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University Community Newsletter - August 2007



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

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.

The SIS Project: The transition from Legacy to PeopleSoft

It's been a very busy summer for all of us. The SIS Project continues to move forward and is currently developing our new system. A question that I'm often asked is "When will we stop using the Legacy system and begin using PeopleSoft?"

The short answer is: There will be overlap between the two systems when each PeopleSoft module (Admissions & Recruitment, Student Records, Student Financial Aid and Student Financials) is deployed.

The longer answer is: While all newly enrolled students for summer of 2009 and beyond will be entered in the PeopleSoft system as early as June of 2008. Current student Bio-Demo data will continue to be housed in the Legacy system until it can be converted to PS in June of 2008. This means that selected staff members will be working in two systems for a certain period of time in order to provide service to current and newly enrolled students. From June of 2008 through the summer of 2009, there will be subsequent incremental data conversions to keep Legacy and PeopleSoft working in unison. Some past student data will be converted from Legacy to PeopleSoft in approximately February of 2009. The overlap is necessary as it will allow us the time we need to convert thousands and thousands of student records to the new SIS. The Project Teams are currently working to shorten this overlap time between the two systems. We'll provide more detailed information on this topic as it becomes available.

HR is also going through a similar process in order to convert their historical data (past employees, etc.) to the PeopleSoft 8.9 environment. All these conversions are necessary to build a fully integrated system by 2010.

For more information about the Development Phase and Wave Implementations, visit: <http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/>

A LOOK AT THE SIS FUNCTIONALITY FOR ADMISSIONS AND RECRUITMENT - COMING IN SUMMER, 2008:



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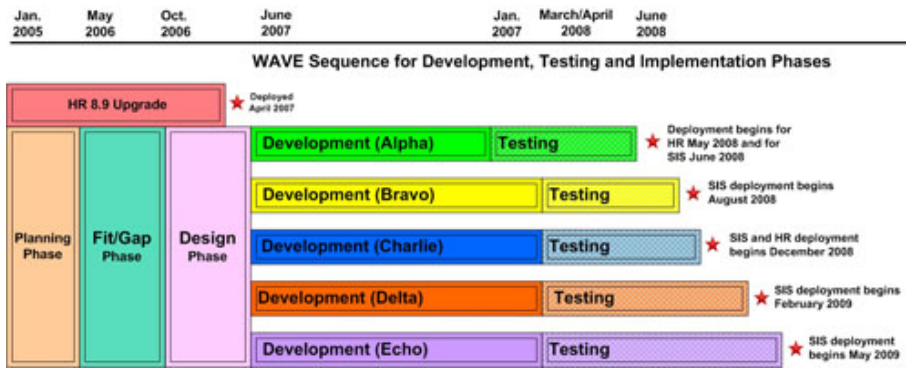
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Since system functionality will be deployed in waves, following the lifecycle of an OSU student, Admissions processes are scheduled to be used in production first.

- Applicants will continue to apply to the University via CollegeNet (3rd party software), as well as through other professional vendor application services. The Admissions Office will enter any paper applications received in a special CollegeNet administrative page, and will be uploading all application data into PeopleSoft using a standardized data load.
- Mass email notifications and letter generation from PeopleSoft will be implemented to send out acknowledgements and Incomplete Notices.
- The majority of Undergraduate applicants will be required to submit their standardized test scores electronically.
- Transfer credit articulation will be stored in DARS, which will interface with PS.
- UA/FYE will use Talisma to manage the recruitment of prospects.
- AME (system used by colleges to request GPA calculations and process departmental decisions) has been recreated in PS.
- Beginning with Admissions application requirements, students will be able to view a display of their pre-enrollment tasks by accessing a designated self-service page.
- The Orientation process will be managed in a new, customized component that will allow for greater flexibility in the reporting and session scheduling areas. A self-service page where students can obtain information will also be included, as well as a link to Residence and Dining Hall system.
- In PeopleSoft, Admissions matriculates the student before they enroll. Enrollment is a Student Records function.
- Acceptance Fee statements will be produced through PeopleSoft. Fee payments will be sent directly to the bank, and a data feed from the bank will then update records for both Admissions and Student Financials.

Next month, we'll take a closer look at two modules - Student Records and Academic Advisement.

SIS INFORMATION SESSIONS COMING THIS FALL

Want to take a closer look at the new SIS? The SIS Project Team will be presenting sessions to system users in the fall. The sessions will provide detailed information about the new SIS functionality for each business area. Additionally during the fall, a more general Information Session or Town Hall meeting is being planned for light system users and other interested staff, faculty and students. If you'd like to learn more about the new SIS, you won't want to miss these sessions! The dates and times will be announced in OSU Today.

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>

THE SIS PROJECT: MOVING FORWARD TO MEET OUR FUTURE!