

UA & UAF IT Consolidation

ON THE MERGE...

Upcoming Events:

Friday, August 5 - 5:00 pm: Transition Team Individualized Departmental Diagram (IDD) Drafts Due.

Monday, August 8 - Merger Consultant Arrives (p. 2).

Wednesday - Friday, August 10, 11, 12 - Team IDD presentations in Schaible Auditorium (p. 2).

Friday, August 26 - Closing Date for Organization Logo Contest Submissions.

Questions about the IT Consolidation?

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Office of Information Technology - OIT

We have a winner! Steve Smith announced the new name for the UAF and SW combined IT departments on Friday, July 8 at the annual summer social. All individuals who submitted suggestions for our new organization's name were entered into a drawing for the Alaska Airlines ticket. Congratulations, David DeWolfe, the lucky winner.

As expected, IT Staff proved their ability to go above and beyond - providing the necessary creative foundation for naming our new IT organization.

The profuse number of suggestions

(many a version of the one finally selected) were creative, useful and appreciated. Your many wonderful submissions provided the brainstorming needed to craft the final version of our organization's new name.

To review a full list of contest submissions, go to www.alaska.edu/itmerger.

Steve, along with the Transition Oversight Team, selected Office of Information Technology or OIT. OIT ensures everyone understand who we are and what we do. Now we need to develop a high impact visual presence... *A Logo.*

"The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today."
- Elbert Hubbard

Consolidation Timeline

August 5 - Team IDD Recommendations to Transition Oversight Team and CITO

August 10, 11, 12 - Team IDD Presentations

August 31 - Transition Oversight Team final Organization Recommendation to CITO

September 2 - Publish and circulate Organization Recommendation for public comment

September 12 - Closing date for staff and public comment

September 16 - Staff and public comments revisions to Organization Recommendation

September 19 - Organization Recommendation undergoes final review

OIT Logo Contest

Steve Smith offers an Alaska Airlines complimentary saver mileage ticket to the creative individual who designs our new logo.

Keys to remember when developing our logo: unique, memorable and reflecting our IT organization's depth and breadth, a snapshot of who we are, and what we do.

Entries do not require a particular format, nor are entries expected to be camera ready. Submissions may be created with software or designed by hand.

Forward submissions to Lori Merdes: lori@alaska.edu or leave them on Lori's desk, in Butro 103. All entries must be received by 5pm on Friday, August 26th. Entries must identify their authors. The winner will be announced on Friday, September 2.

Final Logo selections are subject to approval by the University Relations Offices for SW and UAF. For University Relations information, see www.uaf.edu/univrel and www.alaska.edu/uarelations.

FAQ of the Week

Does my contribution to the IT consolidation really matter?

Short Answer ... YES.

Long Answer... Steve Smith and the Transition Oversight Team are keenly aware of IT staff concerns that suggestions and time contributions may not be appreciated.

No one person has all the answers. A well designed and managed consolidation depends upon its people.

As the community breathing life into this consolidation, we influence every decision. While not every idea is adopted without revision, each contribution provides the brain-storming that ensures decisions are based upon a world-view, rather than a single perspective.

IT Merger Consultant

The SW / UAF IT merger consultant, Glenn Wilde, arrives in Fairbanks the week of August 8. Glenn's services will include:

Working consolidation issues with the CITO, Consolidation Coordinator and Transition Teams and IT staff.

Assessing recharge activity with IT management, recommending future recharge options.

Reviewing policies and regulations affecting the IT merger.

Identifying and recommending improvements to the merger process.

IDD Presentations

Transition Teams have put together initial recommendations for our new IT organization in the form of Individualized Departmental Diagrams (IDDs). We have the opportunity to preview our IT Organization's consolidation framework.

Transition Team Presentations are scheduled in Schaible Auditorium the afternoons of August 10, 11, and 12. (Detailed schedule below.)

Transition Teams will communicate recommendations along with specific concerns to our Transition Oversight Team who will utilize this information in developing a final

“People will never know how long it takes you to do something. They will only know how well it is done.

- Nancy Hanks

Transition Team IDD Presentation Schedule

Wednesday, August 10

1:30 - 2:05 - Transition Team A

Focus: Academic Technologies, Faculty Support, Extended Support, Student Support

2:15 - 2:50 - Transition Team E

Focus: Infrastructure Applications: Messaging, E-Mail, Calendaring, Directory Services

3:00 - 3:35 - Transition Team I

Focus: End User Services: Desktop Support

3:45 - 4:20 - Transition Team J Focus: Systems Services

Thursday, August 11

1:30 - 2:05 - Transition Team B

Focus: Campus Applications, Community Campuses, Remote Site, Research Support

2:15 - 2:50 - Transition Team F

Focus: Infrastructure Applications: Web App Programming, Content Management

3:00 - 3:35 - Transition Team G

Focus: Operations Services

3:45 - 4:20 - Transition Team C

Focus: Enterprise Applications: Banner, MyUA

Friday, August 12

1:30 - 2:05 - Transition Team D

Focus: Telecommunication Services: ATN, Network Control, Network Engineering, Telephone Utilities

2:15 - 2:50 - Transition Team H

Focus: End User Services: Training, Help Desks, Account Management

3:00 - 3:35 - Transition Team K

Focus: Security Administration

3:45 - 4:20 - Transition Team L

Focus: Technology Oversight: Projects, Communication, Strategic Planning, Technology Innovation

Learn more about IT Transition Teams at: www.alaska.edu/itmerger/transtteams