Information Technology Unplugged

Wednesday, November 11, 8:00am - 11:00am
MSU Union, Ballroom
(Registration at 8:00am; program begins at 8:30am)

Joanna Young, Vice President and Chief Information Officer, MSU and Chairperson of the Board for Merit Networks
Panel of MSU Academic and Administrative Leaders

Join Joanna Young (@jcycio) for a discussion of the plans for information technology at MSU. Ms. Young, after a full year of active listening, analysis, and hands-on work as MSU’s CIO, will be addressing how MSU will leap forward from technology that is legacy and distributed to contemporary and aligned. “The higher education and research industries are being disrupted and pressured from all sides, ranging from diminishing federal and state dollars to increasing expectations of our customers - students, parents and alumni. Institutions with enabling, modern technology are best positioned to succeed,” says Young. “In order to be ‘Bolder,’ MSU needs to transform how it designs, plans and manages technology. In the past decade at MSU, large technology programs were not viewed as successful, and we are constrained by dated technology and silos of data.” She goes on to say, “In the past year, the new leadership team within MSU Information Technology, in partnership with other IT units on campus, has made initial improvements. But there is a long way to go.” Ms. Young, a Top 100 CIO on Social Media, is known for her collaborative and customer-obsessed style. She will be joined by a panel of MSU leaders who share her vision of technology.