

Lake Superior State University Banner Implementation Project Update #9

Project Schedule

- The Admissions go-live is scheduled for the week of January 9th. Applications and inquiries for fall 2006 and beyond will be entered into Banner from that point on.
- The Advancement Team is scheduled for training the week of January 23rd.
- Joe Herbig will conduct Banner Finance budget training for the campus community the weeks of January 30th and February 6th.
- The Financial Aid Team will be in training during the holiday shutdown. Their consultant will be on campus January 4th and 5th to conduct training on Pell grants and direct loans. He will return the week of January 23rd for an additional week of training.
- The Human Resources Module will make its official debut the week of December 19th. (Don't forget the HR go-live luncheon at noon on the 19th!)
- The Student Team will be in training the week of January 16th.

Staffing

- Carol Alexander was hired as a temp in the Admissions Office to help with their Banner implementation.
- Cindy Peterson was hired as the Alumni Office temporary Banner support.

Accomplishments

- The Human Resources Team successfully made the transition to the Banner system. Our first paycheck of the new year will be produced in the Banner system. The HR Team worked very hard to make their go-live a success. The HR Team is a very small one, which makes their accomplishments all the more noteworthy.
- The conversion of general person records from the legacy system into Banner is complete. This was an extremely large, time-consuming

project. (190,000 students and staff records were brought over.) As part of the conversion efforts, legacy data was “cleaned” before being brought over into Banner to help insure that the Banner system has up-to-date and accurate information. Special thanks to Bob Parry for his hard work on the conversion.

- Daretha Huntz and Juliana Cox successfully implemented the Campus Loan Manager system. CLM replaces our LMS legacy system. This two-member team did an awesome job!
- The Financial Aid team has completed six training visits. They are on schedule for their go-live. Financial aid for the fall 2006 semester will be processed in the Banner system.
- The Business Office and Purchasing Office have successfully utilized the Banner system to conduct their daily business and transactions since July. Staff members are becoming proficient on the new system.
- The Advancement Team has completed five training sessions and is approximately half-way through their implementation.
- The Xtender system (Banner document imaging) was successfully installed.
- Eighteen members of the campus community were trained on the use of our new report writer Discoverer.

Current Issues

- The conversion of the general person records took much longer than expected which has impacted the rest of the Student Module conversion efforts. There is still a lot of conversion work to be done before Admissions can go live the week of January 9th.
- The Business Office has had difficulty producing a monthly budget report for the department managers. This is mainly due to the fact that they are experiencing a few problems with the crosswalk of transactions from the remaining IAPlus systems (payroll, student billing, advancement, etc.) into Banner. Until they are able to post all the entries that failed to post due to the crosswalk problems, any reports that they could pull from Banner would be incorrect. This issue is currently in the process of being corrected and budget training will take place in January.

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