

August 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Officers & Deans

FROM: Chancellor James L. Oblinger

Based upon the recommendation of the Information Technology Scoping Team, I have approved a proposal from Provost Larry Nielsen and Vice Chancellor Charlie Leffler to establish a Vice Chancellor for Information Technology (VCIT) position. I am recommending the creation of this position to the Board of Governors (BOG).

Information technology plays an increasingly central role in the institutional effectiveness of NC State. The Vice Chancellor for Information Technology will ensure that the continued growth of IT infrastructure is strategically managed with vision and innovation. The VCIT will serve as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the university. An interim consolidated structure of IT function on campus will be implemented as part of the transition plan.

In anticipation of BOG approval, I have appointed a nominating committee to begin a national search. The search firm of Russell Reynolds Associates has been selected to assist in the recruitment process. The committee includes:

Larry Nielsen	Provost and co-chair
Charlie Leffler	VC for Finance and Business and co-chair
John Blondin	Professor, Physics
Keith Boswell	Director of Technology, College of Engineering
Lisa Clough	University Budget Officer
Robert Evans	Head, Biological and Agricultural Engineering
Gwen Hazlehurst	Director, Enterprise Application & Database Services
Dennis Kekas	Executive Director, Networking Technology Institute
Susan Klein	Director, Technology Support Services
Gayle Lanier	Board of Trustees and Vice President, Nortel Networks
Matt Muñoz	Graduate Student, College of Design
Alice Scales	Assistant Professor, College of Education
Greg Sparks	Director, Communication Technologies
Ira Weiss	Dean, College of Management

I believe this consolidation will have strategic and operational benefits to the university and appreciate the support of the campus community during the transition.