

Program Navigator Update -

The Web-based PROGRAM NAVIGATOR project, which will convert the traditional paper-based practice of program approval to an online management system, is making steady progress. Customization of the Curriculum Navigator software to meet unique MnSCU requirements is to be completed this spring. At this time the project is progressing slightly behind schedule.

During February, a team of 16 campus stakeholders including Deans, CAO/Provosts, and Support Staff representing twelve colleges and three state universities met to help advance project goals. Specific purposes of the weekly focus group meetings included reviewing and commenting on various forms/content and procedural changes, as well as managing campus implementation and workflow.

In technical news, we recently purchased and installed two new IBM 3650s servers to run the Program Navigator Application in Minneapolis. Two existing servers will be set up in 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 out of the hardware.

Towards the end of summer or early fall 2011 we anticipate full implementation of the Program Navigator system. Contact Tamara Arnott for more information (tamara.arnott@so.mnscu.edu).