Farewell
Steve Cawley
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“Steve is the kind of leader that inspires and brings out the best in others.
In the short time that I have known him, Steve has generously shared with me and the team his invaluable insight and professional perspective rooted on a solid and incisive understanding of the UM/UMIT organization.

His legacy with regards to strategic innovation and enrichment of organizational practices by leveraging technology have certainly paved the way that support the University’s aspirations to be an excellent, exemplary, and relevant hemispheric institution.”

- Frank Azuola, Assoc. VP, Enterprise Applications and Services
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"I remember our first formal UMIT meeting with Steve Cawley back in the summer of 2011. Steve asked if there were any questions from the UMIT audience and no one was raising their hand.

After a few minutes of uncomfortable silence, I decided to throw out the first question. I remember Walt Bechtel, who had the microphone, mouthing ‘Thank You’ to me. I asked Steve about how he felt about free and open-source software in the enterprise. That led to a succession of questions by other UMIT staff about virtualization, cloud, etc. I am glad that we were able to have that open dialogue with Steve. I also appreciated his later visits to Centrex, so he could talk more one-on-one with the Network Engineering staff.

We have had a crazy ride these last seven years as we embraced new technologies and transformed the way we do IT.

To Steve, good luck on your future endeavors…"

-Giuliano Speziani, Sr. Network Architect
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“There are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened. – John M. Richardson. You are one of those who make it happen as demonstrated by what you have accomplished during your tenure at the University of Miami.

As a fellow former Midwestern person, you understand the value of hard work, dedication, respect, honesty, and courtesy. It is those traits that carried you forward and beyond what many of us are still striving to accomplish.

Working with you and under your direction has been a pleasure. Your graciousness about the people with whom you work, your happiness for and acknowledgement of their successes, your coaching and guidance when they are lost, and your ability to make others heroes has always impressed me – as well as impressed upon me that it is important to do the same.

I just want to say ‘Thank You.’ You always listened, you always had something constructive to say, and you always offered support and encouragement with an unflagging spirit. I will miss working with you. Best wishes to you and your family in this new chapter of your life.”

- Theresa Semmens,
  Asst. VP and Chief Information Security Officer
“One of my favorite things about Steve’s leadership style is the fact that he is so down to earth and not consumed by titles. Although he is a Vice President, he would not hesitate to leave Gables One Tower and travel to campus to meet with any person at any level if they had an IT need.

One of the things I remember Steve saying is, ‘You do not need to have a manager title to be a leader. Leaders are made by their actions.’

Additionally, I admire the way Steve navigates the various relationships at the University – with faculty, senior level management, peers, UMIT employees and everyone in general. He always held an objective and neutral position, almost as a mediator.

I have worked with Steve for six years. He hired me here at UMIT and I am sorry to see him go, but wish him the best now and in the future and an enjoyable time with his family!”

- Titanya Ramsingh-Pierce, Executive Assistant
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“I wish Steve all the happiness in the world. It was such a pleasure to work with someone like him, and I have learned a lot from the way he treated others – with respect and dignity. I hope he enjoys spending time with his grandson in New Orleans. May God bless him and his family always.”

- Maria Alberti, Executive Director, Finance
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“On a professional side, Steve has been a great mentor to me over the past five years. He has always encouraged his direct reports to take on stretch goals that pushed us outside of our comfort zone, but while doing this, he was always there to help us through the rough parts. He encouraged us to do the same for our reporting lines.

On a personal side, I enjoy how much Steve likes talking about his family, his misspent youth in Los Angeles, and his time at Minnesota. He especially like to talk about his grandson Liam, who he will be seeing regularly once he finishes his move to New Orleans.”

- Allan Gyorke, Assoc. VP and Asst. Provost for Educational Innovation
Best Wishes!

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