



**A Message from Martha Garland, Vice Provost and Dean Office of Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education  
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Welcome to the first University Community Newsletter. The goal of this bi-monthly 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](mailto:sis@osu.edu).

**The SIS Project:  
An Important Milestone in Mapping our Future**

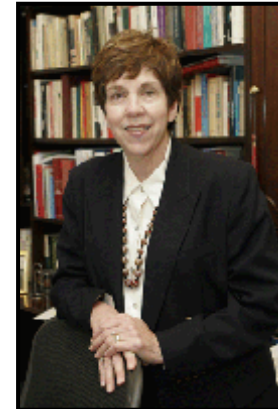
As you are aware, The Student Information System (SIS) Project is part of the university's initiative to connect areas of academic excellence, and to provide a data system that can meet the needs of the student population for many years to come. The project's mission is to establish a single, cohesive authoritative data source for student-related data, thus providing consistent information sharing among faculty, student and administrative users. In order to integrate systems university-wide, PeopleSoft's Campus Solutions 8.9 was selected as the new Student Information System.

**Moving Forward to meet our Future**

The journey to meet our future data infrastructure needs actually began a decade ago when the PeopleSoft Human Resources and Financials systems were implemented by the university, the Research Foundation and the Medical Center. While the function of each of these systems is different, they must all work together with the SIS to meet our future business process needs. During Fit/Gap, we looked microscopically at the new SIS in relation to areas that maintain student data. Now, Project Teams are focusing on the "big picture"...how will the new SIS affect or work with existing data systems across the university? Identifying areas now where gaps exist will allow us to design and implement a more efficient SIS system, and will bring long-term benefits to our entire data infrastructure. I look forward to the coming months as we continue our journey towards the future!

**SIS Project Highlights -**

Listed below is an overview of the key accomplishments and planned implementations that will help the university to reach its end goal - a single, cohesive authoritative data source for student-related data ...the Student Information System!



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**October, 2005** - A detailed project plan was developed for the PeopleSoft/Oracle Student Information System (SIS) implementation project, funding was approved for the first year of the project, and the project charter was released to the university community.

**May, 2006** - Project Teams began a detailed analysis of the upgraded PeopleSoft software to determine how it "fits" current OSU business practices. These teams also identified "gaps" that exist in the software that could result in modifications to the software or to OSU business processes. Project Team emerged from these analysis sessions with recommendations for 191 technical modifications and 78 business process changes.

**November, 2006** - Project Teams began working with concepts approved during the Fit/Gap sessions, thus providing a chance to validate decisions made as the designs for the system modifications are created and to look holistically at system functionality throughout the university community.

**March, 2007** - The HR Data System was successfully upgraded to PeopleSoft 8.9, paving the way for the design and testing of the Admissions Module, scheduled to Go-Live in June of 2008.

**Thru May, 2008** - New SIS system is developed, designed and tested.

**Pre-June, 2008** - Major conversion of all Bio Demo information will be converted from Legacy to PeopleSoft.

**June, 2008** - First Graduate Admissions Applications will be accepted in new SIS.

**July, 2008** - First Undergraduate Admissions Applications will be accepted in new SIS.

**December, 2008** - Schedule of classes will be loaded using new SIS by Student Records for Summer/Autumn '09 registration.

**January, 2009** - Orientation office begins setup and planning in new SIS for different orientation sessions to begin in March, 2009.

**March 27, 2009** - Class registration for Law students begins for Summer/Autumn '09 and Winter '10 using new SIS.

**April, 2009** - Class registration for non-Law students begins for Summer/Autumn '09 using new SIS.

**April/May, 2009** - Matriculation/Creation of Student Records in new SIS.

**June 22, 2009** - First day of Summer Quarter All fees will be processed using new SIS.

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**July, 2009** - SFA will disperse aid using new SIS.

**August/September, 2009** - First Commencement processed using new SIS.



**November, 2009** - New SIS software fully tested and ready for final implementation.

### **IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

The purpose of this first newsletter was to provide the university community with an introduction and brief overview of the SIS Project. Our next newsletter, which will be distributed in May, will contain more detailed technical information about the project. Upcoming topics include:

-Know your SIS Terminology

-System Modifications vs NO System Modifications

### **COMMUNICATING UPDATES - EMAIL YOUR TOPIC IDEAS!**

Over the coming months and years, we will be communicating project updates to you primarily through this bi-monthly newsletter. What topics would you like to see featured in this newsletter? Do you have a question we can address? Did you find this newsletter helpful? Not helpful? 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 Project Team at [sis@osu.edu](mailto:sis@osu.edu).

**In between newsletters, you can obtain monthly project updates by visiting the SIS web site at:**

[http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/monthly\\_update.html](http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/monthly_update.html)

**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>

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