TRANSITION TO ISIS

iSIS becomes Tufts’ system of record for student academic and biographical data on August 19, 2013. On and around this date, the SIS Project team will orchestrate a series of go-lives and begin to limit our use of legacy SIS. The period of dual system maintenance will diminish significantly. The temporary Enrollment Interface that kept SIS and iSIS in synch, will cease. In summary, after August 19, iSIS will fully replace SIS Online and HSF Online. New functionality includes transcripts, the ability for students to edit contact information, and minor modifications.

More information is available at http://go.tufts.edu/sis and https://it.tufts.edu/isis.

TRANSCRIPTS (EXPECTED GO-LIVE AFTER AUGUST 19, 2013)

After iSIS becomes Tufts’ system of record for student academic and biographical data, students will be able to view their unofficial transcript and request an official transcript in iSIS. Transcripts can be found under the “Request” menu.

One benefit to this change: students at The Fletcher School, the Sackler School, TUSM’s Public Health Programs, the Cummings School, and TUSDM, will no longer need to visit their registrar to request a transcript in-person. These schools now support online transcript requests in iSIS.

As a result of the iSIS implementation, students will no longer be charged for a reasonable number of official transcripts (specific policies will vary by school). Students who have attended multiple schools are eligible to receive the University Transcript, which combines records of all Tufts schools (as opposed to multiple, separate school transcripts). TUSM will follow a slightly different process to produce a University Transcript: they will generate a Medical School Transcript out of StuART and a second transcript out of iSIS.

Advisors also have access to their advisees’ unofficial transcripts. Their view will be located through the iSIS Advisor Center after 8/19/13.
SUMMER 2013 ADMINISTRATIVE/FACULTY GRADING (EXPECTED GO-LIVE AFTER AUGUST 19, 2013)

This year, there will be a “hard” deadline for online grading. Faculty will need to submit grades for the summer 2013 term in the legacy system by 6PM on Friday, August 16, 2013. All grade adjustments after that date will need to be manually entered into iSIS by the registrars, which may result in a delay.

GRADUATION (EXPECTED RELEASE IN SEPTEMBER 2013)

At the end of September, students at some Tufts schools will begin to apply for February graduation in iSIS. In this new process, students will have the opportunity to confirm the name they want on their diploma and their diploma mailing address. Once they have applied for graduation, students will also be able to track the status of their graduation approval process in iSIS. Status lines (e.g., “In Review” and “Further Work Required”) will vary by school. Some statuses will never be visible to students since they will be cleared behind the scenes.

A benefit to tracking graduation in one system: Registrars will be able to consistently track the approval process of a student’s graduation status online. In the past, most schools used some kind of shadow system to handle graduation. In addition, some degree of automation will enable staff to move batches of students from one status to the next, which will save time spent manually entering the status of students.

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONALITY RELATED TO GRADUATION (EXPECTED GO-LIVE IN OCTOBER 2013)

The commencement booklet is an example of administrative functionality that will be made available soon after iSIS support for Graduation goes-live. As of July 2013, the Student Records team plans to build reports that will generate data for the commencement booklet, generate lists that go to the Trustees for approval, and so on.

ACCESS FOR PARENTS AND AFFILIATES

At this time, access to student financial information in iSIS is only available to students. The iSIS implementation team is currently working on a new way for parents and affiliates to access student financial information based on a student’s approval. We will let you know when this functionality is available, likely sometime during the fall semester.

Updates will be made available on the SIS Project website, http://go.tufts.edu/sis.

SHIFTING GOVERNANCE

After iSIS becomes Tufts’ system of record for student academic and biographical information, we still have significant work ahead of us. We need to update our PeopleSoft software, design and schedule development work in support of summer school, and other not insignificant tasks. That having been said, by September 2013, we will have built iSIS.

We have begun to focus on the SIS Project’s stabilization phase, during which we hope to fine-tune iSIS, continue the knowledge transfer that occurs from our partners at CedarCrestone to Tufts staff, and identify the people and skills needed to care for and enhance the new system. This work will continue into the future.