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CABOT NAMED CIO; WILL START IN MAY, CONSULT IN MEANTIME

Linda Cabot, director of Information Technology Services at the Georgia Institute of Technology, will be the new vice president for Information Technology/CIO for Stritch. She will join the University in May and will serve as consultant during the interim.

Cabot has managed or directed a multitude of services in the 19 years she has been with Georgia Tech, ranging from designing and managing public computer labs with more than 400 seats to creating professional development programs for staff. She supervises all facets of computer support, infrastructure, systems administration, telecommunications and IT-related communications. She also has been an instructor for 10 years, teaching psychology and an Adjustment to College Life course.

She is active in national professional organizations, including EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association that advances higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology, and was on the board of trustees for the Corporation for Research and Educational Networking.

Cabot has a master's degree in counseling psychology from George Williams College, which is now part of Aurora University in Illinois; a bachelor's in psychology from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill., and an associate's degree in psychology from John Wood Community College in Quincy.

"My vision for the future is best described as seeing technology as an 'enabler,' whether in a classroom setting where course information and content is made

available to those both in and outside the traditional classroom walls, to creating the secure environment needed to conduct business on campus and remotely," she said.

Executive Vice President Pete Holbrook said he was very pleased that Cabot would be joining Stritch, particularly because of her emphasis on the service role of IT.



"We need to move from merely managing technology to using it to promote teaching, learning, research and administration and to further our mission, goals and objectives," he said. "Linda brings extensive experience and an enthusiastic attitude to this task, and I am confident she will help us make the significant changes that are needed.

Holbrook said he also was pleased that Cabot had been involved with establishing what is known as a convergence model, which means bringing together all areas of IT and

the library to meet academic and administrative needs and better serve students. Creating such a model is a key goal at Stritch, he said.

"Linda has proven to be an effective and collaborative leader, and I ask you all to join me in welcoming her to our administrative team and to our extended Stritch family."

Holbrook said he expects Cabot to be at Stritch for about a week in late January for on-site consulting and involvement in the University's strategic planning.