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## **Message to the University of Maryland Community: VP Brian Voss Announces Retirement**

Dear University of Maryland Community:

After two-plus years of exceptional service, Brian Voss, our Vice President for Information Technology, has decided to retire as of March 2014.

We will begin soon a national search for his successor. Because of Brian's innovations in deploying information technology to advance education, research, and service, the University is well-positioned to attract outstanding candidates for this important position of Chief Information Officer.

Brian brought the campus community together to design and implement a new strategic plan for IT. He led the adoption of a new e-learning management system. He forged our partnership with Coursera, launching our engagement with MOOCs. Working with Provost Rankin, he helped create the new Teaching and Learning Transformation Center to enhance our educational mission with high tech and high touch pedagogy. To support our research mission, he oversaw the development of the new Data Center, which will house a supercomputer that will rank among the largest of its kind among U.S. universities. To the benefit of the entire campus, and especially our students, he negotiated new agreements with Microsoft and Adobe to expand access to and reduce the costs of their products.

Brian brought a national presence to his position. During his tenure here, he was elected to the boards of Kuali and EDUCAUSE. The latter is the national association of university CIOs, which he served as the vice chair. He is currently the first EDUCAUSE Presidential Fellow, responsible for assessing strategic trends in IT.

On behalf of the University, I want to thank Brian for his remarkable leadership and thank the dedicated staff of our Division of Information Technology for their outstanding work. Please join me in wishing Brian well when he begins a new chapter in the "Sunshine State."

Sincerely,

Wallace D. Loh President, University of Maryland

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*The attached biography of Brian Voss was downloaded from [www.it.umd.edu/people/bios/voss.pdf](http://www.it.umd.edu/people/bios/voss.pdf) on 1 February 2014. It is dated 4 December 2012.*

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**Brian D. Voss** is Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) at the University of Maryland, where he is responsible for IT strategy, infrastructure, and services for Maryland's flagship campus in College Park. The Mid-Atlantic Crossroads GigaPoP (MAX) also reports through its executive director to his office at Maryland. He currently serves on the EDUCASE Board of Directors (2011-2015) as Vice Chair for 2013 and was recently elected to the Kualu Foundation Board of Directors (2013-2015).

Between 2005 and 2011, Brian served as Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and CIO for Louisiana State University at the flagship campus in Baton Rouge, where while leading the central IT organization he also had oversight of the Louisiana Board of Regents' Louisiana Library Network (LOUIS) initiative and oversight of operations for the Regents' Louisiana Optical Networking Initiative (LONI – *an optical fiber network, GigaPoP, and grid-like research computing resource*). Before his time at LSU, he was part of various IT organizations at Indiana University for nearly 20 years, culminating in his appointment as Associate Vice President (Telecommunications). He also served as Chief Operating Officer of the IT research focused Pervasive Technology Labs at Indiana University. Brian has nearly 30 years of leadership experience in information technology, both in higher education and in the private sector.

Brian serves on several national councils and advisory groups for information technology in higher education and has a long history of service to the community. As mentioned he was elected by vote of the community to serve on the EDUCAUSE Board of Directors in 2011 and will serve through 2015 and as the Board's Vice Chair for 2013, and he was similarly community-elected to the Kualu Foundation Board of Directors in 2012 and will serve through 2015. He is currently the chair of the REN-ISAC (*Research and Education Network Information Sharing and Analysis Center, an IT security entity within the US Department of Homeland Security's ISAC structure*) Executive Advisory Group. Brian serves on the (advisory) Board for the Mid-Atlantic Crossroads GigaPoP (MAX), on the Maryland Research and Education Network (MDREN) Board, and now has been added to the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) CIO Group (with Maryland's joining of the CIC in 2013).

Brian's past service to the community includes: An appointment as a member of the NSF Advisory Committee on Cyberinfrastructure (ACCI) Campus Bridging Task Force; An elected member of the Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) IT Steering Committee; A member of Microsoft's Higher Education Advisory Group; Co-Chair of the EDUCAUSE/Internet2 Higher Education Information Security Council (HEISC); Deputy Chair and a founding member of the REN-ISAC Executive Advisory Group; An elected CIO representative to the Internet2 Architecture and Operations Advisory Council, and member of the Internet2 Abilene Executive Committee; A member of the LONI Management Council, serving as their representative to the National LambdaRail (NLR) Board of Directors (he was also involved in the founding of NLR in 2003, representing the Committee on Institutional Cooperation [CIC] CIO group from his position at Indiana University).

Brian has been a leader in helping develop campus and regional-level cyberinfrastructure. He was a contributor to the report from the Task Force on Campus Bridging as part of the NSF's Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure. He is PI on a recent awardee from the NSF CC-NIE program, for

Software Defined Networking at Maryland, and was a lead investigator and author in separate NSF grant awards that helped bring cyberinfrastructure resources at Indiana and Purdue Universities into the NSF "TeraGrid" environment in 2003 and a similar effort which brought Louisiana/LONI resources into the TeraGrid in 2007. During the past decade, he has been a Primary Investigator (PI) or Co-PI on cyberinfrastructure-focused projects awarded more than \$10 million from the NSF. Throughout his career, he has been part of several ground-breaking IT initiatives, including pioneering enterprise software licensing strategies employed by major vendors (like Microsoft), LSU's program for campus community credit monitoring with Equifax, LSU's migration to the open source Moodle learning management system, and significantly growing HPC resources at both LSU and via the LONI organization in Louisiana. He has been very involved in cybersecurity initiatives during the past decade, and he also gained recognition in the area of disaster recovery planning following experiences in Louisiana with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Brian's publication and presentation contributions span a broad set of topics, including cyberinfrastructure and high-performance computing environments, IT-enabled research, IT-enabled teaching and learning (including MOOCs), telecommunications and advanced research networking, IT support and pervasive computing, economic development impact of IT, IT leadership, IT strategic planning, IT security and policy, and disaster impacts on business/IT continuity planning. He led initiatives that were recognized for excellence by EDUCAUSE for IU's work in advanced networks (I-Light) and online IT support systems (The KB - IU's Support Knowledgebase). Brian is an engineer by training, graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Engineering.