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SIS Update

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Glendale Community College is a Maricopa
Community College, EEO/AA institution.

Glendale Community College is excited about the arrival of the new Student Information System (SIS) that will replace the 21-year-old Legacy SIS. Although Legacy SIS has served us well and exceeded its life expectancy, the new SIS will allow us to serve students in new ways. The SIS includes five modules that will bring new functionality to each of these areas.

- Recruitment and Admissions (AD)
- Academic Advisement/Curriculum (AA)
- Student Records (SR)
- Financial Aid (FA)
- Student Financial Services (SF)

TRAINING

Many learning opportunities will be available to assist faculty and staff during the transition phase to the new SIS including:

- PeopleSoft 101 sessions
- Web Learning Assistant (WLA)
- Monthly Midas training, which will be posted on the Training and Employee Development (TED) web site at www.gc.maricopa.edu/ted. Grades in Midas will upload to the new SIS, eliminating the need for a separate grade posting process.
- Exposure through the Early Access Student Information System (EASIS) database, which provides the opportunity to "touch and feel" the new SIS as developed to date.
- Function specific training (i.e., cashier, financial aid, admissions, records, registration, faculty, department secretaries, and others).

Many college's have transitioned from legacy-based systems to PeopleSoft systems and are now enjoying its success.

- DePaul University
- Grand Rapids Community College
- Kentucky Community and Technical College
- Northern Arizona University
- Santa Clara University
- Texas Christian University
- University of Louisville
- University of Michigan

RESOURCE 25 (R25)

In conjunction with the new SIS, the District has purchased a resource management software package called Resource 25, or "R25", from CollegeNET, Inc. R25 is an event scheduling software which will be used to schedule college activities and events in conjunction with classroom scheduling. In addition, it allows for:

- quick space and resource scheduling
- price quotes and billing
- the entire campus calendar (academic and non-academic) available in one location
- automatic posting of events to the web calendar
- event views by day, week or month
- custom-sorted lists
- extensive reporting options

The Web feature will provide a powerful and secure method of campus-wide communications and workflow. Phase one of three phases is scheduled for implementation in fall 2004. R25 will share building and room data with the new SIS.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

In order to best access the new Student Information System (SIS), PeopleSoft recommends as a minimum the following combinations of web browsers and client operating systems.

Windows

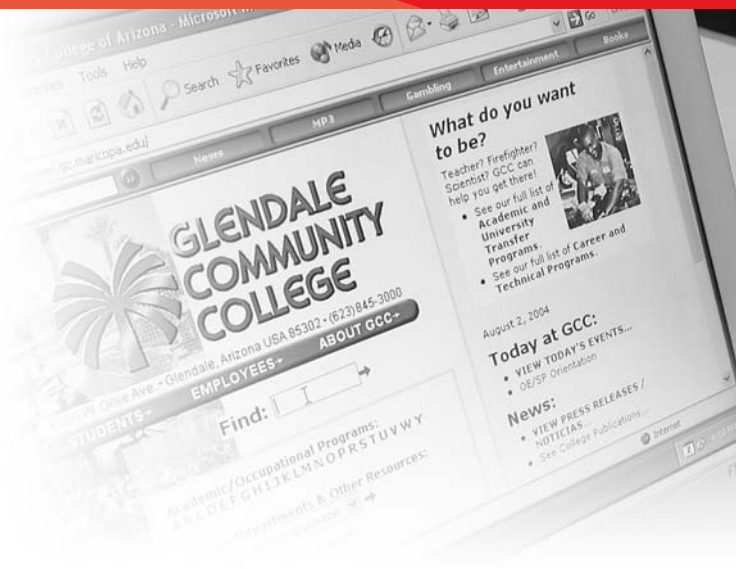
- Internet Explorer 6 on Windows 98, NT 4, Windows 2000 and Windows XP
- Internet Explorer 5 and 5.5 on NT 4, Windows 9x, and Windows 2000
- Netscape Communicator 4.7x on NT 4, Windows 9x, and Windows 2000
- Netscape Communicator 4.72 on Linux

Apple Macintosh

- Internet Explorer 5 on Mac OS 7.5 and above

Hardware Requirements

- 256 MB RAM (32 minimum)
- 800 MHz Pentium or equivalent processor (133 MHz minimum)



TERMINOLOGY

One of the most basic components of any system is terminology, and there are at least 60 new SIS terms associated with the new system. Subsequent SIS newsletters will introduce new terms that will become part of our daily vocabulary. To get you started, here are a few of the more frequently used terms.

