Information Technology Services

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## UPDATE ON PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

- **The University of Akron PeopleSoft Split and Upgrades**

  **Start date:** May 2014  
  **Milestones:**  
  - PS Portal Upgrade STATUS: Completed October 2014  
  - PS Financials STATUS: Completed November 2014  
  - HCM/CS Split STATUS: Completed November 2014  
  - PS HCM 9.2 Upgrade STATUS: In process; targeted completion August 2015  
  **Targeted completion:** August 2015  
  **Notes:** The “Fit/Gap” review continues and areas have been identified for testing. The second test move is scheduled to be completed by the Oracle lab team the week of May 25. Security, search, and other functionality will be assessed in the upgraded Human Resource and Payroll system.

- **LCCC PeopleSoft Split and Upgrades**

  ![University of Akron Logo](image-url)  
  ![Lorain County Community College Logo](image-url)  
  **Milestones:**  
  - PS Portal V9.1 R3 Upgrade STATUS: Target completion June 2015  
  - PS CS/HCM Split STATUS: Completed April 2015  
  - PS Financials V9.2 Upgrade STATUS: Target completion June 2015  
  - HCM V9.2 Upgrade STATUS: Start/completion TBD  
  **Targeted completion:** TBD  
  **Notes:** UA provides database and system support for LCCC’s upgrade to PS Financials V9.2. As of April 2015 the project was in the second of the three test moves. Go live continues to be projected for June 1.  
  The latest version of Portal was created by LCCC consultants with help from UA. A test environment was established and testing is underway.  
  LCCC and UA will investigate a business case to migrate to a managed application service solution for the PeopleSoft transactional and data warehouse environment. The investigation includes running the application hardware in the Cloud and having the solution provider perform all system support, database and upgrade activities, and selected development responsibilities. If both schools adopt this solution, it would end UA support for the LCCC PeopleSoft environment.
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<td>DARwin Replacement</td>
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**Milestones:**

- Review and initial setup for degree audits STATUS: Completed December 2014
- Transfer set-up, configuration, and testing STATUS: In process; targeted completion July 2015

**Original targeted completion:** August 2015

**Revised completion:** January 2016

**Notes:** The target completion date was revised to reflect a higher-than-anticipated level of manual work involved in moving the data.

The overall implementation of the Academic Advisement module will provide an integrated application and business process for supporting degree audits and degree confirmation.

In addition, implementation of the Academic Advisement module will result in savings approximating $25,000 annually, as the DARwin license will be terminated.

The Registrar’s Office plans to parallel the PeopleSoft Academic Advising functionality with DARwin for degree verification in the Fall 2015 term.
**Distributed Antenna System**

**Start date:** December 2014

**Milestones:**

- Contract signed by UA: Completed January 2015
- Contractors began installation STATUS: Completed March 2015
- Spicer Phase 1 STATUS: Completed April 2015
- Polsky STATUS: Completed May 2015
- Simmons STATUS: Target completion June 2015
- Student Union STATUS: Target completion June 2015
- Bierce Library STATUS: Target completion June 2015
- Bulger STATUS: Target Completion June 2015
- Spicer Phase 2 STATUS: Target June 2015
- EJ Thomas STATUS: Target completion July 2015
- Rhodes STATUS: Target completion July 2015
- Goodyear STATUS: Target completion July 2015
- SWRC STATUS: Target completion TBD
- Outdoor Antennas STATUS: Target completion TBD

STATUS dates in the above Milestones have been modified from previous reports to reflect changes in the actual work schedules.

**Targeted completion:** September 2015

**Notes:** Verizon identified cellular coverage issues on the main campus as well as within certain University buildings. The University and Verizon developed a contract for Verizon, at its own cost, to connect its downtown fiber to the University. Verizon is accessing the University’s fiber and installing roughly 400 distributed antennas within and among select buildings and outdoor spaces.
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| **Voice Mail System** | July 2014 | • New voicemail system deployment STATUS: Completed February 2015  
• Staff training for integrated voicemail option to allow voicemail to be accessed via email STATUS: Completed March 2015  
• Integrated voicemail option STATUS: Completed April 2015 | August 2014 | April 2015 |
| **Notes:** Completion date was revised as the project moved forward more quickly than was first anticipated. Office 365 provides accessibility to Exchange and other Microsoft products from any location where Internet connectivity is available. Additionally, this product is available on most mobile devices and cell phones. | |
| **Wired and Wireless Network** | July 2014 | • Phase I: Student Union, Bierce Library STATUS: Completed August 2014  
• Coleman Commons STATUS: Completed April 2015  
• Expanded Improvements STATUS: TBD | April 2015 | |
<p>| <strong>Notes:</strong> The network is being evaluated for future capital investment. | | | |</p>
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| **Online Marketing and Fund Raising** | **Original anticipated start date:** April 2015  
  **Revised anticipated start date:** July 2015  
  **Milestones:**  
  - Demos by RFP respondents STATUS: Completed January 2015  
  - Award made to Blackbaud STATUS: Completed February 2015  
  - Contract signed and executed STATUS: Completed February 2015  
  **Targeted completion:** August 2015  
  **Notes:** Blackbaud’s Luminate product was selected through competitive bidding. The project’s design phase is underway at the direction of Blackbaud. “Go live” for the system is planned for 2015. |
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