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University Community Newsletter - August, 2008



Welcome to the August University Community Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to provide the university community with project updates and information of interest regarding the SIS project. If you have questions about the project and/or are interested in receiving information about a particular topic, we want to hear from you! Please send your inquiries to: sis@osu.edu.

A MESSAGE FROM MARTHA GARLAND, VICE PROVOST AND DEAN OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AND SIS PROJECT SPONSOR

SECOND IMPLEMENTATION MOVE TO PRODUCTION A GO!

As most are marking the end of the summer over the Labor Day weekend, the SIS project team will be moving the second phase of SIS functionality into the PeopleSoft production environment.

The initial Move to Production steps will begin at 7 am Saturday, August 30. The Human Resources / Student Information System (HR/SIS) database will be down throughout the weekend while the new functionality is loaded into the system and validated for accuracy before being permanently integrated into the system. The HR/SIS production database will be available during normal system hours on Tuesday, September 2nd.

After this weekend, Undergraduate Admissions (UA/FYE) will start using PeopleSoft to evaluate applications for Summer 2009 and beyond. The addition of this functionality will allow UA/FYE staff to enter acceptance criteria and process applications.

My thanks to the SIS Project team and the Move to Production team for preparing the system for our second phase of implementations. As always, it's your hard work and dedication that makes The Ohio State University one of the best in the country.



Martha Garland

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THE NEW SIS AND THE CONSOLIDATED SERVICES CENTER

In addition to the new SIS Student Center online, students will also be served by a new consolidated service center. The consolidated service center will combine customer service functions of the Office of the University Registrar, the Office of Student Financial Aid, the Office of the University Bursar and the Office of Minority Affairs.

The center will begin serving students in February, 2009 and initially will be located in Lincoln Tower. When the new Student Administrative Services (SAS) building is opened at the corner of Lane Avenue and Tuttle Park Place, the center will be relocated to the first floor of the new building. A satellite office is also planned for the new student union when it is completed in 2010.

The search is currently underway for a Senior Associate Director to oversee the operations of a consolidated service center. Once on board, the Senior Associate Director will begin the process of interviewing and selecting applicants to fill the staff positions in the new center. Staff in the center will be trained in all areas represented in the consolidated service center, including SIS training.

The new SIS and a consolidated service center initiatives are part of the university's ongoing effort to put our students first and to simplify their access to needed services.

For more information about the SIS Project or the Applicant Center, please send an email to: sis@osu.edu.

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

As of 8/26/08, 1992 applications have been received and 66,605 test scores have been loaded. 19,461 of which have been posted to records within the system.

COMMUNICATING UPDATES - EMAIL YOUR TOPIC IDEAS

Over the coming months, we will be communicating project updates to you primarily through this newsletter. What topics would you like to see featured in this newsletter? Do you have a question we can address? Please let us know your thoughts. We welcome your participation in helping to shape the content of this newsletter. Please send your ideas, comments and/or questions to the Change Management Team at sis@osu.edu.

For a more detailed overview about the SIS Project, visit the "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the SIS web site at:

<http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/faq.html>

THE SIS PROJECT: MOVING FORWARD TO MEET OUR FUTURE!