

University Community Newsletter - April/May, 2009



Welcome to the April/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, OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES AND UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION, AND SIS PROJECT SPONSOR

Registration for Summer 2009 and Autumn 2009 began for university-priority students on April 27 and for graduating students on April 29 in the new Student Information System (SIS). As of 12 p.m. on May 4 - 7,228 students enrolled through self service or the administrative pages with a total of 37,455 successful enrollment transactions. 2,392 students have enrolled for the Summer 2009 quarter, while 6,335 students have enrolled for the Autumn 2009 quarter. Enrollment appointments will continue to open based on priority through Friday, May 22.

While much work remains in the coming months, and we will be resolving issues that arise for some time, I'd like to recognize this important milestone in implementing the new SIS. I am truly impressed by the teamwork exhibited by system users across the university, the Business Sponsors and their staff, and the SIS Project team to report and resolve issues positively, patiently, and collegially. My thanks go to all of you for your hard work in making this achievement possible. I would especially like to thank those who volunteered to serve as SIS trainers and facilitators. You have been critical in training large numbers of advisors to help prepare them to assist students with enrolling for classes in the SIS.

Students can also seek assistance navigating the SIS Student Center from SIS Project team members, who will be available from 1 - 4 p.m. every Monday and Thursday through May 21 and from 1 - 4 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 27 and 28, at the IT Service Desk, located in the lower level of the Central Classrooms building.

Again, my gratitude to you all for the tremendous effort. The numbers below illustrate just how much we have accomplished thus far.

54,171	Applications received for Summer 2009 and Autumn 2009
24,893	Applicants admitted for Summer 2009 and Autumn 2009
22,903	Acceptance Fee Statements created and sent
8,061	Applicants paid acceptance fees or indicated they are coming
2,182	Applicants registered for Orientation
8,501	Applicants matriculated (all careers)
723	Student Applicants for Study Abroad
690	Student Applicants paid Study Abroad application fee online
60,479	Students/careers term activated (current and matriculated)
14,304	Financial Aid packages processed
1,269	Financial Aid awards accepted
32,270	Accounting lines interfaced to GL for application fees
704	Graduate/Professional Admissions users who completed a training session
840	Undergraduate Admissions users who completed a training session
251	Data Acquisition & Analysis users who completed a training session
798	Student Financial Aid users who completed a training session
403	Student Financials users who completed a training session
3371	Student Records users who completed a training session
36,879	Courses converted from legacy or added
21,000,000	Classes converted from legacy
671,712	Archived Career-Program-Plan stacks converted from legacy



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101,519 Current Career-Program-Plan stacks converted from legacy
100,000,000 Approximate rows of converted data, across all modules

SIS GLOSSARY

The SIS brings with it a new language: Careers, Programs, Plans, Service Indicators. What do these terms mean, and how do they translate to the old language that has been used to talk about a student's record? How do you explain these terms to a student or instructor who has virtually no experience with the SIS? A new SIS glossary, aimed at helping the university community understand the terminology associated with the SIS, is available on [Buckeye Link](#).

SIS IMPACTS FOR STUDENTS AND ADVISORS

Many business practices are changing with the implementation of the SIS, as the new system offers different functionality than MARX. Examples of things that are changing include wait lists, course permissions, repetition of courses, the number of advisors assigned to a student, and students being dropped for non-payment. For more details about business practices that are changing and how these will impact students, please see [SIS Impacts for Students and Advisors](#).

SIS ONLINE RESOURCES

Buckeye Link	<p>The following resources can be accessed at Buckeye Link (buckeyelink.osu.edu).</p> <p>From the Faculty/Staff tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Link to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Faculty Center. -Link to the Online Reference Guide for the Faculty Center that provides an overview of navigation and functionality features. <p>From the Student tab:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Link to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the Student Center. -Link to the Online Reference Guide for the Student Center that provides an overview of navigation and functionality features. -Link to a video tour of the Student Center.
SIS Web Site	<p>The SIS web site at oaa.osu.edu/sis includes the SIS implementation timeline, as well as information about training, technical system requirements, communications updates, project background information, and FAQs.</p> <p>Need help logging into SIS or with SIS functionality? See a list of help desk contacts at oaa.osu.edu/sis/sis_get_info.php</p>
Fact Sheets	<p>These include more detailed information regarding SIS features or terminology, such as Academic Structure, Logging in to SIS, MARX shutdown, etc. Fact Sheets are located at: oaa.osu.edu/sis/cim</p>
Communications	<p>Updates about the SIS Project are provided monthly and are available in two formats: SIS Communications Update – provides an overview of upcoming system implementations and activities; the University Community Newsletter – provides more detailed information for system users about upcoming implementations. Both formats can be accessed at oaa.osu.edu/sis/communications.</p>
Introduction to Student Records	<p>This online course, available for self-registration through Carmen (carmen.osu.edu), provides an overview of new terminology in the system, in addition to introductory information for Student Records. Completion of this course is required before taking training related to Student Records and provides a good introduction to the details of the system. After accessing Carmen using your OSU Internet Username (name.n) and Password, click the "Join" link in the menu and select "Student Records Introduction."</p>

COMMUNICATING UPDATES-EMAIL YOUR TOPIC IDEAS

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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