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Subject IMPORTANT: Upgrade of PeopleSoft

To: All Faculty and Staff

This is the first of several communications to keep the campus informed of upcoming changes that will take place as we move to the new version of PeopleSoft for Finance, Human Resources, and Student Administration. PeopleSoft 8.0 is the company's latest software which is packed with new features and best of all is entirely browser based. This new browser-based platform will enable the campus to better integrate PeopleSoft services as well as other applications through the use of a portal-like interface that has the potential to bring all of our administrative services into a single, unified, role-based (faculty, staff, student) view.

The DoIT Team and the Functional Departments have been evaluating the progress that PeopleSoft has made in this product since its introduction and have determined that it is in our best interest to move to the new version. The entire staff has devoted many hours to ensure a smooth transition. Plans are in-place to thoroughly test the system, and various administrative offices have prepared plans to deal with business needs during the transition to the new system.

Migrating to the new version will require the system to be unavailable between 7/16/04 - 07/25/04. During this period, the administrative offices have developed off-line methods for handling critical transactions. As we move closer to the cutover date, a series of communications will outline the functions that these offices can perform during the blackout period, and what the user community can do to avoid any unnecessary transactions. As always, we know that we can depend on all of our users to be patient with the administrative offices and to help us through this transitional period.

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