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The sixth in an ongoing series of Peer2Peer seminars was held on March 31, 2004, in the J. Wayne Reitz Union at UF. About 55 people attended in person and many others watched the live video-streaming online. Peer2Peer, an informal Information Technology (IT) training session, is sponsored by the IT Training Committee to provide updates on many of the changes and new activities involving IT on campus.

Steve Ulmer discusses best practices for e-mail servers at Peer2Peer on March 31.

A presentation on UF's new e-mail standards by Steve Ulmer and Jordan Wiens of Computing & Networking Services covered best practices for e-mail servers. According to Ulmer, the best practices for e-mail servers are the same best practices as for any computer. Basic care for the host computer such as virus scanning is imperative. For more information, see http://net-services.ufl.edu/security/admins/email-std.shtml.

Doug Johnson of Learning Support Systems, a new unit in the Office of Academic Technology, discussed WebCT Vista Implications to IT Professionals. Vista is the new course-management system (CMS) for UF faculty and students. A CMS is a collection of Internet tools for teaching and learning, including grades, documents for the course, or an entire course. Johnson focused on Vista's infrastructure, implementation timeline, and the implications of its "Learning Context Hierarchy." Vista is expected to "go live" in Fall 2004. For more information, see http://lss.at.ufl.edu, e-mail learning-support@ufl.edu [mailto:learning-support@ufl.edu], or call (352) 392-2007.

In preparation for the switchover of GatorLink password management to the Bridges team, Mike Conlon, of UF Bridges, discussed the new password management parameters. GatorLink userids and passwords have been adopted as the university standard for enterprise authentication. These will be the authentication to the portal, portal-based services, ISIS, the Admin menu, Cognos, and Enterprise reporting. New password policies will go into effect
later this year, and will include new role-based standards for password security. For more information, see www.it.ufl.edu/policies [http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies].

Peer2Peer seminars are free to those at UF and are offered three times a year. IT experts on campus teach the sessions. These seminars allow training at a fraction of the cost with no additional expenses because they are offered locally. Many Peer2Peer presentations are available online at www.at.ufl.edu/p2p/newp2parchive.htm [http://www.at.ufl.edu/p2p/newp2parchive.htm]. For additional information please see www.it.ufl.edu/training/peer2peer [http://www.it.ufl.edu/training/peer2peer].

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