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The annual Information Technology Orientation for new University of Florida employees was held on September 29, 2004 at the McKnight Brain Institute located at the Health Science Center. This session is designed to give those attending an overview of the matrix of services that is available to UF IT employees. These sessions are designed for new employees but each time a balanced mix of new and current employees attend to see what’s new in the IT world.

Vice Provost Gave Session Opener

Dr. Chuck Frazier, UF’s vice provost for Information Technology, opened the session and showed the scope and depth of Information Technology on campus and the strategic plan for IT at UF. He mentioned that this ever-changing, fast-paced area needs to be considered when doing any type of campus planning as a core service for students, staff and faculty.

Avi Baumstein, Systems Administration, Health Science Center

Avi Baumstein, Systems Administration, Health Science Center, gave us an overview of IT from the Health Science Center / Shands Hospital side. This Health Science Center facility is more than four million square feet, including approximately 1,500 faculty members and in excess of 15,000 network connections. He emphasized the importance of data integrity in the health environment as well as the need for compliance with the new HIPPA rules.
Russ Poole, Network Infrastructure Coordinator at CNS

Russ Poole, Network Infrastructure Coordinator at CNS, covered Networking on campus. He explained how CNS, with more than 50,000 IP addresses, can supply connectivity from the wallplate to the Web. He covered other connectivity options such as campus dial-ups, Virtual Private Networks (VPN) and wireless access points covering most of campus. In addition, Voice Over Internet Protocol (Internet phones) was covered and how it will be more and more prevalent on campus over the next few years, which is expected to save UF thousands of dollars each year in telephone costs. More information on these services can be found at http://net-services.ufl.edu.

Marie Dence, Associate Director of CNS

Marie Dence, Associate Director of CNS, covered Administrative Applications and how the
challenges of change from our old system to the new UF Bridges / Peoplesoft will take place. She explained types of usernames and passwords needed during this transition time and how eventually the way we do business including payroll and purchasing will all go through the UF Portal at http://my.ufl.edu. She also discussed software licensing and the need to be vigilant about piracy. More information can be found at http://www.software.ufl.edu.

Kathy Bergsma, UF IT Security Manager

Kathy Bergsma, UF IT Security Manager, spoke about Campus-Wide Security Policies and where to find them. She also discussed how to be in compliance with the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) [http://www.it.ufl.edu/policies/aupolicy.html], and she explained the need to be constantly vigilant with software patches, virus software and firewalls. More information can be found at http://infosec.ufl.edu.

Bryan Garey, Training and Development Manager,
Human Resources

Bryan Garey, Training and Development Manager, Human Resources, presented a host of services and training opportunities available to staff and faculty for free. He talked about courses available through the Center for Instructional Research and Computing Activities [http://www.circa.ufl.edu] (CIRCA), the Center for Technology in Training [http://www.citt.ufl.edu/] (CITT), The Computer Challenge [http://www.it-train.ufl.edu/], the Division of Continuing Education [http://www.doce.ufl.edu/], and NETg [http://www.netg.ufl.edu]. NETg is a computer-based program that has more than 850 classes available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for free! In addition, Human Resources offers programs like the Supervisory Challenge [http://www.hr.ufl.edu/handbook/training.htm#supervisory], technology and technical training opportunities. For more information, see http://www.hr.ufl.edu.

Allan Pither, Special Projects Manager, CNS

Allan Pither, Special Projects Manager at CNS, wrapped up this information-packed session by giving links to find all this information. This site, http://www.cns.ufl.edu/resources, is a one-stop shopping link for IT information at UF.
For More Information on Peer2Peer

You can get more information on Peer2Peer, including archived presentations, at http://www.at.ufl.edu/p2p/index.html.

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