SIS Project

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Why SIS?

For close to ten years UNI has been considering how to replace its aging Student Information System.

Our current system went on line in 1982:

- The database management system that has been the foundation, is non-standards based and is no longer being marketed by the vendor (CINCOM).

- This system is outdated technically, making it difficult to communicate with other systems or applications.

- The current architecture and applications were designed in a different era of information systems and, consequently, are not as flexible and easily extendable as needed.
Why SIS?

A new, integrated system will:

- Enable us to deliver improved services for students and faculty, including extensive self-service capabilities for many tasks that require staff intervention today.

- Provide significantly improved user access to information and reporting tools to improve administrator’s ability to see and address tactical and strategic challenges and opportunities

- Serve as a foundation for increased integration with other systems and technology necessary to more easily develop enhancements and new services in the future.
SIS Implementation

• Following 18 months of planning with input from across campus, UNI has acquired PeopleSoft Campus Solutions suite of software and has secured the services of Ciber, Inc. for assistance with implementation.

• The SIS Project Team and Technical Team have been announced and have been actively engaged in training that will start the process of moving forward into the new system.

• The Executive Steering Committee continues to meet weekly.
Project Phases

The methodology consists of five phases or prototypes:

– Prototype 1: Discovery
– Prototype 2: Configuration
– Prototype 3: Complex Customizations
– Prototype 4: Environmental Adaptations
– Prototype 5: Deployment
Expectations/Scope of Project

Three groups of features are being identified:

- **Gaps** occur when current functionality is not present “out of the box” with PeopleSoft. These gaps will be analyzed and solutions identified to filling the gaps.

- **New functionality** will be gained from the base PeopleSoft installation that is not available in our current system.

- **Future enhancements** will be identified that provide functionality our current system does not provide and is not delivered in the base PeopleSoft implementation.
Project Time Line

Go Live Dates

- Admissions
  - CRM (for Student Recruiting)
  - Portal
  - Department of Residence (Housing)
  - Financial Aid
  - Student Records
  - Academic Advising
  - Student Financials

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