

## December '05 Message from Martha Garland, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies and SIS Project Sponsor

Greetings:

Provost Snyder and Vice President Shkurti recently launched the Student Information System project. Several factors drive the decision to replace these systems:

- A goal to remove SSN as a primary identifier.
- A need for one, definitive, consistent source of student data.
- The desire to integrate student processes into one system.
- Replacement of increasingly obsolete systems/technology.

Individuals from the colleges, the Office of Undergraduate Studies, the University Treasurer and OIT have participated in pre-assessment and pre-planning activities since Autumn 2004. Based on their assessment, the university is moving ahead with the implementation of Oracle Campus Solutions modules including Academic Advising, Financial Aid, Recruiting & Admissions, Student Financials and Student Records.

In consultation with the colleges, project planning, staffing and team training are occurring in Autumn 2005 and Winter 2006. The next phase (Fit/Gap) will begin in May 2006. During Fit/Gap, the software is reviewed and compared with the university's current processes to learn how the software will "fit" at OSU and to identify "gaps" that require changes to the software or our practices. Colleges will be consulted throughout to help insure that a system is designed that works for all of us.

The system is expected to "go live" in phases with all modules up by Autumn 2009. The completed system will consolidate data used by faculty, staff and students while maintaining the privacy and integrity of personal information.