Vice President for Information Technology
Status and Activity Report for October 2015

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1. <u>Announcements for Faculty and Staff Meetings</u>

   • *New Finance and HR System* – In spring 2014, the University of Georgia made a commitment to evaluate the expectations as well as campus readiness for transforming the existing financial and human resource administrative systems environment to a more advanced technology platform featuring updated, web-enabled services. UGA is ready to proceed with a multi-year project to replace legacy finance and human resource administrative systems with version 9.2 of PeopleSoft, the financial and human resource software used across all institutions in the University System of Georgia as well as by other state agencies. The project will be referred to as the OneSource project. For more information about the OneSource project, please visit onesource.uga.edu or email Chris Wilkins at chris.wilkins@uga.edu.

   • *Free Laptop Security Checks Available October 21-22:* EITS will host its fall Computer Health and Security Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, October 21-22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the second floor rotunda of the Miller Learning Center (MLC). During the event, technical volunteers will conduct security check-ups, remove malware, install anti-virus software and perform general troubleshooting on personal laptops. The event is free and open to all UGA students, faculty and staff. This year, the fair will have a faculty- and staff-only line, to help move University employees through the event faster. University-issued computers will not be checked at the fair. For more information about the Computer Health and Security Fair, please visit http://t.uga.edu/1Ol or email Sara Pauff at spauff@uga.edu.

   • *Office 2016 for Windows:* Office 2016, an upgraded version of Microsoft Office, will be available for University-owned PCs running Windows in the Microsoft Volume Licensing Site October 1. Office 2016 includes all of the programs in the Microsoft Office suite — such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook and OneNote — but with improved functionality for formatting documents, spreadsheets and presentations. Office 2016 was made available for University students, faculty and staff with Mac computers earlier this year. Full instructions on how to download and install the latest version of Office are available on the Microsoft Office ProPlus section of the EITS Help Desk website, eitshelpdesk.uga.edu. Office 2016 for Windows-based personal devices is expected to be available to University students, faculty and staff in early 2016. For more information, visit contact Keith Martin at keith.martin@uga.edu.

2. <u>Support for Student Technology Services</u>

   • *Sway Presentation Tool Now Available in Office 365:* Sway, a new cloud-based presentation tool by Microsoft, is now available to all UGA students, faculty and staff through Office 365. In Sway, users can create and share interactive reports, newsletters, tutorials, presentations, lessons, digital stories and more. Sway allows users to pull content from various web sources, including Twitter, YouTube and OneDrive, as well as upload files from their desktop, to build unique online presentations, called Sways. Sways can be opened in any web browser, shared on social media and through email and are viewable on mobile devices as well as desktop computers. Sways are online-only and users must have an Internet connection to create and view Sways. Users can access Sway

through the Office 365 App Launcher in their UGAMail account or with the free Sway app, available for iPhone, iPad and PCs running Windows 10. For more information on Sway, visit t.uga.edu/1MS or contact Keith Martin at keith.martin@uga.edu.

- *Unlimited access to MatLab available for students, faculty & staff:* University students, faculty, staff and researchers now have unlimited access to MatLab, a high-level language and interactive environment for numerical computation, visualization, and programming. Using MATLAB, users can analyze data, develop algorithms, and create models and applications. Users can install MatLab on their personal machines, as well as any University-owned computer. Faculty and staff wishing to install MatLab on a University-owned or personal computer should create an account on www.mathworks.com and contact Mike Lucas at mlucas@uga.edu for an activation key, or to become a departmental asset manager. Students installing MatLab must first have a mathworks.com account and an activation key from a MatLab administrator. MatLab administrators can retrieve activation keys for students by logging into mathworks.com/licensecenter, and selecting TAH Student license. For more information about MatLab, contact Michael Lucas at mlucas@uga.edu.

3. Support for Research

- *Buy-In Program Extended for Researchers:* The Vice President for Information Technology is continuing a matching program to encourage faculty to use the new cluster for the Georgia Advanced Computing Resource Center (GACRC). This program was offered in FY15 and has been extended to FY16 with an additional $100,000 commitment from the Vice President for Information Technology. The program provides 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 buy-in program, please contact Dr. Guy Cormier, Director of Research Computing, at gcormier@uga.edu by email.

- *Big Data to be Focus of Symposium:* The Institute of Bioinformatics is hosting a day-long symposium on big data challenges in life sciences featuring researchers and entrepreneurs from diverse disciplines. The event will be held on October 12 at the Georgia Center Hotel and Conference Center. Keynote speakers will include: Phillip E. Bourne, Associate Director for Data Science at the National Institutes of Health; Gregory Cooper, Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Computational Biology at the University of Pittsburg; Mark Craven, Professor in the Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics at the University of Wisconsin; Art Edison, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar and Professor in the Department of Genetics, Biology and Molecular Biology, and the Institute of Bioinformatics at the University of Georgia; Jessica Kissinger, Professor of the Department of Genetics, and Director of the Institute of Bioinformatics at the University of Georgia; and Peipel Ping, Professor of Physiology and Medicine, and Director of the NHLBI Proteomics Center at the University of California-Los Angeles. The Georgia Advanced Computing Resource Center (GACRC) is one of the sponsors of the symposium. For more information, or to register, please visit http://iob.uga.edu/events/symposium/.

4. Core Campus Infrastructure

- *OneSolution to Require ArchPass Security*: OneSolution, a financial system for accounting and reporting used by the UGA Foundation, will be placed behind ArchPass security on October 9. EITS is advising people who have access to OneSolution about this change. Of the approximately 440 users, about 100 people will need to receive an

ArchPass from EITS prior to October 9. The remaining users will be advised to start using their ArchPass for OneSolution after October 9. OneSolution is accessed by people from multiple colleges, schools and units at the University. For more information about ArchPass, please visit http://archpass.uga.edu. For more information about ArchPass access for OneSolution, please contact Sarah Nutt at sarah@uga.edu.

5. Did You Know?

- *Learn how to "spot a phish":* In recent months, the number of UGAMail accounts compromised by phishing has risen. EITS is also receiving more reports from users of suspicious emails. Several other institutions have been noted in the rise in phishing incidents, too. The Office of Information Security has launched new pages to address the recent increase in phishing incidents. Dubbed the "Phish Tank" and "Fresh Phish," the pages provide information to students, faculty and staff on how to spot a phish and examples of recent real-life phishing emails that students and employees have received. In addition, the UGAMail login page (ugamail.uga.edu) has been updated to provide an information box about phishing. These new web pages are available to distribute to students, faculty and staff. The Office of Information Security also has a phishing awareness presentation for departments interested in advising their employees how to "spot a phish." To schedule a presentation, email the Office of Information Security at sate@uga.edu. For more information, visit http://eits.uga.edu/access_and_security/infosec/phish_tank/.

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