

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

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1. For Your Awareness

- *Minor changes to login process for Office 365:* Beginning July 27, you may see slight changes to the login process for UGAMail and Office 365. EITS is enabling modern authentication for UGAMail and Office 365. As a result, you may see a change in the number of times you are asked for your login credentials. For more information about modern authentication, please contact Ashley Henry at ashenry@uga.edu.
- *ArchPass required for new incoming students starting August 3:* New students enrolling in classes at UGA for the first time in summer 2018 or fall 2018 will be required to enroll in and use ArchPass beginning August 3. These students were temporarily exempted from using ArchPass to access UGA systems. This exemption was made at the request of UGA admissions, since the ArchPass requirement for eLC and Athena was implemented mid-semester. On or after August 3, they will be able to enroll devices and use ArchPass to access eLC, vLab, Athena and other systems. Fall classes begin August 13. For more information about this exemption, please contact Ben Myers at bmyers@uga.edu.
- *Summer MyID account clean-ups under way:* In June, many former undergraduate and graduate students received notice that their MyIDs will be disabled and UGAMail account information will be deleted this month. Any former student who last enrolled in classes during the Spring 2017 term or earlier received a notice that their account will be included in this year's clean-up, and they will no longer be able to access their accounts after July 20. People who enrolled in classes in the Summer 2017 term or later should not be affected. The clean-up process will include accounts of alumni who are forwarding their UGAMail to a third-party email account. Former students and former faculty and staff who have an FS code of 98, meaning their accounts are inactive, were also included in this clean-up. They also received notices that they will no longer be able to access their accounts after July 20. Those who have a justified reason for keeping their UGA MyID and UGAMail account, such as completing post-doctoral research, have the option to appeal and keep their account. For more information about the account clean-up process, please contact Kristi Wall at kristi.wall@uga.edu.
- *Banner 9 updates:* The Banner 9 project is a multi-year initiative with modules being designed, developed and released to the University community in Fall 2018. The first modules that will be implemented will be INB Forms: Financial Aid, Student Accounts/AR, Registration, and Curriculum. There are no functional changes to Banner Admin pages for this upgrade. However, there will be a new design of the application and users may need guidance on the new look. For more information, please contact Fred Hanawalt at fred.hanawalt@uga.edu.
- *People Skills Training available August 28-29:* People Skills is a professional development program that helps participants develop an increased awareness of the impact that their behavior has on others, enabling them to strengthen relationships, improve communications, and modify their behavior in order to better work with and understand others. People Skills is offered campus-wide several times a year, free of charge, through UGA Training and Development. The next two-day course is scheduled

for August 28-29 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants can register through the T&D website starting July 2. For more information, please contact Stacy Boyles at stacy.boyles@uga.edu.

2. Support for Researchers

- *New teaching cluster available soon:* A small high-performance computing cluster devoted exclusively to teaching duties will be available at the end of the month in time for use during the Fall 2018 semester. The Georgia Advanced Computing Resources Center will prepare the cluster over the summer. Faculty members interested in discussing the capabilities of the teaching cluster and how it might integrate with their coursework should contact Dr. Guy Cormier at gcormier@uga.edu.
- *GACRC Sapelo2 migration making progress:* The migration project from the Sapelo cluster onto the Sapelo2 version is proceeding nominally and is expected to be concluded by the end of July. Over the summer, the GACRC team will be expanding the compute and storage capabilities of the Sapelo2 cluster with compute nodes and GPU nodes purchased from Dell; a high-performance Lustre storage appliance with over one Petabyte of capacity purchased from DDN; a one Petabyte long-term storage appliance purchased from Panasas. This new equipment will be supported by the deployment of a second, higher-bandwidth InfiniBand fabric from Mellanox. The Sapelo2 expansion was made possible through additional funding from the Office of the Provost, OVPR and EITS. More details about the expanded GACRC infrastructure and its availability are forthcoming. Please contact Dr. Guy Cormier at gcormier@uga.edu for more information.

3. OneSource

- *UGA Financial Management System Live:* The OneSource project will reach a milestone this month with the finance system go-live. Thank you for your support and that of your unit. Over 500 partners across the institution have contributed their time and expertise to the project, and we deeply appreciate their engagement.
- *Progress made on converted employee data:* Working closely with the OneUSG Connect project team, the OneSource project team has successfully converted employee data for 23,000 UGA employees. This outcome included the successful calculation of 23,000 test paychecks. Through this conversion and testing activity, the project team identified possible defects in our conversion data. They are diligently working to update this data prior to the fourth sprint conversion scheduled to start by early August.

4. Technology Tips

- *Student guides available for units:* The 2018-2019 EITS Student Technology Guides are now available for units interested in having printed copies. The guide details all technology services available to students, as well as information security guidelines. It will be distributed at Orientation and other EITS outreach events. An online PDF tagged for 508 accessibility is available at newtocampus.uga.edu. To get printed copies of the Student Guide, please contact Mohsina Yusuf at mohsinayusuf@uga.edu.

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