Current Legacy Term

Department
Academic Division
College
Section Number
Course Bank
Charge Center
Social Security Number
Admissions
Registration
Catalog Year
Semester
Hours Completed
Navigation

New SIS Term

Academic group
Academic Organization
Campus
Class Number
Course Catalog
Department
National ID
Quick Admit
Quick Enroll
Requirement Term
Term
Units Passed
Bread Crumbs



TIMELINE AND MILESTONES

December 2004–March 2005

Deployment

The successful implementation of SIS requires knowledgeable users. A train-the-trainer program will be implemented to train college trainers who will in turn train end users. Tutorials like the Web Learning Assistance (WLA) will be available to demonstrate end-to-end processes using the new PeopleSoft SIS.

September 2004–December 2004

Full System Test

At key points, various testing procedures will be implemented to ensure the functionality of each component works satisfactorily. Focus group input will be evaluated to determine such things as usability, unmet system needs and training needs.

January 2003–August 2004



System Start-up

Here's where we are now. The District Project team is developing system functionality to support credit, non-credit, and skill center transactions. They are building the connections between SIS components so they communicate effectively between functional areas. To see a demo of the process, visit the District web page at www.maricopa.edu/nss and look under "presentations and events."

January 2002–December 2002

Baseline

The District teams met with the college groups (financial aid, admissions, etc.) to identify key processes within the current SIS. This information/data was then used to help map processes within the new system to mirror the current SIS functionality

FACULTY CORNER

The new Student Information System (SIS) will be configured and implemented to allow one-stop self-service for faculty, staff and students through a collaborative, learner-focused process. Currently, faculty and staff often use multiple systems to gain information about their classes and students. The new SIS will provide faculty with one-stop Web self-services not currently available in the Legacy SIS. Features include:

- Ability to enter grades online
- Access to class rosters
- Access to class enrollment

Interest Survey

Please e-mail gccnss@gmail.maricopa.edu if there is a topic you would like more information about in the next issue of the SIS Update newsletter.



WHAT'S NEW

- The new Student Information System is divided into three components called “**careers**”—Credit, Non-Credit and Clock Hours. Students will select the “career” that matches the type of class for which they are enrolling.
- Social Security numbers will no longer be used as primary **Student ID Numbers**. When students are added to the new SIS, they will automatically be assigned a unique identification number. This unique identifier is one component of a student’s “Bio Demo” data. A Social Security number in the new SIS is referred to as a “National ID” and will be a secondary identifier used for the purposes of financial aid, veteran benefits, tax credits and other processes that require Social Security numbers.
- “**Bio-demo**” (demographic) data will be located in one database called the “Campus Community,” and will be shared among the Maricopa Colleges. If a student enrolls at PC and subsequently enrolls at GCC, GCC does not need to re-enter Bio-demo information about that student. GCC simply locates the student through a “Search Match” process. Bio-demo data includes name, address, telephone number, birth date, e-mail address, etc.
- Semesters, or **Terms** as they are called in the new system, are coded differently in the new SIS. In the current Legacy system spring 2004 is coded as 20042 (calendar year 2004 and 2 denoting spring). In the new SIS, spring 2004 would be coded as 4042, as follows:

4	04	2
Century	Year	Term
4 = 2000 3 = 1999	2004	2 = Spring, 4 = Summer 1, 5 = Summer 2, 6 = Fall

- The new SIS will allow classes to be classified by **Instructional Mode**—the method used for delivering instruction. This field will be used for reporting purposes and will display in the printed and online class schedule. Classes will be classified by one of these Instructional Modes: In Person, Internet, Print Based, Mixed Media, Hybrid, Field Based and Independent Study.