

BIS/AITP-Hosted Traditional vs Agile Panel Discussion

On Friday, September 18th, 2020 at 2:00 PM, BIS students and AITP club members as well as BIS faculty and several other students attended a virtual Traditional vs Agile System Development Panel Discussion held on Zoom with guest alumni representatives from Cigna, Travelers, Aetna, and Chewy.com. The debate lasted approximately an hour and a forty-five minutes and began at 2:00pm.

Current student attendees were primarily observing the discussion and debate as the alumni went through some of the “12 commandments” of the “Agile Manifesto” and contrasting agile approaches to that of traditional system development. The session was moderated by Dr. Citurs. Students were provided with a brief period to ask questions as well as were encouraged to jump in and ask questions during the discussion. Panel members gave students the rare opportunity to look at the advantages and disadvantages of both Traditional and Agile system development project management method streams, through the eyes of real alumni at real companies who have used the approaches in implementing information systems and technology projects.

At the Agile vs Traditional Panel Debate, alumni and company representatives included: Jennifer Nazzaro, Enterprise Agile Coach as well as Kanban background at Travelers; Liz Tucker – Full Stack Engineer (Scrum) at Cigna; Dustin Dube –Business Management Associate (Scrum) at Cigna, Matthew Fugere – Agile Product Management Senior Manager (Scrum) at Cigna, Haley Know – Software Engineer (Scrum – Kanban) at Cigna, and Rafael Rodriguez – Senior Supply Chain Systems Analyst – Chewy.com and at General Dynamics.

