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An accomplished technology executive and project consultant with more than 20 years of professional experience, David S. Alderson is Director of New Applications Development in the Office of Information Technology. He brings to the unit proven results in personnel management, project management, product delivery, methodology, client relationships, business development, technical skills, and mentoring.

As Director, David is charged with defining policies, procedures, documentation, and communication practices for new applications developed within OIT. His primary responsibility is to provide the University of Maryland with a new generation Student Information System (SIS) (www.newsis.umd.edu) – a modern, integrated, Web-based system that will 1) fully support the university's mission in student-related administrative applications and 2) have the flexibility to continually meet the changing needs of the university. David also chairs the Functional Executive and the Functional Advisory committees for the university's Enterprise Portal (www.portalproject.umd.edu), which will give all university constituents a single, seamless entry point into the university's vast array of academic and administrative systems.

Before joining OIT, David was hired as Program Manager in the Office of the Provost, where he guided the business process definition of the new SIS that is being leveraged in his current project, relying on dozens of focus groups and interviews involving all campus constituencies. He was also charged with implementing Datatel's ActiveCampus admissions recruitment portal; the College Board's Recruitment Plus back-office systems; and the Office of Admissions' Web-based admissions application system.

Before re-joining the university in 2002, David served as Vice President for Engineering and Director of Financial Services for Engineering at iXL Inc. and Lead Technical Consultant at Thaumaturgix, Inc., both based in New York City. He was also employed by the university from 1985 to 1998, first as a Senior Systems Analyst/Systems Analyst/Programmer Analyst, then as Applications Manager, and finally as Assistant Director for New Technology and Distributed Systems; he then left to join the private sector.

David earned a bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in English from the university in 1989. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including two iXL Leadership Awards for building iXL's Quality Assurance practice and for his leadership as Director of Financial Services. David has also presented at university events and conferences since 1993.