

PeopleSoft software to replace TALON

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UW-L is changing its Student Information System from TALON to an ORACLE/Enterprise software package called Campus Solutions. A Student Information System includes student records from Academic Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, Records and Registration, and Student Financials. The old system, TALON, will be replaced by a new program which uses PeopleSoft software. UW-L will begin to replace the old system in May of 2007, with a completion goal of fall 2009.

According to ORACLE/Enterprise Campus Solutions, "Campus Solutions is a comprehensive suite specifically designed for the changing needs of higher education institutions." The program allows students more access than TALON permits, including the ability to accept or reject financial aid electronically, view classes and exams schedules, request course overrides electronically, create a would-be SNAP report for a possible major/minor change, manage financial aid, and online application for prospective students.

The Student Information System is used by students, faculty and campus administration. Campus staff are highly reliant on the system to provide services to students, while students also depend on the system to provide them with web-based access to their academic information. Jenna Klinner, Communications Assistant for Student Information Systems, assists in the development and implementation of the new system. CIBER Enterprises has been hired as a partner in the implementation process.

Nine other UW campuses have already implemented the new Student Information System. UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout are in the process of updating their systems at the same time as UW-L.

According to Klinner, the new system not only adds additional student benefits, but is cost effective as well. "The campuses have been working together on planning and training and will continue to do so in moving forward to implementation and deployment. The collaborative effort will reduce costs and human resource requirements, and develop a 'best business practice' approach for the UW system," she said.

Additional information can be found on the PeopleSoft website at <http://www.uwlax.edu/peoplesoft/index.htm>

