



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2001
TO: System Administrators
FROM: Steve Ijames, Director of Information Services
SUBJECT: UniVerse Conversion Plan Revision

After a risk assessment that included a survey of the colleges and a conference call meeting with the IIPS Executive Committee, the plan to convert the IIPS applications from the PI/Open DBMS to the UniVerse DBMS is revised as follows:

1. The planned February-March 2001 conversion is cancelled.
2. The System Office will complete the re-write and unit testing of the PI/Open IIPS standard package into a UniVerse convertible set of modules as soon as possible. The IIPS package will be maintained in a convertible form as maintenance changes are made to it.
3. College testing of the conversion of the standard IIPS package will be done at selected test colleges over a period sufficient to enable a complete test.
4. The convertible standard IIPS code will be released to the colleges in stages with the objective that all IIPS colleges will have the standard set of convertible code installed on their systems. Colleges can then integrate local code into the standard IIPS convertible package. All service calls or releases from that point forward will be with PI/Open code that is fully UniVerse convertible.
5. In the September-October, 2001 timeframe, the System Office and the IIPS Users Group organization will conduct an assessment of the risks of conversion versus non-conversion. The assessment will take into account the status of the projected timelines of the new College Information Systems (CIS) project after the CIS implementation process has begun at the eight pilot colleges. If UniVerse conversion is deemed necessary at that time, colleges will plan their conversion with a March 2002 deadline to work towards.

The decisions made above are predicated on several factors that have been shared in earlier memoranda and on the results of the college UniVerse Conversion Survey. Please call if you have questions or concerns about the revised plans.

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