

LASER Project Steering Committee
Thursday, February 2, 2006, 1:30pm
Hemisphere Room

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Attending

Brian Arthaud-Day, Diana Blake, Lynn Carlin, Julie Cook, Jan Elsasser, Jennifer Gehrt, Rebecca Gould, Larry Moeder, Monty Nielsen, Keith Ratzloff, Carol Shanklin, Bruce Shubert, Betty Stevens, John Streeter, Harvard Townsend, Lloyd Walker

Absent

Al Cochran, Royce Haynes, Gary Leitnaker, Bob Stokes, Elizabeth Unger

Approval of minutes

The November/December meeting minutes were approved with no additional changes.

Admissions overview

-Admissions team lead Jan Elsasser and team member Julie Cook gave a Power Point presentation about the Admissions module. The presentation included a comprehensive list of workarounds that have been established by the Admissions and Technical teams, as well as the issues that must be resolved before June 1. Committee members received a handout of the presentation highlights.

Questions from the committee:

Is there anything within the OSS that verifies a true social security number (SSN)?

Not right now. Both the SAT and ACT will stop asking for an SSN for verification in the near future.

Will the address verification functionality be usable by everyone?

Yes. The functionality can be found in the **person details** area. When a student is first created in the system one address is used for the **Home**, **Ship To**, and **Bill To** addresses, but a student can change this address in the self-service section.

With the outstanding gaps and TARS, and the possibility that Oracle does not deliver, what is the likelihood of still going live on June 1?

The Technical team tries to develop workarounds when Oracle does not fix gaps and TARS. The major problem with this solution is that every time there is an upgrade to the system, the technical team has to fix all workarounds. There are ten outstanding TARS that need to be fixed. If Oracle does not fix these TARS, the system cannot go live.

The other iSIS modules also influence the go-live date. The Admissions module cannot go live if the Registrars module does not go live. It is necessary to determine which modules will go live before interfaces are created. The deadline for deciding on the final go-live date is March 1.

The Admissions team will begin basic mapping to SIS as a precaution to other modules not going live as originally planned.

What level of support will K-State want from Oracle as the new Fusion product is developed?

It would be wise to stay with the current level of support with the existing product because of the numerous workarounds that have been created to meet K-State's needs. This level of support includes both FIS and iSIS.

Is everyone able to test scenarios in IGS.M?

Yes.

Additional comments

-The Graduate School is experiencing the same issues as the undergraduate Admissions team. It is questionable if the graduate school admissions module will be running by June 1, 2006.

Responsibility for assessment of tuition and fees

-Dr. Rawson recommended that units maintain the status quo, and if there is still a push to change responsibilities after go-live, then they may do so.

-There was a question about whether the SEVIS compliance fee would be assessed at the same time as registration in the new system. Currently it is a very manual process. This issue will be looked into before the next committee meeting.

Financial Aid and Student Finance solutions to iSIS gaps

-There are still no solutions to the gaps in these areas. The teams are looking into a packaging model.

-The team leads will meet to discuss their reactions to the PeopleSoft demonstrations, and to consider options and other solutions for these modules.

-A meeting is being arranged with Oracle/PeopleSoft representative Mark Armstrong and the project team to discuss options. Dr. Rawson and Dr. Unger will also attend.

-A decision should be made by March over whether or not the team will meet the projected timelines.

Technical update

-Currently K-State hardware has been configured to the Oracle requirements. It is noted that Lansing Community College was also configured to Oracle requirements and experienced serious load problems after go-live.

-Mercury load testing software is needed to accurately determine whether we are properly sized for go-live. The project director will form a load-testing team to lead this effort.

iSIS update

-The team is still testing the new release M.

-Student trainer Brian Arthaud-Day is working with iTAC to develop training content and delivery plans. He will give a training approach overview at the next committee meeting in February.

-Training with the colleges began last year.

Other items for the good of the cause

-The new K-State homepage with single sign-on to the portal is set to debut on February 19. There needs to be a discussion about OID and KEAS issues with single sign-on to the Oracle systems.

-There has been no discussion about a formal change management process.

-There is no update on the DARS interface. Third party vendor IMS is still setting up the testing environment and has made no progress. The DARS interface is critical to the go-live date decision.

Next meeting

The next LASER Steering Committee meeting will be on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 1:30pm in Union 213. Send suggestions for agenda items to aimeeh@ksu.edu.