Information Technology News and Notifications
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DoIT Welcomes New Strategic Information Manager
Michael C. Kelly, Ph.D., has been named Strategic Information Manager for the Division of Information Technology. Kelly will be in charge of leading the development of policies pertaining to data administration across all University of South Carolina campuses. He will coordinate and promote adherence to the new policies, recommend changes, and promote the use of data in strategic planning initiatives. He will also work to develop comprehensive and cohesive approaches to the university’s data analytics and predictive analytics, which align with the university’s goals regarding student retention, graduation rates, faculty/staff productivity and more. For more information, click here.

University Leaders Joining State IT department
Several IT leaders from University Technology Services have accepted positions at the South Carolina Division of Technology. Kyle Herron, former director of communications infrastructure, assumed the position of chief operating officer on January 2. Keith Osman, current director of operations will be the new chief information officer, effective Feb. 1 and Marcos Vieyra, current chief information security officer, will be the new state chief information security officer, effective Feb. 1. Bill Hogue, vice president of information technology and chief information officer, said it will be beneficial to higher education institutions across the state to have more executives at the state level who understand how colleges and universities operate, how they are funded, and the IT needs the institutions have. He said it is a compliment to the university’s Division of Information Technology that three leaders were recruited to lead the state. For more information, click here.

RCI Group to Host Nationally-known Researcher
On Wednesday, January 29, the campus Research Cyberinfrastructure (RCI) group will welcome Computational Scientist Bhanu Rekepalli, with the National Institute for Computational Sciences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and University of Tennessee to discuss, "Impact of Next-Generation High Performance Computing (HPC) Architectures on Life Sciences Research." The talk be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1244 Blossom Street, room 320. Rekepalli will discuss massively parallel bioinformatics applications that will help to bridge the gap between the rate of data generation in life sciences and the speed and ease at which biologists and
pharmacists can study this data. For additional information, contact the RCI group or visit www.sc.edu/rci.

Hogue Spotlighted in EDUCAUSE Video Series
Dr. Bill Hogue, vice president for information technology and chief information officer, was featured in the January/February issue of EDUCAUSE Review. Hogue’s video interview is entitled, “Top Five Challenges Facing Higher Ed IT.” To watch the video, click here.

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