

Lake Superior State University Banner Implementation Project Update #6

Project Schedule

- The Finance Team is scheduled to complete their 10th week of training the week of March 14th. They have a total of 19 training sessions; the 10th session is the half-way point and is a cause for celebration. There will be a YOU'RE HALF WAY THERE party for the Finance Team on March 17th from noon to 1pm in the Fletcher Center Conference Room. Please attend and show your gratitude for all the hard work and hours the Finance Team has given to the project.
- The Human Resource Module will start its implementation the week of March 21st.
- Luminis (My.LSSU) Content Administration training will take place the week of March 21st.
- The Finance Team will be back in training the week of March 28th to learn about Grants/Research Accounting.

Staffing

- Deb Faust announced her intention to retire from LSSU as of April 29, 2005. Her presence and her contribution to the Banner Project Team will be greatly missed.

Accomplishments

- Banner 7.0 was successfully installed! LSSU was one of the first schools to install the newest Banner version. Sean McNeeley, our SunGard SCT DBA did the install remotely.
- The Finance Team completed two additional weeks of training. Their training focused on rules, security & approvals and finance data mapping training.
- The Student Module started its implementation the week of March 7th. Their kickoff visit included an overview of the module and training on "General Person".
- The Administrative Computing Staff completed three additional training sessions: Introduction to Banner Administration, Finance Data Mapping, and Converter Toolkit Training.
- The Luminis Team participated in Content and Organizational Planning training. The team decided what information will be available on the campus portal and developed a communication plan.

Current Issues

- We have a training lab issue that needs resolution. The Rathskeller will be used for instructional purposes starting in the fall and will no longer be available for Banner training. In addition, the Library training room cannot be scheduled for the fall training until after the academic areas have had an opportunity to request the room for their needs. This creates a serious training issue for the Banner implementation. A location for a Banner Training Lab needs to be found, and the lab needs to be constructed before the end of the summer.

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