Project Status Report – February 2003

Highlights for February

- UWF finalized contracts with SCT for licensing and maintenance of the Banner system, as well as for system implementation services. Ms. Marge DuFala is assigned to UWF as our SCT project manager. Her on-campus office is in Building 37.
- SCT staff installed the initial version of UWF’s Banner system at the Central Florida Regional Data Center (CFRDC) in Tampa, which will be our system hosting site.
- The preliminary project training and consulting plan was finalized through May 2003.
- UWF staff participated in joint planning meetings with other Florida universities who are converting to Banner.
- UWF held an on-campus demonstration of AppWorx, the job scheduling and process flow system that will be used in conjunction with Banner.
- ITS’ training room was upgraded to accommodate the needs of the Banner project.
- UWF received the required approval of our preliminary transition plan from the state’s Chief Financial Officer.

Next Month

- SCT on-site consultants will conduct the initial information gathering and analysis sessions for the Human Resources system (March 18-20).
- Oracle technical training begins for information technology staff.
- Work begins on preparing project work space.
- Approximately one dozen UWF staff will attend the Banner annual users conference.
- The Banner project campus communications program will begin.

UWF’s Banner Project Web Site
is located at http://uwf.edu/uwf.banner.

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TO: University Planning Council Information Technology Committee

FROM: Michael Dieckmann  
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RE: February 2003 Status Report

Following is a brief status update report, covering the time period since my last report of January 30.

SCT Banner ERP System Project

UWF finalized contracts with SCT for licensing, maintenance, and implementation services earlier this month. This week, we will complete installation of the initial base system at the Central Florida Regional Data Center. The project Coordinating Committee has been actively meeting, and is finalizing the staffing plan for the implementation teams.

Ms. Marge DuFala is our on-site SCT project manager; her office is in Building 37. Workspace for the project is also being created in Building 37. An initial training and on-site consulting schedule is posted on the project web site at http://uwf.edu/uwfbanner. The main concentrations of the next two months are training and needs analysis activities.

Twelve UWF staff members will attend the SCT annual users group meeting in early March. UWF is working closely with other Florida universities that are converting to Banner.

LMS Selection Project

On-site demonstrations from five vendors occurred last week. The LMS Selection Committee is meeting tomorrow to decide on next steps in the selection process.

Research Network Initiative

UWF is making a commitment to participate in the Florida National Lambda Rail Consortium, a group of Florida universities that is building a high-bandwidth intra-state research and education network as part of the National Lambda Rail (aka "Internet3") initiative. More information on the project will soon be available on the ITS Online web site. The NLR network will eventually provide high-bandwidth connectivity to Internet1, Internet2, and regional research and education networks.
Student Services

To date, approximately 200 students have utilized the anti-virus software site license.

Recently, a new function was added to the COMPASS system that allows UWF students to request and pay for transcripts on the web.

ArgoNet II

Conversion to the ArgoNet II environment is scheduled to begin on April 29, after 9:00 AM (which is the grade posting deadline). The conversion is expected to be completed by May 2. This will affect services in ArgoNet computer labs. This conversion will migrate the ArgoNet environment from Novell to our new storage infrastructure. More details will be forthcoming soon.

Policy and Charter Process System

ITS was commissioned to produce a web-based system for the President’s Office and Faculty Senate to automate the policy and charter generation and amendment process. That system was recently demonstrated to the Faculty Senate, and should enter production soon. Information on this and other projects is available in the “Plans and Projects” area of the ITS Online web site.

ITS News

Recent ITS News items on the ITS Online web site (its.uwf.edu):

- ITS Engineer Carl Howell Interviewed by Network World
- COMPASS Now Allows Transcript Requests and Payments
- CONNECTIONS Spring 2003 Training Calendar
- UWF Partners with Network Appliance to Improve ArgoNet Storage