

LASER Project Steering Committee
Thursday, October 27, 2005 1:30pm
Union 213

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Attending

Diana Blake, Jennifer Gehrt, Rebecca Gould, Royce Haynes, Gary Leitnaker, Monty Nielsen, Carol Shanklin, Keith Ratzloff, Bruce Shubert, Betty Stevens, Bob Stokes, John Streeter, Harvard Townsend

Absent

Al Cochran, Lynn Carlin, Larry Moeder, Beth Unger, Lloyd Walker, Fran Willbrant

Approval of minutes

The September minutes were approved with edits to the legacy database portion.

Introduction of new committee members

-Bob Stokes, professor of Civil Engineering, and student representative Royce Haynes were introduced as the newest members of the LASER Steering Committee. Haynes is also the technology coordinator for Student Government Association.

FIS Lessons Learned

-A draft of the FIS lessons learned summary was distributed to the committee for discussion. This report will be included in the final submission to KITO for the LASER project.

-The committee discussed the possibility of publishing an edited version of the document online. There was some apprehension of making it a public document because of the comments made in confidence by FIS team members. It was suggested that the Executive Computing Committee should view the final draft before sharing with other groups.

-The committee was asked to provide feedback on the document by Friday, November 4, 2005.

iSIS

-The questionnaire for the new Oracle Student System Customer Success Program is almost complete. Once finalized, a monthly conference call will be arranged to clarify the needs of the group and keep communications open throughout the duration of the project.

-The production database will be cloned next month for the testing environment; there is no intention to convert historical data at this time.

Registrar

-The Registration team has been working every week with the deans' offices and the sessions have gone well.

-There is concern over comments made by the deans' offices about acquiring work that is currently completed by the Registrar's staff. In reality, this is new work, not existing work. The new student system is highly decentralized, and offers many more features than the old student information system.

-Another concern is the ability to complete key projects such as electronic grades submission and the Army's centralized tuition assistance management (CTAM) program on time. Both functionalities will require interfaces to iSIS, but ISO staff continues to work on projects that are due before the LASER project deadline.

-There was discussion about the future of KATS functionality. Questions included what student self service functions will be transferred to iSIS, and what will happen to functionalities that are not carried over. The KATS marketplace is also an area of concern because it is tied to many other administrative systems such as student accounts. There is a possibility that a separate team is needed to look at the KATS marketplace more closely. It is still unknown how the portal will affect these issues, but it was generally agreed that the portal team should take the lead on resolving these questions.

-Harvard Townsend will follow up with Lloyd Walker and Neil Erdwein about these issues.

Customer Advisory Board (CAB) report

-An announcement was made that the base code from the existing Oracle systems will be used for the new PeopleSoft/Oracle products. The human resources and financial areas will be the first to be brought into the combined systems.

-A decision has not been made yet to use Discoverer as the reporting tool in the combined product.

-The next release M is still on track for an end of the year release. Oracle states that this is the most thoroughly tested version than in the past.

-CAB members voted to join the higher education user group, as well as the product advisory group (PAG). If Oracle agrees to this membership, then the CAB group would disband.

Other

-The data center is scheduled to shut down on November 19th from midnight to 8am for installation of the new generator.

Action Items

-The committee will provide feedback on the FIS lessons learned summary by Nov. 4.

-Harvard will follow up with Neil Erdwein and Lloyd Walker about KATS/iSIS/Portal functions.

Next meeting

The next LASER Steering Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2005 at 1:30pm in Union 213. Please send agenda items to aimeeh@ksu.edu.