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To: Campus Community
From: Ray Ford – AVP-IT
Re: Changes in IT for 2006/07

The IT Organization started FY07 facing the challenge of meeting existing commitments while also needing to adapt to significant new challenges, with no new resources to staff major new projects or service offerings. In what has come to be an annual event, we've worked out a set of internal reassignments designed to help us adapt to the four most critical immediate demands: increase attention to IT security, merge Web and portal efforts, develop a succession plan to replace the current dead ended Banner hardware architecture, and develop modern "on-line directory" services. This adaptation involves the following changes within the IT organization.

- IT Security. Adrian Irish has moved from Manager of the Web Group into a newly created full time position as **IT Security Manager**. Adrian brings a wealth of expertise in Web security and is getting up to speed on the numerous other aspects of IT security. His appointment to this position finally meets the long identified goal of having a full-time expert in IT security.
- Web/Portal Merger. Gordy Pace has taken on leadership of a new **Web Technologies Group**, formed by merging Adrian's old Web Group with Gordy's old Applications and Media (and Portal) Group. This merges previously separate Web and Portal efforts in one group, with one leader, but also also sacrifices 1.0 FTE from this effort (Adrian's position). Short term this will place a heavy burden on the staff in the new group, but long term we hope that by merging traditional Web technology and newer portal based technology we can work more efficiently and continue to respond to a wide variety of Web needs with appropriate technology.
- New Banner Hardware. The computer systems used for over a decade to run our Banner environment have been discontinued, meaning that in the next 18-24 months we must replace the Banner cluster with new hardware. Tom Travis has agreed to take on leadership of a special two year **Banner Hardware Succession Planning** effort. He and his staff will first investigate potential successors, then plan and implement our conversion to the new successor hardware. Doing this while continuing to operate the existing hardware this places a significant new burden on Tom, so we have off-loaded some of Tom's current responsibilities ...
- On-line Directory Services. We have formed a small, new group to assume responsibility for on-going development of **On-line Directory Services**. This group will be headed by Gary Trethewey and report to Steve Henry. It will continue our current "SCAUID-based" efforts related to on-line directory services, and begin looking specifically at integrating these services tightly with Banner (as is projected to be required in Banner 8). We are realigning other staff and responsibilities appropriately, and have started to recruit for a replacement DBA to fill the hole left by Gary's reassignment.

To repeat -- with no new money these are all shifts in assignments that we hope will help us work more efficiently and address known challenges. If you have questions on the details let me know.