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College Participation Increases as Project Progresses

College and district project leadership have been very active throughout the fall semester in moving toward the implementation of the new student system in October 2007.

At the end of September, district completed a major milestone in the upgrade of our systems to the 8.9 version of PeopleSoft. This first pass of the upgrade included re-implementing the majority of the modifications and enhancements from version 8.0 into version 8.9.

By mid-November, the second pass was completed which lead the way to increased college participation in system testing, business process design and review, and allowed the district to move forward on the final series

of modifications to the system.

All colleges have been participating in system testing that will continue throughout the spring semester. System testing has required a major commitment of college resources but is a critical activity to ensure that the system is working properly.

With the new system comes the opportunity for a change in Maricopa's culture of provider based services to online self-services. Students will be able to search across the Maricopa system for classes. Class search features include the ability to search for a specific course or subject (e.g. Psychology) by a specific day or time. A person will be able to search for any class on M.W.F. at 10:00am. Faculty will also have

access to view and print class rosters through the faculty self service feature.

Key updates and decisions:

- Expected go live date is October 15, 2007.
- Maricopa will use the delivered functionality for the student invoice. The current form that has been used for years will no longer be available, but students will have access to print schedules from home or from any computer.
- Eleven pending modifications will be delayed until after the October 07 implementation date. Workarounds will be developed to meet colleges needs until the modifications are completed.

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District Project Web Site

The district has updated its web site with current project information. The project status reports are listed, in addition to links for all colleges' SIS project web sites. SIS Updates from the project leadership are also available. The updates are a bi-weekly communication tool used to keep

MCCD target audiences informed on project issues, timelines and critical activities related to the new SIS implementation. Each update provides a synopsis of the project progress with highlights from project leadership groups. The district project website can be accessed at:

<http://www.maricopa.edu/nss/>





Maricopa Connecting for Success

As the project theme suggests, SIS will leverage students, faculty, and staff to connect and enable lifelong learning. The fully integrated, web-based Student Information System (SIS) will be implemented in October 2007.

New Student Information System Continued...

- A district fund was created to assist colleges with hiring temporary employees for the college offices who have been given primary responsibility for the project.
- Business processes are being addressed on a district level to ensure common processes whenever possible.
- The recruitment module will be implemented after go live.
- Evaluation of a reduction of scope of the degree audit functionality was initiated and a recommendation is pending.
- A detailed review of a draft plan to involve faculty in the areas of self-service usability testing, training, and general communication strategies was also completed.
- A district wide communication plan is being developed.
- A demonstration of faculty and student self-service modules is being developed for use across the district.
- A User Productivity Kit (UPK) product was purchased by district to create on-line training materials that will be accessible from any computer within the SIS application.
- District is working on the preparation of services for the new Oracle environment.

Will I have the same account with the new System?

With the new system comes a new way to access your SIS account. Employees will use their Maricopa Enterprise ID as the new SIS username and the same password as their memo account (email password).

If you do not know your enterprise ID, it can be found on Maricopa's Personal Administration Tool (PAT) on the district web site. This is the

same place you go to update your memo password. In the bottom third of the page under the "Additional Information" heading you will find your Enterprise ID. It is comprised of 5 letters and 5 numbers. The link can be found on the Phoenix College web site on the Technology Services home page. When you update your memo password it will auto-

matically update your password for your SIS account at the same time. Faculty will have an account with access to the Faculty Self-Service feature which will provide access to class rosters and other information, as well as for submitting final grades.

Security has not yet been set for most accounts but will be updated as the roles are recreated for the 8.9 version.

College Access to 8.9

EASIS (Early Access SIS) Plus 8.9.1 version is now available to the colleges with Legacy SIS data as of 9/18/2006.

Access EASIS from the district SIS web site:

www.maricopa.edu/nss

- Select Project Intranet in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
- Enter your memo username and password .
- Select EASIS Plus on the left side of the page.
- Select open.
- Select EASIS Plus Log In.
- Enter your Enterprise ID and memo password.

Once in EASIS and on a specific screen, training guides with Maricopa data will assist with questions. Click the help button and then UPK for assistance.

Not all accounts have been activated or access finalized at this time. Contact Mary Blackwell for additional information.