

Office of Information Technology *News*

Spring 2009

Director's Corner

This newsletter is focused on “news you can use.” OIT has several projects underway that will provide easier access to our data resources, improve our instructional technology in our classrooms, and support faculty and students through the launch of eLearning Commons. Don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

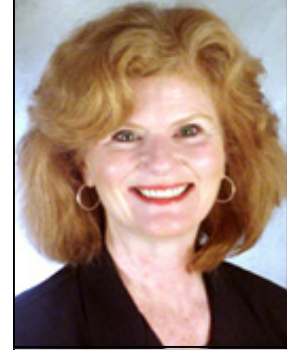
Introducing the COE Web Portal

OIT is launching a new way to access your content and core services. The portal is a gateway or entrance to the college applications such as the online course evaluation and student database. The COE Portal will enable you to access your resources with a single sign-on.

The COE Portal has an advantage over a traditional home page. For example, the portal will offer user-specific and customized views to resources based on your role.

Your role determines your ability to read, write, edit, or search information stored in our college-wide databases. Additionally, the COE Portal will provide links to other resources such as the COE Calendar and the University of Georgia Faculty Activity Report.

The launch of the COE Portal will be in February.



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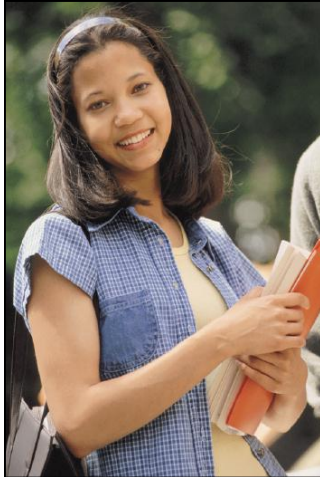
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College of Education Student Information Resources



OIT will launch the new Student Information System on May 1, 2009. The web-based resource is the result of a multi-year project designed to provide reliable, secure, and accessible student information for departments and programs. The new application will replace the current SIS on the shared drive. All information in the current database will be imported into the new version.

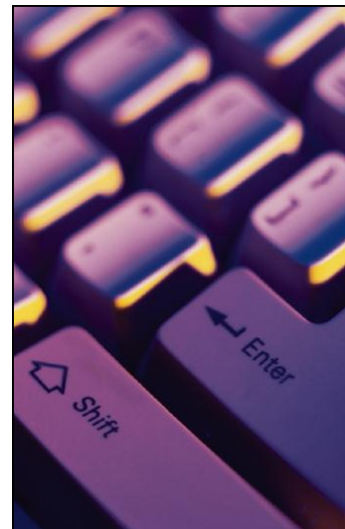
The current database will be closed for data entry from April 24 through April 29. Database administrators will be able to read the old database during this time. OIT will be copying and importing the data into the new system for the May launch. Professional development will be offered to all department database administrators during the launch.

OIT worked with department administrators to identify any additional fields added to the original application. Department administrators have provided valuable assistance in the improvement of field labels and definitions.

Instructional Technology Improvements

The upgrade to COE classrooms including the teacher station and touch panel that controls projectors, computers, and peripherals will be completed this semester. Funds for this project were provided through Student Technology Fee. The upgrade brings all classrooms at Aderhold, Ramsey Center, and River's Crossing to our standard configuration.

The 2009 Student Tech Fee provided funds to refresh the computers in our Editorium on the 6th floor in Aderhold. Students and faculty can reserve editing suites for video and multi-media production. Ron Braxley, rbraxley@uga.edu, provides support of the Editorium and schedules professional development opportunities in videography, video field production, and editing. Appointments for the editing suites can be scheduled in Media Services, 232 Aderhold.



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Congratulations ...

Kristi Leonard leaves OIT to continue her graduate studies. She has accepted a graduate assistantship with Dr. Sally Zepeda beginning in January. Kristi is working on her Ph.D. in Instructional Technology. She has been with OIT for 12 years and is known for her creativity and technical expertise that has been showcased in our website, NCATE exhibits, and application development.

Brian McCall graduated with his Masters in Business Administration and has taken a position with a software development company in Maryland. Brian worked in OIT since 2001 and provided IT Help Desk and classroom technology support.

Chris Fedorczak graduated with a degree in Marketing from the Grady College of Mass Communication and Journalism. He will be leaving OIT in February for a marketing position in Texas. Chris was awarded the prestigious AAF Stickell Internship Program in 2008. Chris's technical and creative talents were demonstrated as a Tier 2 IT Professional and as designer of the first awareness presentation of the SecureUGA project.

... and Best Wishes

2009 COE Technology Advisory Committee

OIT announces members of the 2009 COE Technology Advisory Council. The council reviews the Student Technology Fee Report each spring. Additionally, the council prioritizes special project requests from departments. Each member of the council was appointed by his or her department head.

Doyeon Won, Kinesiology
Suneeti Nathani Iyer, Communication Sciences and Special Education
Linda DeGroff, Language and Literacy Education
Cory Buxton, Elementary and Social Studies Education
Gretchen Thomas, Educational Psychology and Instructional Technology
Roger Hill, Workforce Education, Leadership and Social Foundations
Janet Truluck, Lifelong Education, Administration and Policy
AnneMarie Conner, Mathematics and Science Education
Alan Stewart, Counseling and Human Development Services
Peter Norris, OIT
Mark Walters, OIT
Betsy Alpert, Student Representative
Christie Cooper, Student Representative
Sandi Glass, Facilitator

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The 2009 Student Tech Fee also provided special funding for the development of four “mobile production” kits which are now available for use by the COE population. Each of the four kits includes all of the basic equipment needed for complete video production, including a camcorder, microphones, a digital audio recorder, and an editing laptop, all enclosed in a “road-ready” backpack. Other accessories are also included for your production convenience. Unlike most media items, which are only available for five working days, the mobile production kits may be checked out for extended periods,

UGA Launches eLearning Commons

The University of Georgia will launch eLearning Commons in March. Faculty and students will be invited to participate in introductory sessions through the Center for Teaching and Learning. OIT will bring professional development sessions to our college in late spring. These sessions will include introductory sessions, workshops, small group 'laboratory' sessions, and office hour appointments.

eLearning Commons will replace WebCT in January 2010. Faculty can begin migrating their courses to the new application, Blackboard Vista, later this semester. For more information contact Peter Norris, prnorris@uga.edu. Additional information will be shared via our website and newsletters.



Learn more about information technology and security. Awareness presentations are available at <https://secure.uga.edu>. Participation in awareness training will be captured for the 2009 security compliance report in December. Presentations include:

- Password Security
- Identify Theft and Fraud
- Electronic Virus Protection
- Copyright and Fair Use
- E-mail and Web Security
- Online Personalities and Avatars