

February 2011: Prinsys to Program Navigator Campus Update

The Web-based *PROGRAM NAVIGATOR* system implementation work is progressing in a timely fashion. Summer 2011 we will convert from traditional paper-based practices of program approval to an online program management system. During the month of February campus stakeholders are assisting the Academic Programs Unit by participating in a focus group designed to provide feedback. Sixteen representatives (deans, CAOs/provosts, and support staff) from twelve colleges and three state universities are participating in the focus group.

Specific purposes of the weekly focus group meetings in February are to provide:

- Review and comment on various forms/content
- Review and comment on procedural changes
- Managing campus implementation
- Workflow

This first week we reviewed form content, discussed a draft procedure called “Quick Steps” for Program Approval and discussed the possibility of using a DARS audit report to outline the new program curriculum and to demonstrate program to program transfer articulation between colleges and universities. The “Quick Steps” are designed promote regional program planning and include a shortened time frame for campus review & comment and Office of the Chancellor approval.

In technical news, we recently purchased two new IBM 3650s servers to run the Program Navigator Application in a production mode in Minneapolis. We will take the two existing servers and set them up at St. Paul as hot fail-over servers for Program Navigator. All servers will be running Microsoft's Hyper V to allow us to get the most efficiency/utilization out of the hardware.

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