**December 2020 News Item**

**Establishment of UVa’s Data Governance Small Workgroup**

In June of 2020, a subset of the Data Governance Council (The Data Governance Small Workgroup) started to meet monthly to refine data governance objectives from the Data Governance Framework. The group focused on mapping out workplans for these activities in 2020 with the intent to move forward with implementing in 2021 and beyond.

Objectives set out by the larger council, and being tackled by the small workgroup, include:

- Governance: Roles and Process (Data Steward roles were discussed in October 2020)
- Quality: Data Glossary, Documentation
- Data Sharing: Reporting, Discoverability, Confidence
- Data Literacy
- User Experience
- Access and Security (Request Based Access Project presented in July 2020)
- Present Data Governance Practices by Area (FST presented in July 2020; HR in September 2020)
- RFI Process for Data Governance Software (Discussed at the September 2020 meeting; Software demos in October 2020)

The workgroup is using a ground up, agile approach to align current activities at the University with planning, while slowly weaving together an institutional approach to Data Governance. Through this approach, we will continue to build and refine the vision and operation of Data Governance while being able to implement solutions and leverage opportunities simultaneously.