



NEW STUDENT  
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# SIS Update

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### Back on Track

As Chancellor Glasper informed the Maricopa Community in late September of 2005, the New Student System implementation scheduled for February of 2006 was delayed since “the work that is remaining to be done will not permit us to go live without incurring significant risk to our student services.” Since that time a thorough evaluation of the project has been completed and a new go-live date of October 2007 established.

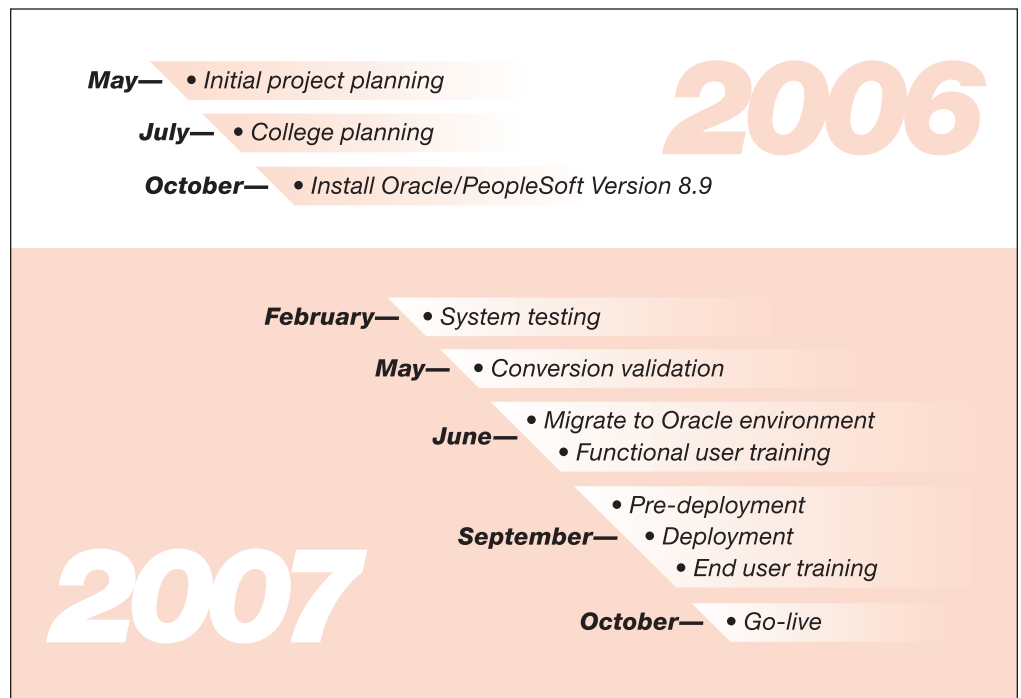
The project has been re-invigorated at all levels, both at the District Office and at the Colleges. A renewed commitment to the project is readily apparent given the following:

- Formation of the Project Oversight Group (Key District and College Administrators)
- Expansion of the district-wide College Implementation Team to ensure all councils are represented
- Addition of a Project Consultant/Project Manager from CedarCrestone (Consulting Firm)
- Detailed Project Plan development at the District and College Levels
- High Level Project Status Reporting- Regular SIS Updates and Project Dashboard

At GCC, College Implementation Team meetings have continued and the pause has allowed us to re-group and better plan and prepare to manage this project at the college level. Keeping the College Community informed along the way is a top priority and key dates and activities will be regularly communicated as we move forward with this critical project for improving service to students, faculty, and staff.

### Major Project Milestones

The following provides a high level overview of Major Milestones related to the New SIS implementation:



## Version 8.9

Initially, the plan was to implement version 8.0 PeopleSoft/Oracle Student Administration application as this was the “latest greatest” version available. However, PeopleSoft/Oracle has since released version 8.9. In early spring 2006 the Project Oversight Group, based on College CIT and District IT recommendations, decided to implement version 8.9 of the PeopleSoft/Oracle Student Administration application. This version offers significant additional functionality, particularly in the area of self-service for students, faculty, and staff as well as a more stable environment for our future growth. For example, the additional functionality allows searches for classes across all the colleges or for a list of open humanities classes, meeting on MWF between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at a particular college. Faculty members will have access to view and print class rosters through the faculty self-service functionality.

## New SIS Web Site

A new website (<http://www.maricopa.edu/nss>) has been released for the New SIS Project that will contain biweekly



information updates including a project status report. This new website is intended for external constituents of the project where the previous website was intended for those highly involved in the project. The information from the previous website will still

be available through a separate intranet website dedicated to the day to day project management of the project. Information specific to GCC's implementation is located at [www.gc.maricopa.edu/nss](http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/nss).

## Special Challenges for Financial Aid

Implementation of the new student system will pose special challenges for both staff and customers of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. At any one given time, due to the complexity of financial aid award years, financial aid will be dealing with three calendar years. This will require the use of both legacy and the new SIS during implementation. Interfaces between the legacy and the new SIS will be developed in order to accommodate the interchange of financial aid related information between the two systems.



However, this will require that Financial Aid staff be logged into both systems, possibly requiring the use of two computer monitors in order to facilitate the necessary interaction between the two systems. This setup will be utilized by the Financial Aid staff for processing aid through the summer semesters of 2008 and through the fall reporting period for that award year. Your patience during this transition period will be greatly needed and appreciated!

## College Resources

Adequate staffing at the college level to ensure successful implementation has been the focus of discussions at both the College Implementation Team (CIT) and the Project Leadership Teams (PLT) meetings. On July 6, representatives from the Administrative Services and Student Affairs VP councils met and reviewed an Issue Paper addressing the concerns that the current level of human and fiscal resources allocated at the college level is not sufficient to support the required level of participation during implementation in FY07.

### Recommendations include:

- Allocation of a minimum of 3 FTE per college (average per week through implementation) ranging from CIT leadership to hands-on training and testing.
- A combination of additional resources and backfill of existing resources will be necessary to ensure a successful implementation.
- At minimum the following college resources are required: 50 – 60 percent release time for College Implementation leadership; 1 FTE (PSA 10 or MAT 1 level) assigned full time to the college implementation; and hourly wages for various backfill requirements.

A funding proposal has been submitted and is currently under review.