

# OIM Highlights: February 17, 2010

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



## Prioritize and Make Decisions

- **The President has reunited OIM and UW Technology**, following a recommendation by the Working Group. The move was made to achieve a tighter, more efficient alignment of central technology functions and to enable the UW to more effectively leverage central technology resources and strengths.
- **UW Technology Working Group accepts recommendation for high-level, strategic IT governance committee.** The recommendation from the Governance Action Team calls for a high-level committee of external IT experts and key UW stakeholders. Next steps are to identify committee charge and membership.
- **Strategic Roadmap directions and decisions will be guided by an Executive Sponsors Committee (ES) and a Roadmap Oversight Group (ROG).** The ES will oversee all aspects of the Roadmap program, including alignment with UW priorities, approval of ROG recommendations, and development of an investment strategy. The ROG will ensure holistic planning and alignment, including evaluating key issues and making recommendations to the ES on project sequencing, timing, resourcing, capacity planning, risk, and priorities.
- **Student program governance structure launched:** The new governance structure pulls together student administration stakeholders from across the UW to do holistic, coordinated planning for UW student systems, including the Quali Student project, via a Steering Committee and a Core Team.

## Replace the Base

- **Financial systems needs assessment (FSNA) completed; alternatives analysis gearing up.** FSNA collected feedback on

financial business processes and system requirements from 560 stakeholders. The next step is to launch the alternatives analysis, which will assess vendor and open source solutions and recommend the solution that best meets the UW's needs. Information from the needs assessment will help set priorities for this analysis.

## Enhance and Renew Systems

- **eFECS in beta testing through February.** Fifty campus users are testing a new online faculty effort reporting system that will offer improved tools and processes to certify effort on federal grants. Administrators will see overnight revisions to effort reports that include salary transfers submitted via the Financial Desktop. This is a big improvement over the current process, which requires them to manually attach copies of salary transfers to the report. Other improvements include automatic report delivery, 24/7 availability, and simpler management. This is a collaborative effort by OIM, UW Management Accounting and Analysis, and teams of departmental administrators.
- **Enhance and renew focuses on system operations.** Due to the impact of OIM budget cuts on staff, most efforts in this area are now focused on maintaining stable operation of UW administrative systems.

## Information for Decision Making

- **Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) improvements continue with over 60 new reports available or near release:**
  - **Now available: 50 updated, accessible HR, payroll, finance, general ledger, use tax, and communications reports** that consolidate 230 outdated reports. These have been moved to EDW's new

secure business intelligence tool that's faster, cheaper, and easier to customize.

- **Available or near release: 12 student reports with demographics** on class, residency, ethnicity, gender, etc. Users can select data across majors and colleges; filter by descriptors such as class standing, residency, and ethnicity; and select which columns of data they want to display. Three reports available now; 12 by April.
- **Academic unit developers now can access student transcript data via secure Student Web Services (SWS)** to develop improved tools for faculty and staff. For example, the College of Education (COE) created a new advising application to allow improved tracking of students' progress toward earning their degree. It integrates centrally held data with local data to present a unified view refined to match COE terminology, inquiries, and workflows. Using SWS simplifies the process, eliminates the need for redundant shadow systems, and improves data security. This new [transcript resource](#) was developed in partnership with COE, Computer Science and Engineering, the Graduate School, the Office of the University Registrar, and OIM.
- **OIM data security software interests universities, non-profits, and industry partners; patent applied for.** OIM's first full patent application was filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office for data access control inventions that might have commercial viability. This innovative software implements security standards at the data level, assigning access privileges based on user roles. Access only has to be assigned once, increasing efficiency, and performance speed is high.