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Peer 2 Peer Kicks Off Local IT Learning Opportunities

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UF Information Technology professionals have access to a wealth of off- and on-campus and online training resources. One of them which has been untapped until now is the talent and expertise we have right here on our own staff. The first in a series of meetings intended to address this issue was held at the Reitz Union on March 28, 2002. More than 100 people turned out for a series of informal discussions on Information Technology subjects. Kathy Bergsma, head of network security for Network Services, led a discussion on security issues.

Dr. Sumi Helal of CISE and Matt Grover of Network Services offered information and answered questions about the wireless campus project and ongoing work toward a pervasive computing environment. Fran McDonell of CIRCA, Vicki Kitts-Turner of NERDC, and Mark Trammell, UF Web administrator, guided attendees through a number of campus issues related to e-mail and other kinds of accounts. Marie Dence, associate director of NERDC, emphasized the importance of following software copyright laws, and offered some ways to ensure that an audit would find your computers in compliance.

Kitts-Turner and Dence encouraged the group to participate with suggestions and questions about the Peer2Peer project. The idea of Peer2Peer is that a member of the UF community with expertise in a particular subject can teach that to his or her peers in an informal training session. The format is variable; it could be a lecture, a brown-bag lunch meeting, a hands-on laboratory, a two-hour seminar or a three-week class, depending on the subject. Likewise, the setting might vary from a lecture hall to a classroom to a lab to a picnic table, again depending on the subject, the teacher, and the size of the interested group.

If you're interested in teaching or learning a particular subject or in coordinating a Peer2Peer class, contact Vicki Kitts-Turner at (352) 392-2061 or at vkt@ufl.edu. Everyone is encouraged to attend, teach, coordinate, and learn from your peers.

Your Comments are Welcome

We welcome your comments and suggestions on this and all UFIT documentation. Please send your comments to:

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