

Core Technology Services

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TO: Members of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Members of the Legislative IT Committee Legislative Council

RE: Large Project Summary Report

Greetings,

This is the Large Project Summary Report for the period ending June 30, 2019.

One project was completed this quarter.

Project	Budget Status	Schedule Status
Blackboard Learning Management System This is the system wide deployment of the Blackboard LMS.		Revised Baseline:
The project is under budget (2.1%) and is running behind schedule on the revised baseline by 0.2%. There was one project task open that completed on July 5 th . Closeout tasks are in progress and a Closeout Report will be issued in August.	Under 2.1%	Behind 0.2% Original Baseline: Behind 65%

One project was reported in the planning stage this quarter.

Project	Status
Academic Library Management System – ODIN	The project has been doing some a number of
This project is to replace the current ODIN library	planning tasks including 3 rd party data mapping,
system for the Academic (Higher Education)	requirement discovery, and preparing for the first
libraries. They are deploying an updated product	Sandbox environment. Execution is scheduled to
from the same vendor as the existing system	begin in August.
(ExLibris). A separate project is updating the	
K12/public libraries to a different system. That	
project does not fall under LPO.	

Two projects were in the execution phase this quarter.

Project	Status
Novelution (Electronic Grants Administration)	The overall status is Green. The project is under
This project is to deploy a modular based	budget (6.2%) and is running ahead of schedule on
electronic Grants Administration application. UND	the newly revised baseline by 10.7%. The project has
intends to deploy 3 modules, NDSU intends to	taken considerable steps in controlling the schedule.
deploy 6.	In this quarter, the project rebaselined their schedule
	a 2 nd time but so far appear to be staying on track
	with this new schedule. It is now set for a soft rollout
	(where Grants & Contracts staff do the data entry for
	all new grant requests) at the end of September and
	the full rollout in January with Researchers doing the
	data entry for grant request.

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FAMIS Cloud Upgrade

This project will transition from on the onpremises version of Accruent's FAMIS application to the implementation of a SaaS version. This is the facilities management application used by five campuses.

The overall status is YELLOW. The project is over budget (8.7%) and is running behind schedule (21.5%). There are two modules left to deploy; Utilities & Keys. For the Keys module, functionality the campuses say they need is not yet available in the cloud version. Most of this is scheduled to be released in October by the vendor. The primary issue with the Utilities module has been the inability to get accurate detailed billing reports. The vendor was able to finally produce the required report, but this cost CTS money for training on the new tool that was needed and will cost the campuses additional ongoing licensing costs. NDSU is currently planning on going live with Utilities in July. UND has chosen to delay this module until October. This has required CTS to keep the current on-premise system live longer than planned.

Campuses are still very concerned about some of the missing functionality in the SaaS system. CTS has been actively working with the vendor and Campuses to try and address these issues. UND has already released an RFI to identify potential other vendors in this space. Because of these items, I would put the status of the project at RED as I believe the project is at risk of termination, or at risk of not substantially meeting the business objectives established in the startup report.