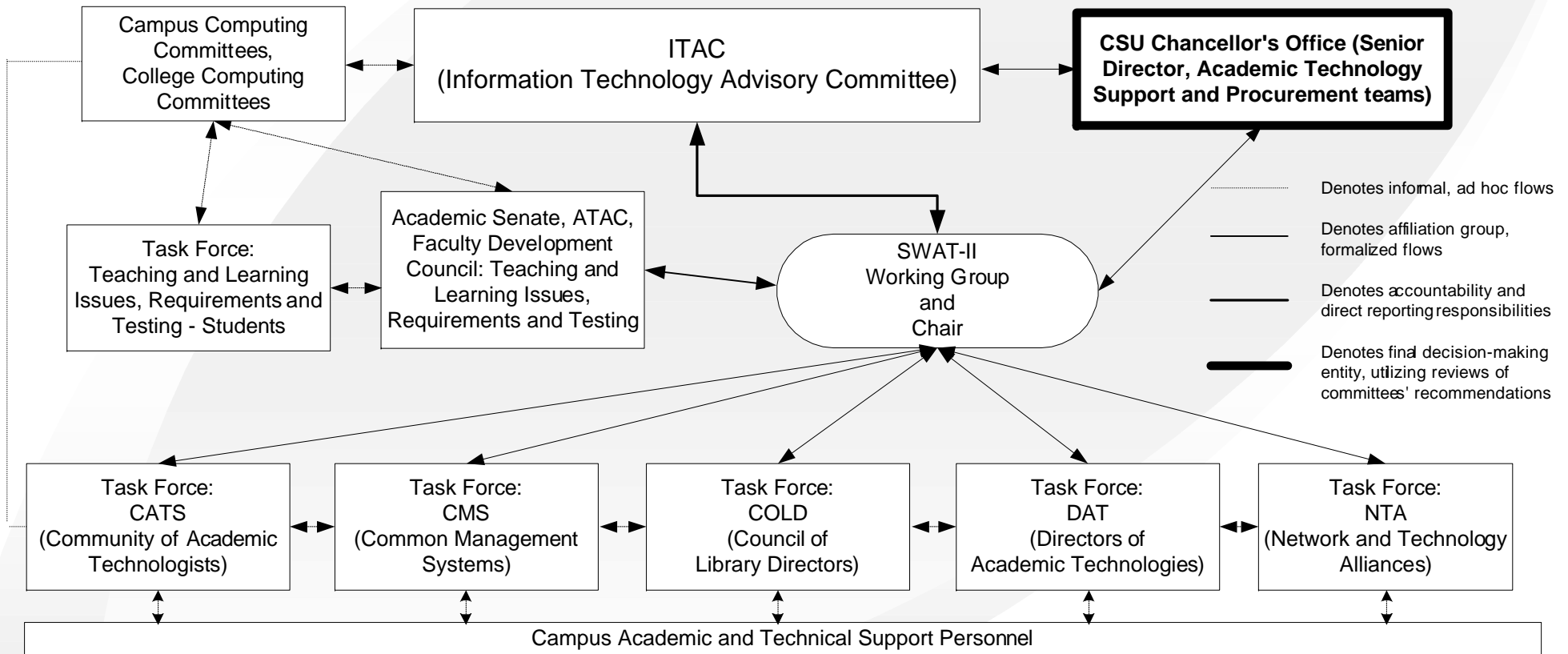




Four of the eight Academic Technology Initiatives (ATI) identified in the 2003 ATPC report are initial priorities by the Executive Council. They are: Student Success, Foundational Skills, e-Learning Framework, and Digital Marketplace. The System-wide Acquisition of Technology (SWAT) efforts are aligned with CSU system processes, priority projects and tracks: Delivering on Promises (ongoing projects) and Building Academic Technology Communities For Action (new projects).

The SWAT-II system-wide initiative will identify toolsets, processes, criteria and compliance driven measures in support of academic technologies and deployment services. Governance and oversight will be aligned with Executive Council, Provost Technology Steering Committee (PTSC). In parallel to SWAT-II framework and process development, there will be system activities focused on ATI initiatives and procurements, coordinated by the Chancellor's Office (e.g. Senior Director, Academic Technology Support).

Reference: http://its.calstate.edu/academic_technology/atpc.shtml and http://its.calstate.edu/systemwide_it_resources/IT_resources.shtml



Footnotes:

The core focus of Phase I (Mar-Sep '04) is on this framework and sustainability - not "order taking" to negotiate the best price on technologies. Phase II and beyond will apply the framework to system-wide acquisition of technologies.

Where appropriate, selected "pilots" will be undertaken to test the framework with practical priority projects/acquisitions that emphasize academic technologies.

In practical terms, SWAT-II will:

1. Focus on infrastructure and "how" requirements are built, how key deal points and funding means are determined and how fulfillment and contract management are to occur
2. Define efficient methods that use accurate data for calculating demand and related sizing data for procurement development and contract negotiations (e.g. FTE, IPEDs)
3. Be clear in expectations management (e.g. funding, timing of system-wide contracts)
4. Work with other teams/initiatives to strengthen communication processes
5. Align with and support the "digital marketplace initiative"