

DATATEL COLLEAGUE/DARS IMPLEMENTATION NEWSLETTER

August 2007

This is the first newsletter being sent to the Grossmont-Cuyamaca faculty and staff to provide information on the progress of the Colleague and DARS implementation projects. It is planned to send out a newsletter once each quarter and/or as significant events occur.

Summer Activities

In June and again in July, representatives from Admissions & Records, Counseling, Instruction, Academic Senate, Cashiering, District Business Office, Financial Aid and Information Services attended Business Process Analysis workshops. The goals were to define existing business practices and identify opportunities to streamline processes as the new student system is implemented. A number of excellent recommendations were put forth and will be considered during the implementation process.

Go-Live Dates

The current target date for DARS (degree audit evaluations) will be September/October 2007. Colleague will be used for the Student System beginning Summer 2008. These systems will replace the existing SRS/HP systems. The SRS system will continue to be used through the Spring 2008 semester. Following is a high-level summary of upcoming go-live dates.

Component	Date	Description
Courses	August 2007	Course catalog
Class Sections	October 2007	Schedule of classes for Summer 2008
DARS	Sept/Oct 2007	Degree audit evaluations

Conversion Activities

Staff from the Offices of Instruction have been entering course information into Colleague. This activity includes bringing courses from the two colleges into alignment. This activity will be complete by the end of August 2007. Section information from Summer 2007 will be converted into Colleague as Summer 2008 data and will serve as a starting point for developing the Summer 2008 Class Schedule in Colleague. Information Systems staff continue to work and test conversion of student data from SRS into Colleague. This data includes biographic, demographic, application, matriculation, test scores and associated placement, advanced standing, academic history and other identified information.

Upcoming Fall Activities

The following demonstrations and training are scheduled for the Fall semester:

WebAdvisor for Faculty	Monday, August 13 th @ 9:00	Cuyamaca
WebAdvisor for Faculty	Tuesday, August 14 th @ 10:30	Grossmont
WebAdvisor for Faculty	Tuesday, August 14 th @ 4:00	Cuyamaca
WebAdvisor for Faculty	Thursday, August 16 th @ 3:00	Grossmont
Colleague Navigation Training	To be scheduled during Fall	Grossmont/Cuyamaca/District

Questions or Comments?

If you have questions regarding the Colleague/DARS implementation, please contact the following:

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