

University Names Dr. Eric Denna as New Vice President for Information Technology

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COLLEGE PARK, Md. – University of Maryland President Wallace D. Loh today named Dr. Eric Denna new Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer (CIO), effective July 1, 2014.

Currently the CIO of the University of Utah and the Utah System of Higher Education, Dr. Denna brings to the position 30 years of IT leadership experience in research universities and in the private sector.

“Eric has a deep understanding of the role of IT in enabling a university to excel in its educational, research, innovation, and administrative functions,” said Loh. “In today’s dynamic and challenging IT world, the university needed a proven leader, and we found that in Eric.”

“I am delighted to be joining the University of Maryland,” said Dr. Denna. “This is an extraordinary opportunity because for over 150 years, the University of Maryland has demonstrated leadership in higher education and is poised to play an ever larger role going forward.”

Dr. Denna is active in national technology collaborations related to strategy, cyber-infrastructure, and cyber-security. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Kuali Foundation and Co-Chair of the Utah Education Network. He works with the CIOs of the CIC (Big Ten institutions) on using technology to transform learning and teaching.

Previous positions include CIO and Chief Technology Officer of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City; CIO of Brigham Young University (BYU); and CIO for the Times Mirror Higher Education Group in Chicago.

He was the Warnick, Deloitte & Touche Professor at BYU’s Marriott School of Management. He has served on the boards of, and as a consultant to, several universities and private corporations.

Dr. Denna earned a B.S. in accounting from Brigham Young University, an M.S. in information systems from BYU, and the Ph.D. in information systems from Michigan State University. He co-authored two books on the use of information technology for business solutions. He has written numerous articles in refereed journals and other publications.

