Executive Director Dale Pike

Vice President Scott Midkiff and Provost Mark McNamee have announced the appointment of Dale Pike as the incoming Executive Director of Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies. Currently, Pike is the director of Academic Technologies at Boise State University, where he has occupied a key role in technology leadership. For example, Boise State is reworking IT infrastructure and faculty development support to maximize the effectiveness of face-to-face, hybrid, and mobile courses. He coordinates technology-based tools and environments that are used for instruction, and support of faculty professional development in the use of these tools to improve student learning. Prior to moving to Boise State, Dale was the Associate Dean for Instructional and Information Technology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He begins at Virginia Tech on March 3.

Extraordinary employee

Lylah Shelor has been named Extraordinary Employee for January 2014. Her nomination and selection reflect her commitment to and passion for her work as facilities manager for the Andrews Information System Building and 1770 Forecast Drive, including the university data center. For more information, see www.hr.vt.edu.
Welcome to new salaried employees

Network Infrastructure and Services
Bret Kelly, Crew lead, Field Engineering
Zachary Rahm, Software developer, Systems Development

Enterprise Systems
Sabrina Conner, Application developer, Student Applications

Information Technology Acquisitions
Barbara Layman, Assistant Director

Anne Moore retires

Anne Moore has retired from her position as associate vice president for Learning Technologies. She was responsible for building partnerships within the university and with other organizations that assist in meeting modern needs for technology in society, working alongside colleagues to coordinate the Faculty Development Institute and the Graduate Education Development Institute. She contributed to university initiatives like the Math Emporium, and worked to assist underserved rural and urban communities with integrating technology in teaching and learning activities.

She coordinated Virginia Tech’s Center for Innovation in Learning (CIL), which provided over $3 million in grants to faculty from 1996 to 2003 to support more than 120 strategic instructional projects. The XCaliber Award, begun in CIL and continuing now through TLOS, recognizes and celebrates outstanding contributions in integrating technology in learning activities.

Anne was the founding chair of the Electronic Campus of Virginia (ECVA). The ECVA is a cooperative of public and private institutions in Virginia focused on providing e-learning. She was also an appointed member of Virginia’s Learning Technologies Advisory Committee and served on the commonwealth’s Joint Commission on Science and Technology advisory committee on open education resources.

Before working at Virginia Tech, Anne was associate director for administration at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. She served as staff director of Virginia’s Commission on the University of the 21st Century and Commission on the Future of Higher Education. She was an adjunct professor of Urban Affairs and Planning.

In memoriam: Robert Grant

Robert M. Grant, age 42, of Blacksburg died December 30, 2013. He was an applications analyst in Technology-enhanced Learning and Online Strategies, with more than 15 years of service in Information Technology. For more, see www.vtnews.vt.edu.