

# OIM Highlights: November 13, 2009

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



## Information for Decision Making

- **Tremendous growth in users accessing reports:** The number of users accessing the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) and its reports increased from 100 to more than 1400 in just six months. The number grew significantly as additional reports were added, access streamlined, and communications improved.
- **Fifty updated, accessible HR and Payroll business reports are coming this winter,** consolidated from 230 outdated reports that relied on insufficient technology. They have been corrected, consolidated, and moved to the EDW's new secure, business intelligence tool—Microsoft Reporting Services—that's faster, cheaper, and easier to customize.
- **Academic advisors soon will have secure, easy Web access to information** needed to advise students on academic pursuits, thanks to a collaborative project between OIM, the Registrar's Office, and the Undergraduate Academic Advising Council. The project moves Departmental Information reports to the EDW, consolidates redundant reports, and improves others (including class lists), which will allow advisors and others easy access to secure information.
- **New UW iPhone application allows students and faculty to view and search course information online.** In addition to the latest UW news, sports, and maps, the new m.UW iPhone application allows students to view and search official course descriptions and courses by title. This

new course search feature was developed by OIM, the Registrar's Office, and UW Technology. The feature was created in only a month, thanks to new Web Services technology developed by OIM.

- **Partnering with the UW community to prioritize Web Services:** [UserVoice](#) is an online tool allowing users to submit and prioritize ideas for Web Services development. Since spring, 71 people submitted 30 suggestions—some are now a reality; others are underway. Web services is a key technology that allows standards-based Web access to business processes and data. It's enabled the m.UW iPhone application, advanced course search, Web grades collection, addition of student photos to MyUW class lists, and access to UW budget, vendor, and organization data.

## Replace the Base

- **Kuali projects make major move forward:** The release of Kuali Rice 1.0 exemplifies the successful collaboration between UW and other institutions participating in the Kuali Student and Rice consortia. Rice enables business process automation in Kuali products such as curriculum approval in Kuali Student, and can be used by other, simpler business processes.
- **Financial Systems Needs Assessment project gathering broad input:** Fiscal staff and PIs across the UW have been invited to provide feedback during November on financial business processes and system requirements. Their input will be used to help define requirements for a new financial system in advance of an upcoming analysis of system replacement options starting in January.

## Enhance and Renew Systems

- **Going green with ePayment:** A major Procurement Services initiative helps the UW "go green" by making payments to vendors electronically, rather than by paper check. Significant programming changes by OIM enabled this initiative, which is reducing reliance on old check printing equipment; saving paper check-stock, mailing, and handling costs; and better predicting cash flow.
- **Major reduction in printing saves three million sheets of paper:** Ongoing efforts by OIM, UW Technology, and central office business units have resulted in a 42 percent reduction in printed reports from UW administrative systems since 2008, an annual savings of 3 million sheets of paper, or a stack as high as three UW Towers.
- **New electronic invoicing results in efficiencies:** As eProcurement moves its suppliers to a new OIM-installed eInvoicing system, UW departments are benefitting from a reduction in double shipping charges, an increased ability to compare invoices against eProcurement orders, and simplified reconciliation.

## Prioritize and Make Decisions

- **The Governance Action Team (GAT) presented its recommendations for a UW-wide IT governance structure** to the President's UW Technology Working Group in September. The Working Group will consider approval and next steps in late November.