

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST

UTMB is implementing a new student information system, ORACLE's Campus Solutions version 9.0, to replace the old mainframe system which has been used since 1994. The new software package includes the following modules: Recruiting and Admissions, Student Enrollment, Academic Records, Financial Aid and Student Financials. The new system will greatly enhance the customer experience for students, faculty, university leadership and administration by providing a portal interface and powerful reporting capabilities. Some highlights made possible by the new system are:



- Integration of all systems so that students do not have to log into several systems to access their data
- Enhancement of the fee assessment process
- Enhancement of the ability to monitor that student fees are deposited into the correct accounts
- Providing enhanced on-line services to students (financial aid, admissions, registrar functions and alumni)
- Providing integration with WebCT/Blackboard for the schools
- Providing enhanced on-line services for faculty and faculty advisors.

Many universities in Texas and an increasing number of University of Texas healthcare and academic components have been successfully using ORACLE's Campus Solutions for several years. UTMB will be working with an experienced implementation partner, CIBER, to transition from the old mainframe system to the new system. The Campus Solutions product suite will be implemented in phases over the next two years starting with the release of Recruiting and Admissions late spring of 2010. All users will be trained prior to the launch of each module. Representatives from CIBER met with students, faculty, university leadership and administration the week of September 21st to learn about their goals for the implementation of Campus Solutions.

The schools as well as a number of support areas will be working together to implement this new system over the next two years, and we will update you as this project progresses. For more information, please contact Vicki Brewer (vbrewer@utmb.edu) or Frank Valiulis (frvaliul@utmb.edu).

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