



**NEW STUDENT  
INFORMATION  
SYSTEM**

# SIS Update

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### System Testing Underway

The new Student Information System project continues to move toward the anticipated “go-live” date in Oct. 2007. One of the major tasks begun in November of 2006 was system testing. System testing is anticipated to conclude in February 2007. College personnel will spend many hours testing version 8.9 of the New System. Testing is expected to ensure the following: the software design and requirements work with MCCCDC custom modifications; that software is functional, reliable, user friendly, and maintainable; and that software holds up under high volume. Included in the testing plan are all functional areas; the reporting functions; and “end-to-end scenario testing.” The latter refers to testing a “complete life cycle of student usage”



beginning with the front end of the cycle (admissions) to the back end of the cycle (graduation), and all processes in between.

### GCC Student Involvement

GCC students have helped test one component of the new Student Information System and provided feedback regarding its functionality and navigation, the Student Personal Administration Tool (SPAT). The SPAT tool will allow students to create their own user accounts for the new System.

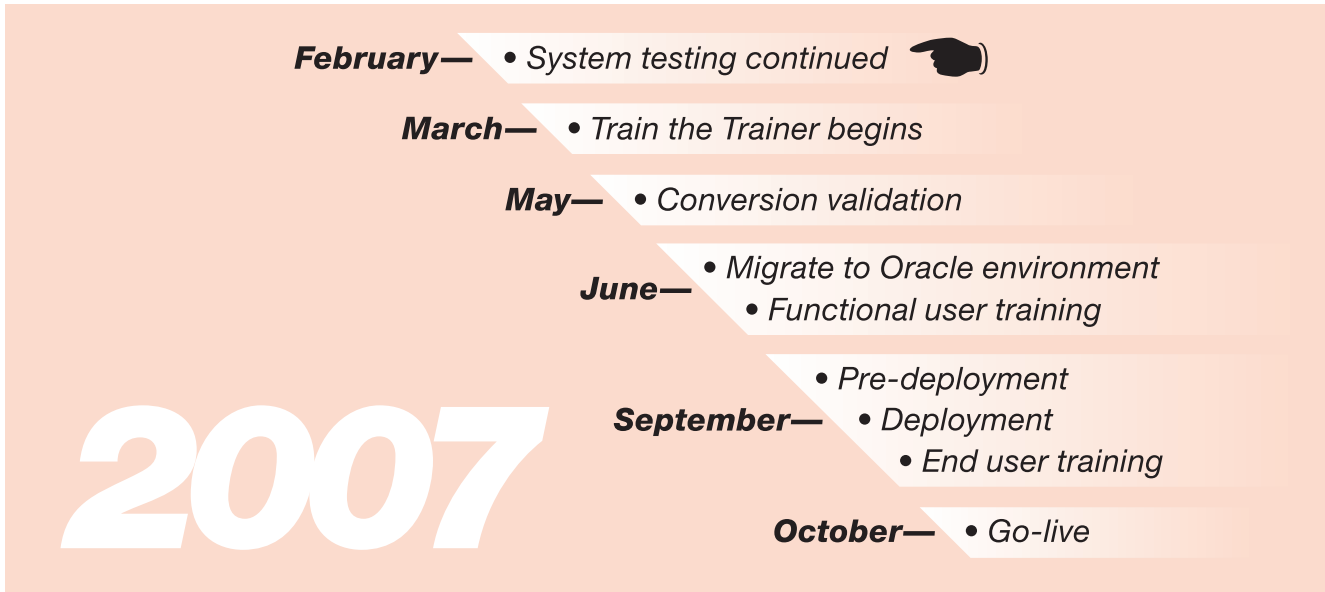
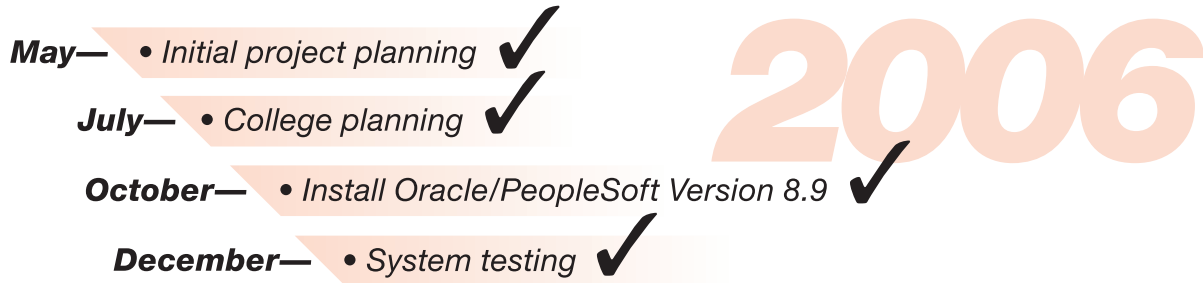
### Student Self Service

A working group of Deans of Student Affairs has begun developing a business model for the student self service portion of the new system. Given the increased student self service functionality of the new system, a greater emphasis will be placed on students accessing and utilizing these new features across Maricopa Colleges. The group will be reviewing the functionality of the Student Self-Service system and recommending 1) Maricopa-wide business processes that will be common across all the colleges and 2) business processes that should be at the discretion of individual colleges. Students will be able to:

- Search for classes across the Maricopa Colleges
- Submit a Student Information Form
- View enrollment appointment
- Add classes (system will check for prerequisites)
- Add themselves to a wait list for a full course
- Drop classes
- View class schedule
- View grades
- View enrollment holds
- Request official and unofficial transcripts
- Change their mailing address, telephone and email address



**Looking Ahead**



**New SIS Feature**

PeopleSoft version 8.9 has a robust student wait list capability that will allow several features. The wait list function can be applied at the class level and when “turned on” will allow students who attempted to enroll in a full class to be added to a wait list. Once a slot in the class opens up, students will automatically be “added” to the class through an overnight batch process. Wait lists will also provide faculty and division chairs the opportunity to respond to higher than expected demand by opening new sections for courses with a critical mass of students on the wait list.

**Efforts to Involve Faculty**

Efforts to involve faculty will center on the self-service component of the new Student Information System. The self-service functionality will include grading, class rosters, and class schedules. The following goals have been developed for self-service:

- Self-service should be intuitive and an easy experience for the end user.
- Self-service should provide functionality to support faculty, adjunct faculty, and non-paid instructors in both credit and non-credit courses.
- Shift from provider-based services to on-line self-services.

There are three primary areas of focus for involving faculty with the new Student Information System: 1) usability testing of self-service functionality, 2) training faculty to use self-service functionality, and 3) information dissemination to faculty.

Usability testing with faculty will occur in February and March of 2007. “Just-in-time” training will occur in August and September of 2007. Details regarding these key activities will be forthcoming.

**GCC Planning and Project Status**

GCC’s project teams have established project plans that roll up into the master college project plan.

The college master project plan and a project status dashboard are available on the web at: <http://www.gc.maricopa.edu/nss/>.

