

IM Highlights: May 18, 2010

Major progress on [Strategic Roadmap](#) initiatives and efficiencies delivered to the UW community by UW Information Technology's Information Management (IM) unit, in partnership with schools, colleges, and central business units including Financial Management, Registrar's Office, Office of Research, Computer Science and Engineering, and the Graduate School.



Information for Decision Making

- **New [Decision Support Web site](#) provides one-stop-shopping for UW Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW)** reports, tools, and information including:
 - A **report catalog**—all available reports.
 - A **data availability summary**—when data was last updated, how often it's refreshed, and what's available now.
 - An **online access request** form.
 - **Standards, best practices, instructions**—on accessing EDW, connecting to data, and developing new queries and reports.
- **Nine new academic reports now in EDW.** The reports were moved to EDW from a Web-based "Departmental Information" system, improving information access, simplifying data delivery, and improving security. Several reports can be filtered by parameters such as ethnicity, gender, class, and residency—reducing the need to import data into Excel for further analysis. Developed with the Registrar's Office and the UW advising community, the new reports are:
 - Class List By Curriculum Course Section
 - Current Student Information
 - Current Student Minor Information
 - Current Student Registration Courses
 - Current Student Transcript Courses
 - Current Student Transcript Quarterly Summary
 - Current Student Transfer Summary
 - Student Degree Information
 - Time Schedule Courses Meetings Instructors
- **New [online access and use agreement](#) for institutional information** promotes best practices and accountability for data security by informing users of institutional policy and tracking user acceptance. The new agreement replaces varied and inconsistent agreements and makes it convenient to read and accept.

Replace the Base

- **Kuali Student reaches major milestone.** The May 10 release of the Course Management module to founding institutions is a major step forward for the Kuali Student project. UC Berkeley's planned use of it beginning Fall 2010 will assist the UW in evaluating potential implementation options. Course Management is part of a larger module, Curriculum Management (to be completed in November), which automates proposing, approving, and publishing curricular offerings. UW is a founding partner of Kuali Student.

Enhance and Renew Systems

- **New Online Faculty Effort Certification Reporting System (eFECS) released to academic units.** The April release of eFECS to academic units that report quarterly is a major milestone for the eFECS project. The new system provides better tools and processes to certify effort on federal grants, improves compliance, and lets administrators see overnight report revisions—including salary transfers submitted via Financial Desktop. The release also provides automatic report delivery, 24/7 availability, and simpler management. This project phase ends in July, when the system opens to academic units certifying semiannually.
- **MyFinancial.desktop (MyFD) launches budget worksheet.** This new tool lets users enter their own budget and expense/revenue adjustments in MyFD and see the impact on their budget balances. It uses current data in MyFD, eliminating the need to download actual budgets and transactions to do basic budget planning scenarios. See the [April MyFD e-newsletter](#) for details.

- **Elimination of daily printed FAS Report saves paper, improves efficiencies.** The daily [FAS Batch Summary Report](#) now is available online from the Enterprise Data Warehouse, replacing a report with the sixth largest annual print volume and saving the UW nearly 150,000 sheets of paper every year. Now, information on success or failure of all transactions is available online by the next business day, allowing users to complete their work more efficiently. This tool was created with Finance & Facilities and UW-IT Identity and Access Management.
- **New [self-service tools](#) allow budget coordinators to manage long distance phone accounts online.** The tools save time—letting users directly view and manage accounts instead of contacting UW-IT. They can:
 - Create Direct Dial and UWATS/UWDirect accounts; deactivate/re-activate accounts
 - Manage budgets and PCA information for existing accounts (single or mass update)
 - Associate UW NetIDs with an account
 - Export information to a spreadsheet

Prioritize and Make Decisions

- **UW Information Technology (UW-IT)** is the new name for the recently merged organizations of the Office of Information Management and UW Technology. The two organizations were reunited earlier this year to tightly align central technology functions and leverage resources and strengths. The Office of Information Management is now Information Management (IM).