



iNtegrate Project Bulletin

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to coordinate the Nevada System of Higher Education information systems into a functioning, unified whole

Catching up with iNtegrate-- Board and Presidents Choose Students First

Dr. Kenneth McCollum and consultant, Phil Goldstein focused the Board of Regents squarely on the iNtegrate Project at their November 30th meeting. Their joint presentation covered:

- What is Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)?
- What is driving the need for the Nevada System to pursue an ERP?
- What resources does an ERP implementation require and why?
- How can the System expect to benefit from an ERP implementation?
- ERP drivers for Nevada
- Is doing nothing an option?
- Results of the analysis completed to date
 - o Software choices
 - o Potential costs
 - o Implementation options

Possibly inspired by the presentation, the Presidents voted to select the Student Information System component for implementation first!

At the January 26th Board of Regents meeting Regent Wixom, Chair of the Board of Regents Technology Committee, presented a well received follow-up on the iNtegrate Project. The follow-up included information regarding the formation of a group, led by Dr. Jane Nichols and members appointed by the institutions' presidents, whose purpose was to write the vision for the student services module implementation. This vision's principles and value added statements will guide the overall process for implementing the student services module.

Dr. Nichols provided a report at the March 6, 2007 Board of Regents Technology Committee meeting. The opening statement follows and the entire document can be viewed on the website: <http://integrate.nevada.edu> under "student first" (on the left).

Today's students are particularly savvy when it comes to web-based technologies. They come with high expectations for state-of-the-art web portals, interactive information systems, and real-time decision-making information. Unfortunately, students who attend Nevada's public colleges and universities are confronted with technology that is outdated and outmoded.

The primary rationale for a new information system relates directly to student access and success...



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Following the Process

Site visits were completed, evaluation team reports were written and a final, combined report was given. All of this work has culminated in a review leading to the next steps and revealed that more questions needed to be asked of the vendors before proceeding with negotiations.

At the January 17, 2007 Board of Regents' Technology Committee meeting, general counsel, Bart Patterson was charged with leading an effort to put together an addendum to send to the vendors related to RFP 7540 which was also made the official RFP that will be considered. Bart is working with project consultants, the project Steering Committee, Evaluation team leads, Director of Purchasing and others as needed to prepare this very important document.

At the March 6, 2007 BOR Technology Committee meeting, Chief Counsel Bart Patterson reported that the addendum questions have been reviewed and activities, such as workshops on universal ID and collaboration are moving forward in order to be ready with information to hold negotiations beginning the second week of April.

Also during the Board of Regents' Technology Committee meeting, a job description for the overall iNtegrate Project Director was reviewed. Some changes were made with direction to begin to work on the recruitment.

Parallel to all of these activities have been a series of questions and answers to the legislature regarding this project.