Strategic Plan Steering Committee Forms

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From planning for the Burdell Center initiative to creating an Innovation Task Force, the campus community has been hard at work implementing Georgia Tech’s strategic plan.

To guide the institutional efforts going forward, a newly formed Strategic Plan Implementation Steering Committee has been charged with overseeing the implementation of the current plan-related projects, such as those mentioned above, as well as future projects.

“This committee will ensure that we stay on track to achieving the strategic plan’s vision of Georgia Tech defining the technological research university of the 21st century,” added Steve Cross, executive vice president for research.

The standing committee reports directly to President G. P. “Bud” Peterson and will be co-chaired by Rafael L. Bras, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs; Cross; and Steve Swant, executive vice president for Administration and Finance. The group includes the following members from across campus:

• Sandi Bramblett, executive director, Institutional Research and Decision Support
• Hugh Crawford, associate professor, Ivan Allen College
• Steven French, professor, College of Architecture

• David Frost, director, Georgia Tech-Savannah
• Charles Isbell, associate dean, School of Interactive Computing
• Norman Marsolan, director, Institute of Paper Science and Technology
• David McDowell, Regents’ Professor, School of Mechanical Engineering
• Pat McKenna, associate vice president, Legal Affairs and Risk Management
• Julie Swann, associate professor, School of Industrial and Systems Engineering
• Lisa Sills, principal research scientist, Georgia Tech Research Institute
• John Stein, dean of students
• Chet Warzynski, executive director of Organizational Development (ex-officio)
• Michael Warden, vice president of Communications and Marketing (ex-officio)

During the group’s initial meeting on July 29, co-chairs outlined responsibilities for the team including ensuring that the strategic plan’s vision, mission and goals

Don’t Miss the 2011 KP Corporate Race

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Pace yourself and enjoy it. That’s BeNedra Williams’ advice for anyone participating in the Kaiser Permanente Corporate Run/Walk.

“This will be my fourth year participating in the race — three years with Tech and one prior to coming here,” said Williams, a senior benefits counselor in the Office of Human Resources. “Crossing the finish line is the best part of it, but engaging with fellow coworkers from other departments is also a nice part of the experience.”

The Sept. 8 race attracts 20,000 participants — from
PROVOST INITIATES TRANSITION AT GT SAVANNAH

Georgia Tech-Savannah (GTS) is transitioning into its next phase of operation.

As the fall semester kicks off, the Georgia Tech community can expect to see a lot of change coming to the Office of the Vice President for Institute Diversity.

Gordon Moore, formerly the director of OMED Educational Services, has been added to the staff as executive director for student diversity and inclusion.

In this role, Moore will report to Archie Ervin, vice president for Institute Diversity, and his main focus will be on providing administrative leadership for a newly created division within the office that focuses on recruitment, retention and other initiatives that enhance racial, gender and social equity for undergraduates.

“I am looking forward to seeing what Gordon will bring to our growing office,” Ervin said. “The experience he gained in his role at OMED will be put to good use as he implements new diversity and inclusion initiatives here at Tech.”

In addition to Moore’s position, Ervin will also be adding an associate vice president for institute diversity and inclusion to his staff. This person will provide operational leadership to develop goals and action agendas related to the strategic plan.

A search is also under way for an executive director for research and institute collaborations, who will work with internal and external partners in designing funding proposals to address the recruitment and retention of minority and female faculty, staff and students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The associate vice president for institute diversity and inclusion and the executive director for research and institute collaboration will provide leadership for creating our common agenda for diversity and inclusion, and leveraging the talent of all members of the Georgia Tech community,” Ervin added.

http://savannah.gatech.edu

RSVP FOR FALL DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the 2011 Diversity Symposium on Sept. 9. The event is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Institute Diversity.

“The past two years, this event has been held to encourage dialogue about diversity among all members of the campus community — from students to staff,” Ervin said. “I am excited to carry on this tradition and hope that people from all walks of campus will attend.”

The symposium will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Global Learning Center and will feature keynote speaker Freeman Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, as well as panelists from Tech and beyond the Institute.

The deadline to RSVP for the event is Aug. 29. To RSVP visit the following website:

www.diversitysymposium.gatech.edu

“We need to be smart and realize that we do have limited financial resources,” Swant said. “However, we have to think about the big picture. Ten years ago, we put forth a $1.2 billion capital plan. When we implemented it, people laughed. Now, because of that plan, we have Tech Square and the Bio quad. We have accomplished everything in that plan, and then some.”

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CRC Offers New Tech Wreck Break Camp

Parents rejoice — the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is now offering a new fall/winter counterpart to its Tech Wreck summer day camp.

The Break Camp will be available to first through eighth graders, whose parents work at Georgia Tech, on Nov. 21 and 22, Dec. 19 to 22, and on Feb. 20.

“Bringing your child to work is extremely convenient, as is having the opportunity to see them during the day if you choose,” said Dan Hazlett, assistant director of campus recreation. “Having done research on various camp options available, I can also say that our cost is extremely competitive. Our staff has more than 20 years of camp experience and is committed to providing the kids with a positive experience.”

During each day, campers will play games and participate in arts and crafts and recreation activities, including a swim in the CRC’s pools in the afternoon.

“Ultimately, we want the children to have a fun and safe experience, so we map a plan for each day, with the understanding that our counselors have the ability to modify the activities,” Hazlett added.

