## From the Director's Desk

We hope you are enjoying your summer - getting some well-earned rest and relaxation.

At ECS however, we are moving full-speed ahead. This newsletter gives you some challenges we are tackling and changes coming your way. High performance computing and virtual desktops are two exciting areas of growth coming in the near future.

Security updates based on a reflection of our current services are also bring important changes. Please don't skip over that article as it will affect everyone.

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## Tech News

### High Performance Computing

BECAT, SoE and UITS, with strong support from Vice President Suman Singha, purchased a new High Performance Computing (HPC) system for use by BECAT members and faculty at UConn and UCHC. This new system, built by the industry leading HPC vendor HP, will replace the current SGI Altix system and offer significantly enhanced capabilities: [Read More](#)

### Security Updates - Passwords and Email Access

This fall, we will implement two security best practices to improve the safety of your information. These will be periodic password changing and encrypted-only access to email. The minor effort required by all members of the school is well worth the added protection of your valuable information. Please read our blog posting about this important issue. [Read More](#)

### Why Email When You Can Paste?

ETS is pleased to announce the availability of an online "paste" utility. Similar to other websites like pastebin.com and pastie.org, [http://paste.engr.uconn.edu](http://paste.engr.uconn.edu) allows you to quickly and easily share notes, log files, programming code, and other textual data with others. [Read More](#)

### Larger Mailboxes

ETS is now delivering 5GB mailboxes to all faculty and 2GB to all staff. But as always, we strive to meet the needs of the individual as well as the school. If you have a special need, please call our help desk so that we can determine how best to support you. [Read More](#)
Learning Center On The Go!

ECS is deploying virtual desktops in collaboration with the School of Business, University Libraries, and UITS. These virtual desktops will be accessible anytime anywhere, and contain the same software and features as our Learning Center computer labs. Read More

Lync In The Classroom

The School of Engineering offered four distance education courses this summer through a new program named Husky Pegasus. These courses are from four different engineering disciplines: ME, MSE, CE, and ECE. All four offer both a synchronous and asynchronous component. The delivery method Read More

Help Ticketing Expanding

The School of Engineering's Machine Shop and Electrical Shop are now accepting requests for their service on the web. You can submit a service request to them anytime anywhere, and then view the status of that request as often as you'd like. Read More

MSDN AA

Our hosting provider has upgraded their MSDN AA site. The new site has a nicer and cleaner look but provides the same service as before. If you have the old site bookmarked, update your link to... Read More

UPS

You may have noticed a planned outage of services for ECS this past weekend. The electrical work was necessary for improving the capacity of the ECS server room in Homer Babbidge Library and replacing a our very old UPS system. Read More