

Vice President for Information Technology Status and Activity Report for October 2018

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1. Items Requiring Action

- *Update your email clients and web browsers to continue using Office 365:* On October 31, 2018, Microsoft will make updates to the TLS versions used by Office 365 applications that will affect the ability of some older browsers and web clients to connect. This may require updates to certain web browsers and email clients. The latest versions of Outlook for desktop and mobile devices will continue to work, as well as the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox and Safari. For a complete list of supported clients and browsers, please visit our Help Desk site <https://bit.ly/2Qfani9>. If you need assistance updating your browser or email client on your UGA-issued device, please contact your departmental IT professional. For more information about this change, please contact Jonathan Hardy at jhardy66@uga.edu.

2. For Your Awareness

- *Stronger anti-phishing filter for UGAMail:* Microsoft, which powers Office 365 services at UGA, has implemented a stronger anti-phishing filter in UGAMail. The filter should help reduce the number of spam and phishing emails appearing in your inbox. With this stricter filter, some legitimate emails may end up in your junk mail folder. Check your junk mail folder on a regular basis to ensure you aren't missing important emails. If you notice a legitimate email in your junk mail folder, you can mark it as "not junk." If you notice legitimate emails continuing to go to your junk mail folder on a regular basis, contact the EITS Help Desk at helpdesk@uga.edu.
- *Banner 9 update:* The Banner 9 project is progressing on schedule. The first adoptions of the INB Forms have pushed through successfully. There are training opportunities available to those interested. As a reminder the current version Banner 8 will be discontinued at the end of calendar year 2018. Banner 9 will have a new user interface which include new navigation within Banner and a new tablet and mobile-ready functionality and design. These new Banner pages will be available in late October 2018. For more information, contact Fred Hanawalt at fred.hanawalt@uga.edu

3. Support for Researchers

- *GACRC Sapelo2 expansion:* The GACRC team expanded the compute capabilities of the Sapelo2 cluster by bringing into full production 46 additional compute nodes including 4 GPU nodes, all purchased from Dell. This expansion brings to Sapelo2 an additional 1,472 processor cores, 8.8TB of memory and four Nvidia P-100 GPUs. The Sapelo2 expansion was made possible through additional funding from the Office of the Provost, the Office of Research and EITS. Please contact Dr. Guy Cormier at gcormier@uga.edu for more information.
- *Buy-In Match Program Extended for Researchers:* The Vice President for Information Technology is continuing a matching program to encourage faculty to participate in the GACRC's Sapelo2 Buy-In Program. The matching program is renewed for FY19, with an

additional \$100,000 commitment from the Vice President for Information Technology. The matching funds provide, on a first-come/first-served basis, an additional computing node at no cost to researchers who purchase through the options available in the buy-in program. For more information, including details about the GACRC buy-in program, please contact Dr. Guy Cormier at gcormier@uga.edu.

4. OneSource

- *OneSource Faculty and Staff Guide available:* Have questions about how OneSource will affect you? Visit our OneSource Faculty and Staff Guide at https://onesource.uga.edu/faculty_and_staff_guide/. The guide details the changes that will take effect when the OneUSG Connect Employee Self-Service site goes live on December 16, 2018. The guide will be updated periodically until the go-live date.
- *UGA's Financial Management System Monthly Release coming October 20:* On Saturday, October 20, OneSource will update UGA's Financial Management System. Monthly releases may include break fixes to resolve known issues or feature enhancements. For details, please refer to OneSource's Known Issues resource page. This page will be updated on October 22 with information on all enhancements and known issues resolved during the October 20 release.

5. Technology Tips

- *Faculty Guide available this month:* The 2018-2019 Technology Resources Guide for Faculty and Staff will be mailed to University employees later this month. The Technology Resources Guide provides an overview of the IT services, tools and resources available to UGA faculty and staff. The guide features information about instructional technology, research computing, email, IT security, MyID accounts, wireless service, training and more. It also includes information about departmental resources, as many colleges and units provide technical support for their employees. The guide will also be available online at <http://newtocampus.uga.edu>, where users can also find a PDF of the 2017-2018 student guide. Additional copies may be requested by contacting Leslie Peters at leslie.peters@uga.edu.

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