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University Community Newsletter - May, 2008



COUNTDOWN TO FIRST SIS IMPLEMENTATION

11 Days

until acceptance of Professional applications on June 2, 2008



Martha Garland

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Welcome to the May 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
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Admissions Move to Production a Go!

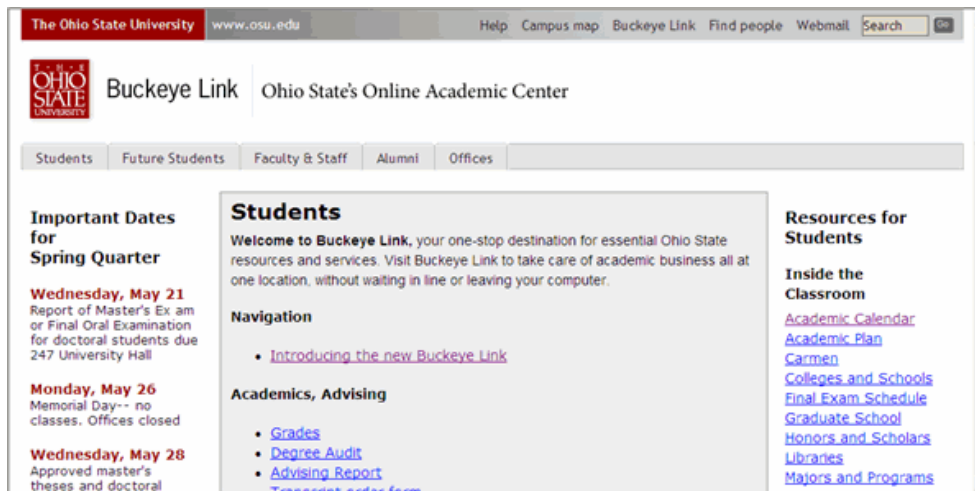
As most of us look forward to a little rest and relaxation during the upcoming Memorial weekend, the SIS project team is finalizing plans for two exciting and significant implementations that will take place as part of the project's Admissions Move To Production activities. The first involves converting 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 will begin on Thursday, May 22 and will conclude on Monday, May 26. Once student biographical data has been converted into PeopleSoft, it will lay the foundation for many implementations to follow and will prepare the system for the acceptance of Professional applications beginning on June 2nd.

In order to prepare us for this moment in time, a major hardware infrastructure and configuration upgrade for the existing PeopleSoft Human Resources and future Campus Solutions module were completed on May 3rd and 4th. Additionally, four cycles of performance testing have been conducted to identify any potential problems with system usage and processing. Training began May 1st and will continue daily through the month for Graduate/Professional Admissions office staff. During the Training Introductory sessions, central users are also receiving their BuckeyePass security tokens, which will require them to use 2-Factor authentication to access the Playground and other SIS environments. These are just a few of the many activities that are taking place to prepare for these first implementations. My thanks in advance 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!

SYSTEM TRAINING UNDERWAY

Training for the new Student Information System (SIS) began May 1st for the Graduate/Professional Admissions office staff and will begin May 22nd for the Undergraduate Admissions office staff. Prior to training, G/P and UA/FYE staff attended transition sessions which provided an overview of the training that is planned to prepare central staff for their work in the new SIS. Additionally, staff was provided with overview of the SIS production playground, as well as hands-on training regarding the use of the BuckeyePass tokens, which is required as a security measure to login to the new SIS. During the month of May, over 50 central Admissions users will participate in training sessions ranging from application and mail processing to customer service and grad evaluation.

NEW BUCKEYE LINK OFFERS ONE-STOP FOR ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS SERVICES



Buckeye Link (www.buckeyelink.osu.edu) has been redesigned, as of May 18, as a one-stop destination where students, as well as faculty/staff, future students and alumni can access essential Ohio State resources and links to academic and business area web sites.

The left side of Buckeye Link features important dates, event information and announcements of interest for the current quarter, while the right side will feature resource links to Carmen, the Academic calendar, the Libraries, Bookstore, Computing services and many more.

Most importantly, the new Buckeye Link will allow students to complete many of their academic and business transactions online at their convenience. Beginning on June 2, Buckeye Link's center section will offer convenient links to Applicant and Student Self Service Center pages as functionality is implemented for the new Student Information System (SIS). This will eventually include links to Grades, Course registration & permissions and Student Financial Aid status, as well as Registration Fee statements and BuckID service. As additional online SIS services are made available from June, 2008 through August, 2009, updates will be listed on a "What's New" link on Buckeye Link's home page. For more information, see oaa.osu.edu/sis/new_buckeye_link.html.

SIS IMPLEMENTATIONS THROUGH 2008

As the SIS Project prepares for the Admissions implementation on June 2nd, many other important milestones will be reached in the coming weeks and months that follow. Below is a listing of the major SIS events that will occur between June and October of 2008:

June, 2008 - In Process

- Professional programs begin accepting first applications for SU09 and beyond.
- First availability of Admissions Self-Service page via the newly designed Buckeye Link.
- Professional programs begin evaluating applications for SU09 and beyond.

July, 2008

- UA/FYE begins processing first applications for SU09 and beyond.

September, 2008

- Begin evaluation of undergraduate applications for AU09.

October, 2008

- First admission decisions posted.
- First acceptance fees processed.
- Graduate programs begin accepting first applications for SU09 and beyond.

For more information about the project implementation timeline, visit:
oaa.osu.edu/sis/timeline.html.

COMMUNICATING UPDATES - EMAIL YOUR TOPIC IDEAS

Over the coming months and years, 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>

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