



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Systems Administrator
College Information Systems Project Phase I Sites

FROM: Steve Ijames, Director of Information Services

SUBJECT: UniVerse Conversion at Phase 1 Colleges

We have reviewed the issue raised by the Phase 1 colleges regarding their need to convert to the UniVerse DBMS. Phase I colleges will need to convert for the following reasons:

1. The Phase 1 colleges are serving the function of testing the new system implementation. Part of that implementation is data conversion from the old DBMS to the Unidata DBMS. For the rollout phase of the project, the old DBMS will be the UniVerse DBMS. Thus, the Phase 1 colleges need to test the conversion in the UniVerse environment versus the PI/Open environment. The prime contractor requires that the testing be conducted by conversion from the UniVerse to the Unidata DBMS.
2. The implementation process at the Phase 1 colleges will be a staged process in that certain modules of the new software will be installed before other modules. Thus, the new software and databases must operate in conjunction with the software and databases from the IIPS package. The planned timeline for a dual operation at Phase 1 colleges is approximately one year. Since both the new package and the IIPS package are integrated systems, data from each will be shared with the other during a college's implementation process. This will be accomplished by extracting flat files of required data from each database and loading those data into the corresponding database. This process will need to be tested in the piloting phase in the UniVerse DBMS environment.
3. The Phase 1 colleges will be operating part of their applications in the IIPS package during their transition to the Datatel package. This transition will take approximately one year under the current plan. During that time, the IIPS package will be maintained in the UniVerse environment. Thus, during the transition year, the Phase 1 colleges will need to be able to install UniVerse releases affecting those modules running under the IIPS package. The system office will not be maintaining a PI/Open DBMS version of releases after March 2001.

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4. The Phase 1 colleges can transition to UniVerse prior to March 2001 thus relieving some of the time pressure. The system office will develop and publish by November 30, 2000 the procedures in the UniVerse cookbook by which a college can convert to UniVerse prior to the system conversion and still maintain currency with the PI/Open environment until March 2001.
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