Division of Information Technology
IT UPDATE

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New & Noteworthy

- **Michael A. Sardaryzadeh assumed his role as Associate Vice President for Cybersecurity, Policy and Compliance and the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) on February 5.** Dr. Sardaryzadeh was previously CISO for Prime Healthcare, one of the nation's largest for-profit healthcare systems in the country. He also served as Director of Cybersecurity for General Electric.

- **The Texas A&M University System is utilizing Laserfiche to archive information from the decommissioned Buy A&M (BAM) Purchasing System.** BAM was phased out in November after running the system became cost prohibitive. The Division of Information Technology has worked with the System to import over 1.7 million documents. More information can be found at it.tamus.edu/bam

- **Judith H. Lewis, Ph.D., Senior Information Technology Manager for the Division of Information Technology, has been named a recipient of the 2018 Ones to Watch Award from CIO and the CIO Executive Council.** The awards honor rising stars in information technology as identified and sponsored by the CIOs of today's leading organizations. Lewis will be recognized at the AGENDA18 conference in Miami in March

- **The first IT Forum for 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, at 3 p.m. in Rudder 601.** Scott Bauer, Director of Recruitment and Workforce Planning for the Texas A&M Division of Human Resources, will present "Hiring and Retaining a Diverse Staff." Joshua Kissee, Associate Director and Strategy Officer for the Division of IT, will also give an update on IT Governance. The 2018 IT Forum schedule can be found at itforum.tamu.edu. Please note that the 2018 dates are on Tuesday afternoons.

- **Replacement of Network Address Translation (NAT) hardware and software is underway.** Once complete, NAT will be converted to a security service that is injected "just in time" and will decouple the bandwidth needs of NAT from the bandwidth needs of the rest of campus. A live load test of the new service will be performed on TAMULink during Spring Break.

Project Progress

- **The new West Campus Data Center (WCDC) has welcomed its first tenants:** The College of Geosciences, Transportation Services, Ecosystem Science and Management from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Division of Finance. Several other campus units are in planning stages to move to the WCDC. If you would like to discuss your data center needs with the Division of IT, please email brm@tamu.edu.

- **The IT Governance committees** are now meeting regularly. The Research and Innovative Technologies Committee and Architecture & Infrastructure Committee have established lists of their top three objectives.

- **Registration for the Texas A&M Technology Summit ends soon.** The conference is scheduled for February 26-28 at Moody Gardens in Galveston. Registration closes February 27 at techsummit.tamu.edu

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