



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

November 23, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents
CIS Phase 2A Colleges

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster

SUBJECT: College Information System (CIS) Phase 2A Student System
Implementation

The Information Systems for the Future Steering Committee has forwarded the attached recommendation that the Phase 2A colleges proceed as scheduled to implement the CIS student system. With the concurrence of the Finance and Capital Needs Committee of the State Board of Community Colleges that the issues related to the AR/CR project within CIS have been resolved, I am accepting the Steering Committee's recommendation that the implementation continue as scheduled for registration of students for the fall 2005 semester.

The CIS Project staff, including the ACS and Datatel personnel, are working with the staff of the CIS Phase 2A colleges to complete the training, testing and data conversion as scheduled.

I join the Steering Committee in thanking all of the colleges for their continued support of this important project.

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Attachment

c: CIS Phase 2A Project Managers
Steering Committee Members
CIS Phase 1, 2B, and 2C College Presidents

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North Carolina Community College System

Information Systems for the Future Steering Committee

October 12, 2004

To: H. Martin Lancaster, President
North Carolina Community College System

From: Edward H. Wilson, Ed.D.
Acting Chairman, Information Systems for the
Future Steering Committee

Subject: CIS Phase 2A Student Implementation

The Information Systems for the Future Steering Committee is pleased to recommend that the implementation of the CIS student system by the Phase 2A colleges continue toward the planned objective of registering students at those colleges beginning in the summer, 2005 for the fall, 2005 term.

This recommendation is based on the Steering Committee's evaluation of the progress of the CIS project in three areas:

1. Accounts Receivable Cash Reporting (ARCR): One of the primary reasons for delaying the implementation of the CIS student system by the Phase 2A colleges was to provide adequate time to complete the programming and testing of the revised software so that receipts would be accurately reported on a cash basis as required by State law and regulations. The software development was completed on schedule in May, 2004. During the past three months, the Phase 1 colleges have successfully tested the revised software in their 'live' environment, and demonstrated that it meets the business objectives that were developed and approved at the beginning of the ARCR project.

As a part of the 'live' processing by the Phase 1 colleges beginning July 1, 2004, a several issues were identified and plans developed to resolve them. The planned resolution includes minor corrections to the software and work flows as well as completion of required documentation and training. The System Office's ARCR Project co-managers expect that the ARCR Project will be completed with the resolution of the current issues and reconciliation of the Phase 1 college's monthly reports. These issues will not affect the implementation schedule for the Phase 2A colleges, which will begin using the revised ARCR software on July 1, 2005 and will be trained in its use prior to that date.

2. Common Course Library / Program of Study (CCL/POS): As a result of issues identified by Phase 1 colleges after their implementation of the student system, a comprehensive review of the software that supports the Common Course Library and

Program of Study development and approval process was conducted by the System Office and college staff members. The review identified several corrections to the data base and associated programming that will be completed prior to the dates when the software will be used by the Phase 2A colleges for their student system implementation.

3. Phase 2A Training and Implementation: The CIS Contract Extension provides for continued training and project implementation services from ACS and Datatel. These activities are integrated around a series of seven 'simulation' activities at each of the Phase 2A colleges. These activities are demonstrating that the Phase 2A colleges are trained and able to perform the tasks associated with implementing the student system.

The Phase 2A colleges will implement the combined course library in November and December, 2004, and the admissions and financial aid functions of the student system beginning in January, 2005. These colleges will begin registering students for the late summer term and fall in July of 2005.