internet.
Hosting:

Physical location of the production data center.

IAM:

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Incident:

An unplanned interruption to an IT service or a reduction in the quality of an IT Service. Failure of a configuration item or component used in the support of a service is also considered an incident, even if the failure has not yet impacted the service.

Internet Protocol:

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A system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations (Merriam-Webster). [15]. A set of rules that govern how data is sent over networks or the Internet. Retrieved from TechTerms http://techterms.com/definition/ipaddress [17]

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IT Infrastructure:

The hardware, software, services and other resources that are responsible for CU’s System Administration and enterprisewide network environment.

ITIL:

Information Technology Information Library. Best practices framework for managing IT services.
ITSM:

Information Technology Service Management.

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MFA:

Multi-factor Authentication A security system that requires more than one method of authentication from independent categories of credentials to verify the user’s identity for a login or other transaction. For example, a user may use their network password and a code texted to their phone. Also known as 2-factor authentication.

Migration:

The process of moving software changes from one network environment to another. Examples include moving code between software environments (QA, STG, PRD) or a refresh of code from one environment to another (PRD to STG).

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NFS:

Network File Server. A computer attached to a network that provides shared access for files.

PMO:

Project Management Office Team within UIS that manages the project implementation process for projects within the UIS portfolio.
PMR:

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Power user:

Person who uses a service and has been delegated some authority for the service by the Service Owner. Service Owner is a Staff member internal to UIS who represents a UIS-owned service (or set of services) and is responsible for all support and delivery actions taken to ensure they meet business needs and IT requirements. May also be referred to as the Application Manager(s). [3].

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**Response Time:**

The amount of time between when the customer first creates a ticket with the UIS Service Desk and when the technician acknowledges the ticket with the customer and begins work.

**Resolution Time:**

The amount of time between when the customer first creates a ticket with the UIS Service Desk and when the Incident or Service Request is solved or fulfilled.

**SDLC:**

Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) Standard framework defining the tasks that are performed at each step in the process of software development. [25].

**Service Owner:**

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**Service Provider:**

An organizational unit that provides a service to a Business Owner/customer. UIS is a service provider, as are vendors.

**Service Request:**

A formal request for something to be provided. Examples include a request for information, for a change, or for access.

**Single Sign-on:**

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Stage Environment:

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VIP:

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