GoSolar Implementation Team  
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The minutes of the October 18, 2002 meeting were approved as distributed.

GoSolar has registered close to 20,000 students. As of November 14, about 19,300 students have successfully registered for Spring Term generating 220,000 credit hours. Students are not reporting many PIN problems for spring, but are running in a lot of closed classes. Tim expressed concern this would cause with Incept in December/January. Students are reportedly happy with the GoSolar Registration system. Bill explained money would be an issue with colleges funding additional classes due to budget cuts. In addition to the already 10% budget cut which was covered by the tuition increase, another 3% cut is expected.

Cherise will meet with Joann and Dave to discuss and develop a proposal for a Fee Rec on December 19. It was suggested having a Fee Rec similar to the one done fall semester and possibly increasing the $25 threshold for holding classes. The proposal will be discussed at the next Implementation Team meeting.

Checking for simple pre-requisites for spring 2003 is going extremely well. Students are being accurately blocked from classes and there has been no harm to the system. Based on this, starting with registration for summer 2003, each college will be allowed to have as many simple pre-requisites checked as they wish. A simple pre requisite is defined as a single course that is a pre-requisite for a subsequent course. If all goes well with summer 03 registration, a limited number of more complicated checking for courses where more than one pre-requisite is required will be introduced. Bill will send a memo to the Deans announcing this plan and forward a copy to Carolyn to get to the schedulers.

Enrollment numbers for spring show that 300 new students have already registered. Bill stated the systems needs to be tighten up to prevent new students from registering this early. Tim will send an email to the registered new students informing them that advisement is available. Tim stated this will impact the number of students that show at up INCEPT.

The priority list for system support was reviewed. Cherise distributed a revised list which indicates the programmer assignments. In reference to the budgetary implications, Bill feels the projects are doable with the existing budgets by sticking to the priority list. Ongoing maintenance support items have the highest priority. Resources will go first to fixing whatever is broken. For items on this list, programmers need to be included in departmental discussions of cyclical processes. In Progress critical needs are giving the highest priority of new projects. Priority (not critical) Needs are things that are wanted to get done, but not as critical as In Progress critical needs.

Diane requested that SPEEDE (electronic transmission of transcripts) be added as a future project. This system-wide initiative went away with Banner and is not a priority for the state. Diane will contact Georgia Perimeter and see if their resources and interest are still involved in restarting this project. Cherise will contact Tonya at the System level to see where they are in getting this back operational. It was suggested limiting SPEEDE to Banner schools to set a more realistic time line.

Student on-line evaluations of faculty start on Monday. Cherise sent an email that went out to all students and college contacts about the process. Each college is responsible for distributing this information to their faculty. The Robinson College of Business has requested a new orange box in Aderhold to collect the paper evaluations. There are no more resources to move and/or service a box in the Aderhold building.
Cherise and Dan will talk with Steve Kaminshine regarding handling the grades for courses that start in one semester but only the grade in the second semester counts. Bill stressed a modification or complicated script will not be done to accommodate this process.

Dan and Diane gave the Admissions update. Admissions is waiting on conversion issues to be resolved. The Undergraduate Admissions office is keeping up with processing applications. Dan reported an opened admissions meeting is held every Thursday for discussion of issues and sharing information. The SIRS issues are helping to get things cleaned up and have identified inconsistencies in how the colleges enter information such as admit type, prior college, degrees and things they didn’t do in the past but have to be done now. A suggestion is to default prior college degree to Bachelor. Admissions issues are more work load issues as opposed to something not working in Banner preventing staff from working or inputting data.

Academic history conversion is still going on. The GPA script (borrowed from Valdosta College) that will merge quarter and semester hours for GPAs is not working correctly. It does not calculate correctly. It is critical for HOPE, but more so for transcripts and grades over the next few weeks.

Dan H. reported OIIT had a slight learning experience with GSU’s transmission of SIRS data as it was not prepared for GSU’s size and the transmission killed OIIT’s editor several times since it had a maximum limit of 600 errors. The report run usually took about eight hours and OIIT machines were down from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Some of the errors involved codes on the Regents end that created a loop in the transmission. Keith will make some phone calls and try to find out the issues.

The review of the PACE form and discussion of CAPP timeline issues was postponed for a future meeting. Tim reported he had seen a demo of CAPP and will articulate what CAPP is missing in terms of functionality and ease of use. Tim indicated he would probably have a request for resources to make some modification and the timeline for implementation is Fall 04.

Keith reported some faculty are asking their students to write down their email addresses indicating a need for more advertising to faculty of information included on their class rosters. Bill stated he wanted to back away from openly encouraging students to forward their GSU email accounts to their personal email accounts. Instead Bill wants recommend that students use their GSU email account as their primary email account since it is more stable and more generous space for attachments is available.