iNtegrate Project Bulletin

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

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"I am quite frankly without words to express my personal and professional sense of loss," said Chancellor Dan Klaich. "Robyn Render was an inspiration to me on so many levels and a peerless servant and employee of the System."

Render joined the Nevada System of Higher Education in August 2009 as Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. In that position, she oversaw the operation of System Computing Services and played a critical role in the launch of Nevada's first integrated system-wide student services application.

From July 2008 to June 2009, Render served as iNtegrate Project Director and IT Strategist for the implementation of the $30 million PeopleSoft Campus Solutions and related applications for seven NSHE institutions.

Previously, Render held the position of Vice President for Information Resources and Chief Information Officer for the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

She earned an A.S. and B.S. in Information Systems from the University of Cincinnati, as well as an M.A. in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

iNtegrate Pilot Campuses "GO LIVE"

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In August 2010, after two years of collaborative activity, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Truckee Meadows Community College, NSHE's two pilot institutions for iNtegrate, successfully achieved "go live" with the new student information system. All students enrolled in or applying to UNLV or TMCC will be using the new system.

The first of the student modules, Recruiting and Admissions, went live at the pilot institutions in fall 2009. On August 23, 2010 and August 30, 2010 respectively, UNLV and TMCC went live with the Student Records, Financial Aid, Student Financials and Registration.

The new student information system works to the expectations of today's students, with an intuitive, personalized single point of access available 24/7. Students can now conduct most business entirely on line.

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One remaining module, Academic Advising, is planned for implementation at both UNLV and TMCC before the end of the year.

Regent Michael Wixom was one of the many driving forces behind the iNtegrate project, serving as a member and chairman of the Technology Task Force for several years after joining the Board in 2005. He recalls that at that time, NSHE had nine separate and inconsistent student information systems that had no capability of sharing information with each other. "By fall of 2011, every NSHE institution will have the ability to share information with each other," said Wixom. "In addition to providing accurate, real-time information to students, it will allow the regents, presidents and the chancellor to have almost instant information as well. Not only is it a great service to students, it's an excellent managerial tool for monitoring enrollment patterns and reporting to the Board of Regents and the State."

Daniel Klaich, NSHE Chancellor commented, "Coming in on time and under budget, this new system not only achieves cost savings through economies of scale, it more importantly improves the student experience and allows our faculty, staff and students to invest more of their time in the classroom than dealing with outdated technologies."   The iNtegrate project has received no state appropriations.

Project has met goals and objectives: ⬤

Co-Pilots Begin Campus Solutions Implementation

In April 2010, Phase 2 of the iNtegrate project commences as the co-pilot institutions, the College of Southern Nevada, Great Basin College, Nevada State College, Western Nevada College, and the University of Nevada, Reno implement Oracle Campus Solutions for their students.

As in the pilot phase, the first module to be implemented will be Admissions, targeted to rollout in fall 2010. The remaining modules, Financial Aid, Student Records and Registration are scheduled for staggered implementation dates between November 2010 and March 2011.

Implementation of an NSHE ID, a single identification number that will be used at all NSHE institutions to identify a student as they move from one NSHE institution to another or attend multiple institutions simultaneously, as well as a Data Warehouse. Both these components are designed to improve the level and quality of service to students, improve accuracy and timeliness in reporting, and make real-time information available to students, faculty and staff.

Project meeting goals and objectives: ⬤

Students Join the iNtegrate Project Team

For spring 2010, the iNtegrate Project Office kicked off an initiative to enable NSHE students to become active members of the iNtegrate project team.

Two students, with interest in Information Technology and Project Management disciplines, were hired to assist with project management activities at the co-pilot campuses in preparation for their rollout.

Kelsey Pratt, a UNR student, worked with the College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College, and Nichole Achey, also a UNR student, worked with Great Basin College and Western Nevada College. The students assisted the campus Project Leads monitor and track progress on the institutions' implementation plans, gather status reports from the institution team members, and implement the institution's communication plans, cascading iNtegrate project information to institution channels.

Upon graduating, Nichole Achey was hired by Hewlett Packard due to the valuable experience she gained by working on the iNtegrate project.

The initiative confirmed that student team members' role was effective in assisting the iNtegrate project office and institution implementation efforts. However, we also learned that assisting institution efforts remotely was not easy to do.

As a result, for the fall semester 2010, each of the co-pilot institutions has recruited a student from within its own student ranks, enabling them to work side-by-side with the members of the institution project team. As before, student project assistants will assist with implementation plan monitoring, communication plan implementation, and other support duties as defined by their Project Leads.

Welcome to our new student project team members for fall semester, 2010:

> Cesar Vega – Western Nevada College
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> Micheline Craig – Great Basin College
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> Jacob Bakke – College of Southern Nevada
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> Jacob Camp – University of Nevada, Reno