Successful Go-lives

As of October 1, the SIS Project has successfully overseen four go-lives: the course catalog (course history) and three technical interfaces that connect iSIS to Tufts' admissions systems within Arts, Sciences and Engineering (undergraduate admissions), The Fletcher School, and the Public Health and Professional Degree Programs at Tufts. We are happy to report that all SIS Project go-lives have been uneventful. We will continue to implement admission interfaces through the end of October.

Request a copy of the iSIS Implementation timeline (seen below) from sisproject@tufts.edu, or visit go.tufts.edu/sis.

The SIS Project, in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research and Evaluation, will evaluate and compare how students, faculty and staff across the university experience SIS today as well as how they will experience iSIS in the coming years. We will administer one survey to each group this October and administer a similar survey next fall and two years from now.

All students, faculty and staff who use SIS, SIS Online, or HSF Online today, are invited to participate in this assessment. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. We are grateful for your input. The deadline for this survey is October 31st.

Tufts Students: http://tinyurl.com/SIS-StudentSurvey
Tufts Faculty: http://tinyurl.com/SIS-FacultySurvey
Staff who Use SIS: http://tinyurl.com/SIS-StaffSurvey
iSIS Implementation Progress

Year two of the SIS Project focuses on implementation. Our development team has begun work on just over half of the development items necessary to build the new Integrated Student Information System. As of mid-September 2012, we completed 18 development tasks, tested more than 60 items, and have begun to work on about 32 development projects (see below “Overall Development Items in Progress” graphic). Although a simple count cannot tell the whole story, we feel encouraged to have accomplished a lot in a short period of time.

Similar progress is being made with our data conversion efforts. For each data conversion project, we are mapping data from the current SIS (or another related system) and coding technical interfaces to migrate the data. Then we begin the iterative process of loading the data, validating the data, and then cleaning the data, which may take several passes. Of the twenty-six planned data conversion projects, sixteen are in progress.

Finally, we have begun to develop a portal interface for iSIS, which should make the new Integrated Student Information System friendly to students, faculty, and advisors when they log into iSIS next semester. Stay tuned.

Friedman Student Affairs Migrates to Boston in Fall 2013

As a result of the SIS Project, Friedman Student Affairs will migrate from Dowling Hall to the Health Sciences Campus in fall 2013. This consolidation of efforts will put Friedman’s bursar, registrar and financial aid support on one campus, which eliminates the need for students to travel to Medford to manage their administrative tasks. To prepare for this change, the Friedman School hired a new registrar, Matthew Hast, formerly Friedman’s admissions director. Matthew is a member of the iSIS implementation team and will devote much of his time this year to building the new student information system and planning Friedman’s transition to the iSIS environment.

Updated Web Content

If you haven’t visited the SIS Project’s website recently, check it out at go.tufts.edu/sis. We’ve updated it to include information about iSIS, training, documentation, our timeline and progress.

Over a three year period, from July 2011 through the summer of 2014, the SIS Project will implement the new Integrated Student Information System (iSIS) with PeopleSoft Campus Solutions as its technology core. For more information about iSIS or the SIS Project, email sisproject@tufts.edu or visit go.tufts.edu/sis.