Sisson picks Ray as new info officer

By Steve Sterrett

In response to a task force's recommendations on Ohio State's computing needs, the provost has named Edward Ray as the University's chief information officer.

Richard Sisson, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, announced Nov. 16 that Ray, senior vice provost, would assume the additional title.

As CIO, Ray will serve as an ex-officio member of the Information Systems Steering Committee, chaired by Sisson, which will set policy and oversee information systems management. Ray will plan and coordinate information systems activities and implement the policies set by the ISSC.

Sisson said he appointed Ray to "make it clear that the work of the CIO is important to the provost, that we are not simply adding additional administrative structure to the University, and that I have a great personal regard for Ed's ability to get important things done.

"Ed will maintain his current central role in advising me with respect to budgets and academic planning," Sisson said.

Creation of the ISSC and the naming of a CIO were recommended in the recent report to President Gee from the University Information Systems Task Force.