

LMIS minutes, March 28, 2014

Present: Jane Carlin, Denise Despres, Amy Fisher, Martin Jackson, Emily Menk, William Morse, Cindy Riche, Bryan Smith, John Wesley

Visitors: Travis Nation (Deputy CIO and PMO Director), M.K. Smith (TS Communications Manager), Vikram Nilakantan (Student, ASUPS Director of Technology Services, and member of the ERP Steering Committee)

Despres convened the meeting at 3 pm. The minutes from March 7, 2014 were approved.

Nation gave an update on the Project Management Office's current, recently completed, and "Sprint Schedule" projects. Summary information for a selection of the projects is available at <http://www.pugetsound.edu/pmo>. He summarized the current status of projects associated with the Student Information System, Human Resources, Financials, Other Systems, indicated the projected go-live dates, and pointed out a number of recently completed projects. He also explained a "sprint", and summarized the status of some of the projects on the Sprint Schedule including their projected go-live dates. The Sprint Schedule can be accessed from the <http://www.pugetsound.edu/pmo> page.

M.K. Smith then described the status of the implementation of the myPugetSound portal (also accessible from the <http://www.pugetsound.edu/pmo> page) that will provide streamlined access to PeopleSoft and will eventually replace most of the functionality of Cascade. She noted portal planning is currently in the discovery process and the Portal Advisory Group is working to determine development and support options for implementation. She also showed the committee the opening pages from several implementations of the portal at other universities that illustrate some of the features available in the portal. Unfortunately, most of these universities require a sign-in to see deeper pages. She then introduced Nilakantan and his mock-up of the portal .

Nilakantan used his mock-up to show how various PeopleSoft features can be embedded into a single page seen by the user. For example, a student might have her or his academic schedule, financial information, and work schedule all accessible from the same page. Although there will be a MyPortal page that end-users will be able to configure, most of the pages the end-users will see will be pre-configured and available as options they can select. Part of the work of the Portal Advisory Group (and the Project Management Office) will be to develop easily-maintained and highly-usable options that meet most of the needs of all types of end-users. To this end, Nation, Smith, Nilakantan, and Jackson asked that LMIS look into how best to determine useful configurations of portal pages and how to communicate to faculty the benefits of the portal over the basic, less user-friendly PeopleSoft pages.

Despres adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Smith