Dear students:

Welcome to System Simulation (CAP 4800) for Summer 2013. I am very excited to teach this class - performance modeling is a topic of great interest to me.

I teach in an active manner. You will not be MEGOing at slides... you will be taking notes, answering questions that I ask you, and asking me questions. You will participate in your *active* learning.

Summer semester goes by very fast - it is intense. My six "secrets for success" are simple:

- 1) Work hard and be positive
- 2) Come to class always, always, always
- 3) Do your homework and always review the posted solutions
- 4) If you don't understand something then ask a question
- 5) Prepare a good "formula sheet" for the exams
- 6) Do not wait until the last minute with your project

The class material is on the web here:

## http://www.csee.usf.edu/~christen/class3/class3.html

Some material may require an id and password (a pop-up box will prompt you). The id is Simulation and the password is gobulls. There is a course pack at ProCopy that you will need to buy, also software available at the USF Bookstore (or purchasable online). We will discuss all this in the first class.

I look forward to an intense, fun, and productive summer semester.

Regards,

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