

SYSTEM INITIATIVES

Board of Regents' Strategic Initiatives

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LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE Integrated Information System

Description:

Integrate the University System's various enterprise information systems into ONE in order to increase student access and services, improve academic coordination, and increase administrative efficiencies.

Rationale:

- 1) Montanans expect the MUS to operate as a SYSTEM.
- 2) One integrated information system will give the MUS the potential to:
 - Improve access and affordability by allowing students to seamlessly enroll between campuses:
 - complete one application for admission that works for all MUS campuses;
 - combine enrollments from multiple MUS campuses on a single transcript;
 - package financial aid based on multiple campus enrollments
 - Establish virtual college capabilities that combine assets and opportunities from all campuses
 - Reduce duplicative IT costs
 - Centralize some administrative services (ex. payroll)
 - Increase opportunities for joint academic programs
 - Standardize data codes in order to produce quality and easily accessible information

Ideas/Concepts/Funding:

- The MUS current approach to integration is to take incremental steps separated by each side of the system.
- A single system approach could be accomplished in one major effort or incrementally separated by major functional areas (HR/Finance/Student).
- Network connectivity, data storage, and centralized capacity are major concerns.
- Diverse business practices (i.e. fee tables, chart of accounts) will present significant challenges.
- Numerous types of third party software implemented by the campuses, in addition to Banner, make this task even more complex (ex. library system, central directory, learning management systems, campus cards, student recruitment tools, etc.).

MUS Strategic Plan:

Goal #3 Efficiency & Effectiveness – Information Technology: *Develop an integrated information system with the goal of maximizing administrative efficiencies, allowing for seamless student enrollment between campuses, and promoting consistent business practices across all institutions.*

http://www.mus.edu/data/StratPlan/14_Goal_3_Information_Technology_2011.pdf