

## Feb. '06 Update - Message from Martha

### Message from Martha Garland, Vice Provost and Dean Office of Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education SIS Project Sponsor

I am pleased to provide you with my February '06 SIS Project update. Last month I shared that we solidified two key project roles – Nanci Gobey as Program Director and Jeff Allen as Project Advisory Chair. The Project Directors have now been named and are assisting Nanci and Jeff with project planning. The directors are:

- ✓ Glenn Donaldson, Integration and Conversion,
- ✓ Geoff Novak, Application Development
- ✓ Julia Snyder, Change Management
- ✓ Danny Williams, Technical Operations

Individually, the members of this dynamic leadership team each bring a valued set of skills to the project. Together, they bring first-hand experience with previous Financials, Grants, and HR PeopleSoft implementations and knowledge of student business processes at Ohio State.

The team is steadily progressing and on-target to begin the Fit-Gap phase this May. Many organizational and infrastructure activities are in process. A few of the key activities occurring this month include:

- ✓ Recruiting staff for the project teams: The directors are actively interviewing for project managers and other key staff; our goal is to bring key roles on board as temporary hires for the life of the project. The directors are also reviewing responses to an RFP for staff augmentation, knowing that we need additional resources to complete the project.
- ✓ Training on PeopleSoft modules: A number of individuals, who will participate on the project team directly, or in an advisory role, are attending on-site module training conducted by Oracle. This training is providing the initial module knowledge to our OSU staff participating in the Fit-Gap sessions.
- ✓ Establishing Advisory Groups: Jeff Allen has worked with key stakeholders to determine that there will be three business process advisory groups: Recruiting & Admissions, Student Financial Aid & Student Financials, and Student Records and Advising. He is currently working on guidelines and expectations and is consulting with business sponsors on a suggested list of members to ensure both college and central units are represented.

We are working on a project kick-off for faculty and staff who are interested in learning more information about the project. Scheduling of the presentation is in process and will occur before the Fit-Gap phase begins. I look forward to sharing more details about this session with you next month. In the interim, I encourage you to use the "Ask Us" feature of this SIS project site to seek answers to questions you may have about this important university initiative.