Camp runs from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The cost is $40 per child, per day, and post-care supervising is available until 5:30 p.m. for a cost of $10 per day.

There is a limit of 21 campers per day, so be ready to register quickly after online registration opens on Sept. 6, Hazlett said.

For more information, contact Ken Lovic, sport club coordinator and camp co-director, at lovic@gatech.edu.

www.crc.gatech.edu/hlp

Institute Faculty Receive Regents Honors

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents has appointed three Georgia Tech faculty members as Regents’ Professors and two as Regents’ Researchers.

A Regents’ Professorship or Regents’ Researcher title represents the highest academic status bestowed by the university system. It is meant to recognize a substantial, significant and ongoing record of scholarly achievement that has earned high national esteem over a sustained period.

The newly appointed faculty include School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Professor Mark Franzen and School of Chemistry and Biochemistry Professors Seth Marder and Gary Schuster. Georgia Tech Research Institute’s Electro-Optical Systems Laboratory Director Giselle Bennett and Department of Biomedical Engineering Principal Research Scientist Suzanne Eskin were similarly recognized. For the full story visit http://tinyurl.com/3sbcoc2d

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Working with Parents Is Rewarding Challenge

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From putting helicopter parents at ease to delivering news parents don’t want to hear, Kimberly Sterritt has experienced the highs and lows of directing the Georgia Tech Parents Program.

“Due to the high anxiety associated with sending a student to college, family members are very appreciative of the information that they receive and the positive interactions they have with Georgia Tech faculty and staff — it is all about providing good customer service,” she said. “They are so proud that their student is attending such a great institution, and I love said. “They are so proud that their student is attending such a great institution, and I love

What does a great day entail?
Our office coordinates communication and involvement opportunities for parents and family members of Tech undergraduates. Day every looks a little different, since we do what helps with helping from FASET orientation to Family Weekend each fall.

What is something most people don’t know about your job?
Our office can be a helpful resource for other units on campus in that our monthly communication reaches more than 17,000 parents and family members and can be a way to inform families, and in turn their students, about campus happenings. We are also able to brainstorm solutions when parents and family members have concerns regarding their student on campus.

What piece of technology could you not live without?
I tend to have a love-hate relationship with most pieces of technology but have an appreciation for any technology that helps me stay connected to others.

What are a few things everyone should do while working at Tech?
Attend new student convocation. There is something about the ceremonial start to a room of new students’ academic careers that is so promising and hopeful. And volunteer at a campus-wide student event. Whether it is a Family Weekend event or Sing Break, seeing Tech students in their element is worth the extra time on campus.

Best place to grab lunch on campus, and what do you order?
I could eat the pad Thai from Spoon or the club salad and tomato bisque from Fresh to Order every single day.

How did you get to your current position?
My previous work experiences at other institutions were in admissions, orientation and academic advising. Though the focus of each position was the student, working with students often included working with their family members. I observed the remarkable influence that family members had on their students and grew to see them as big contributors to students’ academic experience.

What is an accomplishment you are proud of?
I walked the Atlanta Breast Cancer three-day in 2009 — 60 miles over 3 days — and will be walking it again this fall.

Stamps Health Services, likes a similar balance periods of standing with sitting.

“Different workstation designs are a great solution, Sterritt’s approach is watching that pride beam through in-person, attending such a great institution, and I love

The Response

Beth Mynatt, executive director of the Institute for People and Technology, thinks there are pros and cons to this concept.

“Different workstation designs are a great idea, as many of us are too sedentary and suffer from chronic back and neck pain,” she said. “But standing all day can also be physically taxing.”

Mynatt would advocate for standing workstations that include a slow treadmill on a laptop.

“I find that I have more energy through-out the day,” he said. “It makes a lot of sense, because I used to sit for much of the day. I would feel drained by the end of the day and have no idea why. Now, I feel healthier and more productive.”

BeNedra Williams, senior benefits counselor in the Office of Human Resources, would pass on standing.

Although the reward of accomplishing the calorie burn would be great with little or no pressing effort, the mind works differently while at work, and you’re inclined to sit to do your daily duties,” she said.

If you have a situation to suggest, email editor@comm.gatech.edu.

CWC Offers ExpressFit for Employees
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After a long workday, getting motivated to exercise is a challenge, which is why the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) is introducing a new program just for Tech employees.

The ExpressFit program is open to CRC members who are employees at Georgia Tech. The program includes 30-minute workout sessions that will be held five days a week from noon to 12:30 p.m. or from 12:30 to 1 p.m. The circuit-style classes will be led by certified G.I.T. FIT personal trainers and will include both cardio and strength training intervals.

“IT’s a perfect opportunity to take a break from the office, get a great workout in and refocus for the remainder of your day,” said Christie Stewart, associate director for healthy lifestyle programs at the CRC.

From Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, all Tech employees are invited to try out a free week of the ExpressFit classes — whether you have a CRC membership or not.

After the free trial week, ExpressFit classes officially start on Sept. 6. Passes are $2 per month for CRC members or $10 per month for members with a G.I.T. FIT group fitness pass.

www.crc.gatech.edu/gitfit

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A couple, both professors, are looking for a babysitter from Aug. 15 on for their 8-month-old son. Please email pegahliz@yahoo.com if you know a responsible person for the job.

Many rambunctious exercise bike for sale. Fully assembled. $75. Call 404-633-2289 or 404-285-7715.

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