



Textbook Selection, Procurement & Distribution System

Thanks to the cooperation between VPUE office and UITS Department, a new system is planned to automate and streamline the process of textbooks selection, procurement, and distribution. This system will help to integrate all the processes that are currently handled via separate tools/systems in one system. The aim is to facilitate textbook selection, procurement and ordering by faculty members, cut down on the stock of discarded textbooks and reduce overall costs of the process by having a central inventory.

New Catering Software

A new application is being developed to help Food Services Department to manage and monitor the process of distributing meals to students in university cafeterias. The new system will help in automating the process of distributing meals, recording transactions in a central location, and producing reports. This will al-

low Food Services Department to evaluate current services, make more accurate projections of costs, and provide students with better services in the future.

The application has clients installed in each cafeteria, these clients are attached to barcode scanners that read student ids and transmit information to the central database. The central database is integrated with the Banner system, which in turn provides a web interface, allowing the Food Services management to monitor and control the process of meals distribution and produce instant reports.

College Transfer

A new Custom College Transfer Application is planned for implementation as a replacement for the current baseline College Transfer System. It aims to facilitate students' college transfer requests in simple steps. Students file a request through eServices, which is then forwarded to the Registration Depart-

ment & the relevant colleges. Once a request is reviewed and approved, the student information will be automatically updated with the new college. This system has the advantage of allowing students to track their applications status, and speed up their request processing time.

Online Student Financial Aid Fund & Equipment Request

Currently, Financial Aid is processed manually: eligible students submit a written/typed application form and provide supporting documents. To do away with paperwork and maximize efficiency, a new online application is imminent. Once finalized, the new system will allow students to submit and track their application via eServices, and should a student get approved for financial assistance, it will also automate payments by direct transfer to the student's bank account.

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