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University Community Newsletter -September 2007



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

Welcome to the September 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 new SIS and student service

Happy September to you all! It's hard to believe that another academic year has begun. As we welcome new students to one of this country's greatest public research and teaching universities, I am reminded of all we have accomplished in the past decade to provide our students with a high quality, memorable learning environment. I am equally excited about the next few years and the completion of our new SIS (Student Information System), which begins its first implementation in the spring of 2008 when our Admissions area starts using the system.

The SIS Project initiative was developed to connect areas of academic excellence, and to provide an integrated and technologically advanced system that is able to meet the needs of our student population for many years to come.

How will the new SIS improve student service when it is fully implemented in the summer of 2009? A fully integrated SIS will provide students, as well as staff and faculty, with more comprehensive data and more accurate and timely information across the various service areas. For students, the benefits of an integrated system will be experienced first-hand every time they access the new **SIS Self Service web pages**. These pages will allow applicants to view the status of their admissions application. The Self Service pages will also include **"To do" lists** of items that are required for enrollment and will contain active links, when applicable, to documents that are needed to complete the application or enrollment process. Once enrolled, students will also be able to update and change their permanent and school addresses as needed, and to better monitor and respond to deadlines that must be met to continue their education at the university. In short, **Student Self Service pages** will allow staff to communicate more efficiently with students, and for students to respond more quickly to inquiries from our Central Areas, thus providing a win-win system for our students and the university. For more detailed information about the SIS Functionality Implementations, click on the Project Timeline tab at: <http://oaa.osu.edu/sis/>.

A LOOK AT THE SIS FUNCTIONALITY FOR STUDENT RECORDS - COMING IN JULY, 2008:



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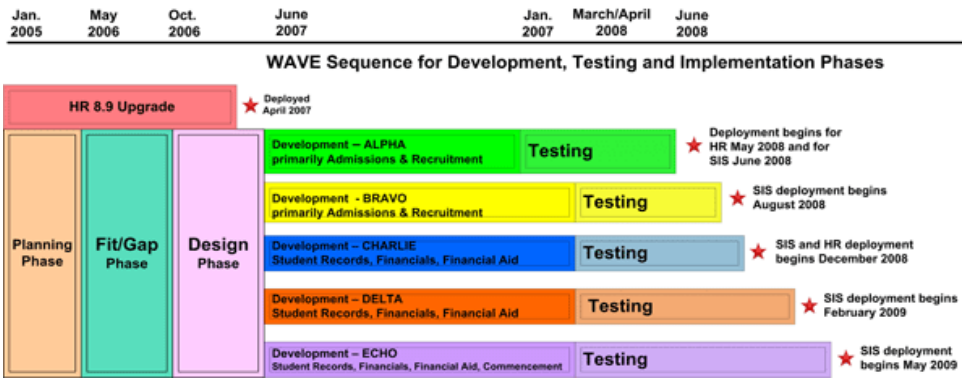
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System functionality will be deployed in waves, following the lifecycle of an OSU student. Admissions processes are scheduled first and were discussed last month. This month, our focus is on Student Records. New functionality for this module will begin in July, 2008 and continue through Summer of 2009.

Beginning July, 2008:

- Transfer Articulation – The IMS (Interface Management Systems) interface with the currently utilized DARS product and relevant supporting infrastructure will be available to support the evaluation and posting within DARS of transfer credit for transfer applicants.
- Course Data – The configuration and conversion of course catalog data will be completed to support the course scheduling and registration processes as well as the posting of transfer credit.

Beginning in December, 2008:

- SU/AU09 Schedules –The SU09, AU09 and W110 schedule of classes will be created using converted class schedule data from SU08, AU08 and W109. New modifications to the PeopleSoft Room and Event scheduling, as well as the conversion of facilities files, will also be completed by this time.

Beginning March, 2009:

- Law Pre-Requisites Complete – All course requisites will be in place for Law courses to utilize the requisite checking functionality when processing registration requests for SU09, AU09 and W110.
- Law Registration – Law students will register in Winter 2009 for SU09, AU09 and W110 classes.

Beginning April/May, 2009:

- Pre-Requisites Complete – All course requisites will be in place for courses to utilize the requisite checking functionality when processing registration requests.
- Non-Law – All students will begin utilizing the registration system in Spring 2009 for SU09 and AU09 classes.
- DARS –Degree Audit – Courses will be moved over from PeopleSoft to DARS and processed to tell a student what is fulfilled/missing based on their degree program.

Beginning June, 2009:

- SP09 Record Actions –Record actions for SP09 will be posted in the legacy system and then converted to PeopleSoft in SU09 so that both systems will be the same.

Beginning August/September, 2009:

- SU09 All Grades –Grade rosters will be run for the 1st, 2nd and full SU09 session courses.
- SU09 Commencement – Commencement for SU09 will take place on August 30th. Processes used to award degrees and complete program/plan stacks will be run and all custom reports used to support the commencement process will be in place.

Next month, we'll take a look at the implementation schedule for Student Financial Aid.

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 later in the fall. The sessions will provide detailed information about the new SIS functionality for each business area. Additionally, 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!