

University of Nebraska at Kearney Student Information System Project Frequently Asked Questions

Why are we switching to PeopleSoft?

The Student Information System software currently in use at UNK, UNL, UNO and the three Nebraska State Colleges is SIS Plus from Sungard. Sungard has announced that support for SIS Plus will cease on December 31, 2011. The Student Information System is critical to the operation of a college or university and it must be vendor-supported. Because ERP solutions are very expensive, the NU campuses and the Nebraska State Colleges collaborated on a Request For Proposals. Oracle's PeopleSoft Campus Solutions was chosen from the RFP process.

What is ERP?

ERP stands for Enterprise Resource Planning. The university is an "enterprise" and an ERP solution integrates all functions—financial, human resources and student information—into one administrative system.

What functions will Campus Solutions affect?

Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, Student records, Advising. In addition, third party products will be utilized for Housing, Degree Audit, Classroom Scheduling and Document Imaging.

Will my job change?

If you work in Academic Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, Finance Office, Graduate Admissions, International Admissions, Residential and Greek Life, Student Records, or in any position where you regularly utilize SIS Plus, then your job will change. The Campus Project Team will offer training for everyone whose job does change. The implementation of PeopleSoft Campus Solutions provides an opportunity to review our business processes and make changes that will result in greater efficiency and better responsiveness to the needs of our customers.

What are the benefits of PeopleSoft?

For faculty, staff and students, we can offer web-based any time, any place access with 24x7 system availability. We will have the flexibility to implement change in a more timely manner and to implement best business practices. Services will be consistent across the NU campuses. Administrators will have improved access to information with data for decision support available on a timely basis.

Who is managing the project?

The Project Manager is Rory Weaver. His office is in Lincoln. The Project Director for the University of Nebraska system is John Fiene, Associate Vice Chancellor for IT at UNO. The UNK Campus Project Manager is Kim Schipporeit, Director of Records and Registration.

When will we start using PeopleSoft Campus Solutions?

Students will apply for admission for the Fall Term of 2010 using PeopleSoft Campus Solutions. That admissions process will begin in October, 2009. Registration for the Fall Term of 2010, which takes place in April 2010, will use Campus Solutions. (Summer 2010 will use the old system.)

What data will be converted from the old system?

Enrollment data going back to 1990 will be converted, including course information and student information. Undergraduate admissions applications going back to Fall, 2000, will be converted. Graduate admissions applications going back to Fall, 2006, will be converted. The old SIS application data and enrollment data will be available through 2013, and even then, all data will be archived and could be retrieved if needed.

How long will this project take to complete?

Implementation began in the fall of 2008 and PeopleSoft Campus Solutions is scheduled to be live in August 2010. Because of the complexity of the student system, it is likely that not all functionality will be converted and operational at that time, so implementation will continue beyond August 2010.

What happens to WebEASI and WebSMART?

WebEASI and WebSMART will be replaced by the PeopleSoft portal, which will be called MyBLUE.