

June '08 - Message from Martha

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The SIS Project:

Professional Admissions component of new SIS is implemented!



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As of June 2nd, the functionality to receive applications for admittance to Professional programs beginning summer, 2009 and beyond at OSU into the new Student Information System (SIS) is now in place. This marks the first phase of the implementation of the new system with many others scheduled between now and the summer of 2009, when all functionality for the new integrated SIS will be available for use.

The foundation for the Admissions implementation was prepared over the Memorial Day weekend when the SIS project team successfully completed its Admissions Move To Production for the first phase (Alpha) of the new SIS. The Move to Production involved converting all current and archived biographical student information (name, address, phone number, name.n) from the legacy system into PeopleSoft. The conversion of over 800,000 plus student records from 1974 to present began on Thursday, May 22 and was completed on Monday, May 26.

Additionally, on May 3rd and 4th, a major hardware infrastructure and configuration upgrade for the existing PeopleSoft Human Resources was completed. Four cycles of performance testing were conducted to identify any potential problems with system usage and processing.

Training for the new SIS was held for Graduate/Professional Admissions office staff during the month of May, while training for UA/FYE staff began in late May and will continue throughout the summer months. During the Training Introductory sessions, central users are receiving their BuckeyePass security tokens, which will require them to use 2-Factor authentication to access the SIS system. These are just a few of the many activities that are taking place to prepare for our first system implementations. My thanks to the project team for their continued hard work and dedication to "getting it right". It's that kind of thinking that makes our university one of the finest in the country!