



The Angle

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News from the Drew 360 Project

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The Beginning of a New Adventure

On June 28, 2010, President Weisbuch sent a message to the Drew community informing them of this project. Here are a few excerpts.

This week, the university will embark on an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project, a long overdue campus-wide initiative that will replace AIMS, our 30-year-old administrative software, with SunGard Banner, a suite of newer, more advanced programs.

The implementation effort will be overseen by an executive committee, which I have asked Alan Candiotti, assistant vice president, university technology, to chair.

I have also asked the executive committee to ensure that the conversion process includes a thorough review and updating of our business processes. We would be missing a major and multifaceted opportunity if we did not explore how they might be streamlined or improved upon to better serve students, staff and faculty.

While we have a lot of work ahead of us, I am confident in our community's ability to meet the challenge and am excited about the enormous benefits it will yield for Drew. The leadership of the project is committed to its successful completion and will do its best to keep everyone informed about progress.

"Banner will provide enhancements from many departments on campus and will create a robust, integrated database to help us work efficiently and better serve our students."

Alyssa McCloud

"The Drew360 project provides an opportunity to the University to dramatically improve services to our students, faculty and staff. The state of the art technology included in the Banner product will allow us to be so much more productive and able to use the data in our system to a much greater advantage. The project also provides us with an opportunity to evaluate and improve many of our business systems."

Howard Buxbaum

Today, the University formally launches Drew 360, and commences Phase One of the University-wide implementation of a suite of software to replace AIMS and CampusWeb. SunGard Banner has been selected to be the core software with other software products to assist in areas not served by Banner. Banner is used in over 1600 educational institutions throughout the world which will allow Drew to take advantage of a broad knowledge base with a company dedicated to higher education.

Drew 360 is scheduled to take two years for the implementation of the core products (Phase One) and will bring new functionality to all administrative offices. It will also ultimately bring a new web interface portal to all Faculty, Staff and Students. Strata Information Group (SIG) will provide Drew assistance with project management, functional area training and consulting. Additional phases will continue once the core applications are installed. These will include additional uses for document imaging, workflow, electronic vendor invoicing, on-line payments, improved event scheduling and much more.

As you can see, Drew 360 is all encompassing. There will be opportunities for the Drew community to assist the teams in their implementation. The community can follow the progress of the project online at drew.edu/360. Periodically, emails and newsletters will be sent updating you on the project's progress. If you have any questions about a particular area, you can contact the appropriate Team Lead.

Executive Steering Committee:

Name	Role	Title
Alan Candiotti	Chair	Assistant Vice President, University Technology
Axel Larsson	ERP Project Manager (Drew)	Systems Architect and Director, Enterprise Technology Center (ETC)
Monica Crawford	ERP Project Manager (SIG)	Project Manager, Strata Information Group (SIG)
Mike Richichi		Director, Computing and Network Services
Pamela Gunter-Smith	Executive Sponsor	Provost and Academic Vice President
Alyssa McCloud		Vice President for Enrollment Management
Howard Buxbaum	Executive Sponsor	Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs
Peggi Howard		Vice President for Administration & University Relations
Dave Muha		Chief Communications Officer

Team Leads:

Team	Lead	Title
Student Steering Committee	Alyssa McCloud	Vice President for Enrollment Management
Admissions	April Vidor	Associate Director, Admissions Operator
Bursar	Kelley Parsons	Bursar
Catalog/Schedule	John Mucciogrosso	Associate Dean of the College
Financial Aid	Renee Volak	Director of Financial Aid
Registration/Records	Horace Tate	Registrar
Student Services/Student Life	Frank Merckx	Assoc. Dean of Campus Life & Student Affairs
Data Standards	Chris Van Wyk Karen Yeaw	Director of Institutional Research Sr. Application Developer & Consultant ,ETC
Documentation/Training	John Saul	Application Developer & Mgr. of Consulting Services, ETC
Finance	Frank Maltino	Controller
HR/Payroll	Deborah Raikes-Colbert	Director of Human Resources
Portal	Tryon Eggleston	Webmaster
Technical	Russell Sprague	Applications Administrator & Consultant, ETC

For the latest on the implementation, go to:

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