Information Technology Strategic Plan

The IT strategic plan has six themes that support the university’s goals in research and scholarship, graduate and undergraduate education, and outreach.

Reshape the IT organization to be an integral element in the university’s efforts to achieve its goals. Develop a culture that values and achieves professional development; participate in the university strategic planning effort, review the IT organization for alignment with university goals and the IT mission, develop a communications and marketing plan, leverage opportunities under the Restructuring Act, and increase the number of funded students.

Establish a level of security that protects university data and research. Set standards, practices and control to achieve zero major security incidents.

Continue to enhance instructional technology. Achieve a standard level of technology for learner-centric environments in all centrally scheduled classrooms, increase opportunities for faculty and graduate students to acquire and expand knowledge and skills in integrating information technologies into learning, and continue development of enterprise applications such as Sakai/Scholar.

Support research, through new partnerships and open source development; increase funded research within IT activities; achieve a reputation for best practices in high-performance computing, advanced communications, faculty development in IT, cybersecurity, and economic development and support; and provide the university with ubiquitous optical and wireless high performance networks.

Provide assistance, leadership and technical advice in the growth of technology to Virginia’s regions, emphasizing underserved areas.

Ensure that enterprise systems support the university’s core business processes through secure, enhanced, and efficient applications; and through new technologies that enhance users’ productivity.

Associate Vice President appointed

Ms. Deborah Fulton was has accepted the position of Associate Vice President for Enterprise Systems. Debbie is currently the Director of ITS Information Systems at Mississippi State University. She begins at Virginia Tech on June 26th. Enterprise Systems is a major division within Information Technology, encompassing the several teams supporting the Banner system in Administrative Information Systems, and the units reporting to General Enterprise Systems—Database Management Systems, Hosting Services, Content and Knowledge Management, and Information Warehouse and Access.
IT Classified Staff Listserv

We—Judy Alford, Joyce Landreth, and Ken Wieringo—are the staff senators for Information Technology. In an effort to keep everyone updated with regard to staff governance, we have set up a listserv to be used to pass information to all IT classified staff members. If you would like to know more about staff senate, please visit http://www.staffsenate.vt.edu.

If you would like to join the IT staff senate listserv, please send an email to listserv@listserv.vt.edu and put in the body of the message the following statement: "sub istaffassociation (first name last name)" no quotes, no parentheses, and the machine takes care of the rest. Do not put a subject line in. Delete your signature.

The listserv will be a valuable tool for keeping everyone up-to-date with staff issues at Virginia Tech. This flow of information will be important when the restructuring plan is passed by the legislature and changes are made at the university, particularly Human Resources. Staff senate meeting announcements and minutes will also be distributed through this listserv.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Alford (judy.alford@vt.edu), Joyce Landreth (jlandret@vt.edu), or Ken Wieringo (kwiering@exchange.vt.edu).

Thank you.

Judy, Joyce & Ken

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Restructuring Act—Human Resources

At the February 16 meeting of the Staff Senate, Assistant Vice President for Human Relations Linda Woodard clarified employee status under the Restructuring Act. All employees continue to be State employees regardless of whether they are within the Classified or hired under the university’s human resources policies. The Federal Fair Labor Standards Act continues to govern employment practices and is not affected by Restructuring. Initially, the university will not be changing staff policies, and even in the future, some policies are likely to remain very similar to the state’s. The university will have flexibility on some of the human resources procedures for the University System employees. Procedures for Classified employees will be governed by the State, without the local flexibility.

http://www.staffsenate.vt.edu/Minutes/StaffSenateMins02162006.pdf

Also see http://www.vt.edu/restructuring/FAQ_employees.html#employees_q1 for more information on the impact of the act on employee status.