

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 2007

TO: Deans, Vice Provosts, and Vice Presidents

FROM: James A. Willis, Executive Vice President for University Support Services
Project Executive Co-Sponsor and Chair of the Student Systems Transformation
Executive Steering Committee
Satish K. Tripathi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Project Executive Co-Sponsor

SUBJECT: Student Systems Software Decision

XC: Student Systems Assessment Project Team and Subject Matter Experts

UB has been engaged in an extensive evaluation of our current student information systems and our options for replacing these systems with an integrated software solution. We truly appreciate the effort that your staff has put toward this significant undertaking, as we have gained valuable input from over 400 participants across campus.

The Student Systems Transformation Executive Steering Committee has reviewed the results of UB's evaluation activities, and has decided to pursue contract negotiations with Oracle PeopleSoft, a product with excellent functionality from a company with a progressive vision consistent with our own. A transition from our current systems to Oracle PeopleSoft will allow us to integrate our many, often duplicative, systems, creating an effective infrastructure with the flexibility, efficiency, and capacity that UB needs to realize our vision for the future.

Throughout our assessment process, our offices came together to find a common solution to address university-wide concerns. Continuation of this collaborative environment will be crucial for a successful implementation. We hope that you share in our excitement about the benefits that the Oracle PeopleSoft solution can bring to UB, and we look forward to engaging you and your staff further as we continue with implementation. Our selection of an integration firm, contract negotiations, and preliminary activities to lay the groundwork for implementation will take place over the next few months, and we hope to begin formal project planning, including a fit/gap analysis and business process review, late in the spring semester.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us or the Student Systems Assessment Project Manager, Kara Saunders, who can be reached at kcs23@buffalo.edu or 645-6003.

Thank you again for your support of this important project.