

March '06 Update - Message from Martha

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

Spring is just around the corner... It is hard to believe that this is the fourth letter I have posted to the site since it launched in December 2005.

Progress continues to be made in preparation for the Fit-Gap phase this May. Participants are being identified and sessions are being scheduled. Recruiting staff for the project teams continues with the recent hiring of an SIS Communications Lead and a Project Server Administrator. Also in the near future, Project Managers will be hired and a Business Process Representative position will be posted. The directors have also completed reviewing responses to the Request for Proposal for staff augmentation, necessary to complete the project.

In addition, some critical Project Lead positions have been filled starting this month. The Lead role is responsible for ensuring that system functionality meets sponsor requirements for respective modules. Guy Flora joins the project from the Treasurer's Office as a Functional Lead for Student Financials. Bill Karl, from the Office of Undergraduate Studies, joins as the Lead for the Campus Community module with oversight on the integration points between his respective module and the HR system.

Oracle-led Functional training on PeopleSoft modules continues, with 18 Classes completed and an additional 12 to occur by April. This training will provide the initial ramp-up of Functional module knowledge to our Project staff. The next series of Oracle-led training will be Technical training.

Some college overview sessions will occur during the months of March and April. These sessions will give interested parties currently involved in the student systems an opportunity to gain more knowledge about the project.

This concludes my update for the month. As always, I encourage you to use the "Ask Us" feature of this SIS project site to pose any questions you may have about this initiative.