

January '06 Message from Martha Garland, Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Studies and SIS Project Sponsor

Greetings:

I am excited to share with you my January '06 SIS Project Update.

During my last update, I relayed to you:

- The factors that led to starting the SIS Project—removal of Social Security Number (SSN) as a primary identifier and replacement of several legacy systems.
- Highlights of the project phases.
- Project activities undertaken to-date.

I am pleased to provide additional information on our progress. Recently we have solidified the SIS Project Leadership. Nanci Gobey has been named Program Director for the SIS Project and Jeff Allen has been named SIS Project Advisory Chair.

In her role, Nanci Gobey will insure all project phases are carried out as planned—inline with university expectations on budget and timeframe. She will also oversee the integrated project team working on the SIS project. Jeff Allen will provide oversight to the Advisory Team as it reviews technical and functional recommendations as well as identifies potential business process issues. See the project [charter](#).

In addition to establishing our project leadership, another accomplishment has been the Project Team's participation in Project Overview sessions. These sessions were held in early December for Project Team members only, in order to better prepare them for Oracle-delivered PeopleSoft training and Fit/Gap analysis (Which begins in May). See the "Project Phases" section for more detail. The campus community will have the opportunity to view similar sessions in 2006.

As you can see a lot of activity is underway in the Planning Phase of our project. I look forward to sharing my next update with you. Please don't hesitate to use the "Ask Us" feature of this SIS site to ask project questions and use the Project Status tab for interim updates.