

LASER Project Steering Committee
Thursday, August 25, 2005, 1:30pm
Anderson 116

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Attending

Brian Arthaud-Day, Diana Blake, Al Cochran, Jennifer Gehrt, Rebecca Gould, James Guikema, Gary Leitnaker, Monty Nielsen, Keith Ratzloff, Ron Semarge, Carol Shanklin, Bruce Shubert, Betty Stevens, John Streeter, Harvard Townsend, Beth Unger, Lloyd Walker

Absent

Lynn Carlin, Larry Moeder

Approval of minutes

Add Betty Stevens to the “attending” list for the July meeting.

Introduction of Brian Arthaud-Day, student system trainer

-Brian Arthaud-Day comes to us from Indiana University where he was a computer networking instructor. He has spent his first months here familiarizing himself with the iSIS modules and learning the setups.

-Brian will soon be developing the training curriculum for end users.

FIS final update

-The FIS portion of the LASER project is complete, although FIS is not functioning to its full potential. They know they will need to get through an entire fiscal year to truly see how FIS is working and what needs to change in the system.

- The team is still working on the grants portion and internal reports writing. The FIS grants concept is different than what the campus is used to, including the budget process.

-A consultant is working with the team to assist with internal reports.

-After implementation it seems as though employees have a better understanding of what other co-workers do since the system is more integrated than what they have used in the past.

-It was recommended for the team to complete a lessons learned exercise in September as part of the KITO process.

iSIS update

-In September the student team would like to complete the production setup of all tables in order to avoid having to do this more than once before go-live. They are working with technical staff to determine how many times this will need to be cloned.

-The student team has been working on the detailed production go-live conversion strategy, which includes security access for KATS and SIS, downtime dates for the systems and go-live dates.

-Right now the go-live dates are as follows:

- May/June 2006, Admissions module (will process fall 2007 applicants)
- After December 2006, all other modules

-The team plans to pre-enroll students in SIS during the fall of 2006 (for Spring 2007 enrollment) and roll the information over to the new iSIS.

-While the Financial Aid module will be processing awards for the 2007-2008 academic year, there will still be a need to have FAMS running to complete processing for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Financial Aid

-The Financial Aid team hosted a conference call with Oracle and learned that most of the gaps will not be met. The major gap is the awarding rules engine. There is a need for complex functionality in this area to accommodate K-State's complex awarding process.

Additional notes on student system

-The next release, IGS.M, is the last version before Fusion is released.

-The assessment function in student finance is not working properly. The system cannot process the privilege fee. If Oracle does not provide this functionality, K-State may have to develop a front-end solution.

Other items for the good of the cause

-The question was posed on who has the authority to make policy decisions as the project moves forward. An example might be if a student is waitlisted for a 3-credit course, is this part of the 18-credit cap?

-Subproject II has been extended to September 30.

Next meeting

The next LASER Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 1:30 pm in Staterooms 1 & 2. Suggestions for agenda items should be submitted to aimeeh@ksu.edu. Aimee will change the meeting location for the next meeting.