

# STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

## Dates of Interest:

### Monthly SIS IPT Status Meetings

Held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Next meetings:

- March 17 (exception: Wednesday)
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13

## Special points of interest:

The Student Information System's Integrated Project Team and Core Team members steadily make progress on the project:

- Requirements Traceability—90% complete
- Investment Review Board (IRB)/ Business Transformation Agency (BTA) granted approval on SIS Problem Statement
- Preparing business case, certification package and DoD Information Technology Portfolio Repository (DITPR) submissions
- Phone and site visits continue with vendor references

## FULL PARTICIPATION FOR TASK TO AMALGAMATE REQUIREMENTS

It might resemble a congressional committee meeting. Individuals gathered three, four or five around each table; representing their organizations' interests; ensuring their must-haves are included in the final document.

However, this group has a unique mission - to consolidate requirements for the Student Information System (SIS).

In a joint effort, members of the Integrated Project Team (IPT) met at DAU February 16-17, just days after record snowfall blanketed the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and closed the federal government for nearly a week.

Over the two days SIS Core Functional Leads Kim Lockett and Margot Lynn presented each requirement while the group examined the specifications line by line for accuracy, repetition and wording.

Several requirements were deleted after they were deemed redundant or unnecessary for the proposed system.

## STUDENTS TO SHARE PERCEPTIONS

To better meet the needs of the future Student Information System's primary user group, the SIS team plans to solicit the opinions of the workforce.

They will survey DAU students in the coming months for their impressions of the current life cycle of registration through certification.

Respondents will be asked to include their feelings about



Members of the SIS Integrated Project Team review the combined Requirements Definition line by line at meeting held February 16-17.

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One sticking point for the IPT was the name of what was previously referred to as the Database of Record. Within the member's organizations the name for the repository of transcripts, proof of certification of education, experience and Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) training, could get

confused with their own internal record-keeping system. The team finally agreed to dub it the DAU Acquisition Workforce Database.

Following the meeting, SIS Core Team members reviewed and finalized changes to the requirements traceability matrix. The IPT will be asked to approve the final draft.

registering in ATRRS, its directions, support, help desk, whether they receive too many or too few emails, among other questions.

SIS Core team member Ron Vassallo reported having to go through 15 screens and three emails while registering for a DAU course as a contractor. The team hopes to use similar detailed responses from students as a baseline

for future improvements.

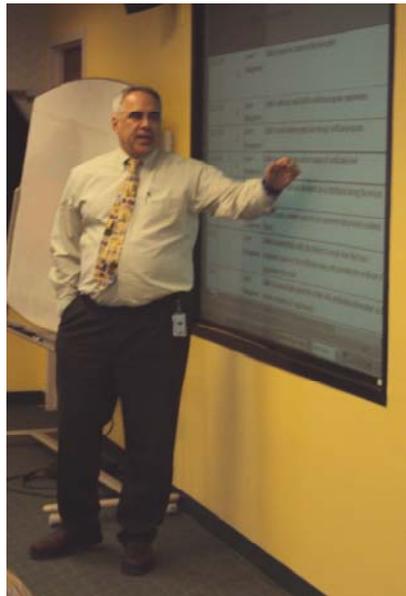
A cross section of the student population, including representatives of all Components, will be polled.

Tom Savino, with PRM's Metrics that Matter, has the task of coordinating the soup-to-nuts, registration-to-graduation survey with assistance from the SIS Core Team. Look for the survey to be released this summer.

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The Student Information System (SIS) Integrated Project Team (IPT) pauses during a meeting February 16 to pose for a group picture.



Project Sponsor Mark Whiteside clarifies a line in the SIS requirements document.



SIS Core Functional Lead Margot Lynn presents requirements to the IPT line by line on two large screens.



IPT members scrutinize the items being presented in a joint effort to consolidate requirements.