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DEGREEWORKS PROJECT SOARS TO NEW SUCCESS

Information Technology's Project Management Office (PMO) continues to provide project leadership on behalf of the Registrar's functional project to implement the student retention completion platform, DegreeWorks.

Targeted for August 1, 2016, two years of the Undergraduate Course Catalog will be available to support current students, potential transfer students, academic advisors and graduation audits, along with the Registrar Office's functionality. To ensure the DegreeWorks platform is student and advisory-ready by August 1, a soft rollout has been scheduled for July 4.

Through the collaboration of the Registrar's Office, Project Management Office, other Information Technology departments, campus advisors and colleges, project tasks have been completed on time, and in most cases, ahead of schedule, such as:

- Block scribing 100% complete. Block scribing represents the formatting of the 2015-16 Course Catalog for use in the online computer application.

- Block review is 99% complete, putting the Block Review Team ahead of the 75% completion date scheduled for March 7. Block review represents the verification of the formatted Course Catalog information for each academic program.

- Course Catalog validation is 75%



complete, putting the Web Review Team ahead of the 40% completion date scheduled for March 7. Twenty advisors are validating the Course Catalog information in the online format of the degree audit status for undergraduate students.

When asked about the success of the DegreeWorks Project, Arden Lockwood, Project Manager, stated, "When I was invited last summer to contribute my Project Management expertise on the DegreeWorks project, I recognized that cross-campus participation and accountability would be a crucial element to our success.

Tamara Workman, Registrar, has intentionally engaged various stakeholders during the planning and analysis phases, such that the project team members have clearly understood their roles, responsibilities and opportunities to contribute to the important validation tasks. Sustained, consistent teamwork will continue to be an asset as we all seek to deliver a high-quality, on-time solution to benefit our students, advisors and administrators this August when the DegreeWorks platform is released."

The Project Management Office would like to thank project stakeholders for their continued collaboration and support. Each week the DegreeWorks Project reaches new successes; it is only because of the project team and other stakeholders that these successes are achievable and maintainable.

Stay tuned for more Degree Works updates, including:

- Functional training II is scheduled for the week of March 7. The project team looks forward to learning more about DegreeWorks configuration during this time.
- Second round of web review likely to be scheduled in early March.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NOTES

SharePoint Migration

The Enterprise Systems team has completed migration of the on-premises SharePoint farm (<https://sp.siu.edu>) to Office365 SharePoint Online. This migration involved moving all documents, folders, lists, calendars and other “intranet” data for all units across campus that were using SharePoint. Permission to each SharePoint page, document, folder, list, etc., were also transitioned.

Access to the on-premises SharePoint farm (<https://sp.siu.edu>) has been locked to avoid any data mistakenly being added to the “old” system. While folder names and documents remain the same, the URLs are a bit different. For example: <https://sp.siu.edu/acad/YourSiteHere> or <https://sp.siu.edu/adm/YourSiteHere> is now <https://saluki.sharepoint.com/sites/YourSiteHere>.

Finally, know that some references such as web parts for InfoPath forms and other web page objects may need to be set up again to point to the correct form, list, or file.

Security Scams

Two scams are currently active on campus:

A phishing/phone spoofing scam became active on campus during the week of January 25. Callers identified themselves as being from Human Resources. It appeared that the caller was seeking departmental information and began with questions regarding SIUC and the people in the department. IT’s advice is to be cautious of what information you share and contact scam@siu.edu to report suspicious calls of this nature.

An email scam was also reported as active on campus during this

time frame and targeted SIUC employees. The subject line of the email read “Southern Illinois University Paperless W2 Program.” This program does not exist. In the case of a phishing scam, IT’s advice is to always refrain from clicking the link in the email, delete the email and contact scam@siu.edu with details of the incident.

Scams are now a part of our everyday life and other scams may also target the campus, so students, staff and faculty are reminded to always be aware and to report any further scams. For additional questions, contact security@siu.edu.

IT Day

“Aspects of Change” will be the theme for the next IT Day. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the day on August 10. Details about speakers and activities will be coming soon.

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