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EDUCAUSE Selects Maryland CIO Brian Voss as First Presidential Fellow

COLLEGE PARK, MD (April 2, 2013) – The University of Maryland and EDUCAUSE announce the appointment of Brian D. Voss, Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the University of Maryland, as the first EDUCAUSE Presidential Fellow effective April 2013. EDUCAUSE is an association of higher education information technology professionals.

Voss will remain as Maryland’s VP and CIO. He will devote a portion of his time to working directly for EDUCAUSE President and CEO Diana Oblinger and with her executive team, leading the planning for a new association initiative focused on cost reduction in administrative use of information technology (administrative IT). “Administrative IT consumes a significant share of institutional spending at colleges and universities,” explained Oblinger. “As a community, we must find ways of focusing resources to bring the greatest value to the mission of our institutions. Increasingly, that means streamlining investments in administrative functions, both for cost savings overall and for enabling investments in teaching, learning, and research and innovation. As a creative leader with broad experience across the entire IT enterprise, Brian will bring unparalleled experience and insight to this initiative.”

Voss is the first EDUCAUSE Presidential Fellow, a position that will improve the association’s ability to track and address the strategic issues that sitting CIOs consider most pressing. In addition to leading the administrative IT initiative, Voss will advise the association on other topics relevant to CIOs, including aspects of the CIO “career pipeline” challenge faced by aspiring and sitting CIOs and their institutions. He will also work with other constituencies, partners, and associations to address priority issues facing higher education. “My work at EDUCAUSE will directly complement our efforts at Maryland to assess and focus our IT investments both efficiently and strategically,” said Voss. “I look forward to working with EDUCAUSE to influence community directions in a broad set of ways.”

Voss has nearly 30 years of experience in IT, much of it in leadership positions at public flagship research universities. At the University of Maryland’s flagship institution in College Park, he is responsible for IT strategy, infrastructure, and services. Voss is well known nationally as a result of his many publications and presentations and his community service. His contributions span a broad range of areas, such as research computing, cyberinfrastructure, telecommunications, disaster recovery and continuity planning, as well as IT security. He also focuses on IT leadership, the economic development impact of IT, and most recently, the implications of MOOCs and the impact of IT on blended and online learning environments.

“Brian’s appointment as a Presidential Fellow at EDUCAUSE is an honor for the university as much as it is for Brian personally,” said University of Maryland President Wallace D. Loh. “I am delighted and proud to see his talent and leadership recognized and put to use in the broader community.”

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About EDUCAUSE

EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association and the foremost community of IT leaders and professionals committed to advancing higher education. EDUCAUSE programs and services are focused on analysis, advocacy, community building, professional development, and knowledge creation because IT plays a transformative role in higher education. EDUCAUSE supports those who lead, manage, and use information technology through a comprehensive range of resources and activities. For more information, visit www.educause.edu.

About the University of Maryland

The University of Maryland is the state’s flagship university and one of the nation's preeminent public research universities. A global leader in research, entrepreneurship, and innovation, Maryland is ranked No. 19 among public universities by U.S. News & World Report, has 37 academic programs in the U.S News Top 15 and 48 in the Top 25. The Institute of Higher Education (Jiao Tong University, Shanghai), which ranks the world’s top universities based on research, puts Maryland at No. 38 in the world and No. 13 among U.S. public universities. The university has produced six Nobel laureates, six Pulitzer Prize winners, more than 49 members of the national academies, and scores of Fulbright scholars. The university is recognized for its diversity, with underrepresented students comprising one-third of the student population. For more information about the University of Maryland, visit www.umd.edu.

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