

Hi,

The Business Intelligence (BI) division has made quite a bit of progress since January, when Laura announced the creation of the Business Intelligence (BI) division and I shared some highlights. I wanted to provide an update on what's been happening and what to expect in the coming months.

### **BI Org**

The transition to the new BI division is underway. Peggy Bennett, Holly Nielsen, and I have developed a plan for the transition. The plan will start in late March and culminate in a new organization structure by July. We plan to do outreach to MAIS divisions to get input on what you want in a new BI organization. We will also ask the Advisors on Information Management Strategy (AIMS) and the BI Council for an external perspective. Over the next three to four months, we will hold three meetings with the staff in the new BI organization to define the mission, vision, goals, functions, processes, roles and responsibilities, and organization structure needed to deliver BI to campus.

### **M-Reports**

Holly and Tom are interviewing internal staff for the three open positions and plan to have the team fully staffed in March.

### **DA/DD**

I met with the DA/DD as a group in February and have met with each staff member individually during the month of February to get a better understanding of the group and each individual as well as to answer questions. Mike and I have agreed to officially transition the reporting of DA/DD from him to me on March 17. Many administrative tasks will be transitioned beginning next fiscal year (budget, Planview, etc.) to make things more simple. Administrative details will be communicated directly to the DA/DD team and the support staff in Shared Services, HRMS/SA and Leadership and Administration that are affected by the changes. I want to thank Mike for his support during this transition.

### **Related Personnel News**

The searches are in progress for a new Assistant Director position for Student Administration (SA) Products and Services and the Application Development Manager for the SA Financial Aid/Student Financials team. Decisions are expected for both positions no later than the end of April. Transition plans for the staff that left to join the M-Reports is complete in some areas (Shared Services, HRMS Payroll/Time and Labor team) and still being worked on in others (Financial Aid, Campus Community).

### **General BI News**

Thanks to everyone's great work, MAIS continues to make great progress on BI. The M-Reports team partnered with several areas in MAIS to deliver the first M-Reports solution to campus in January. The "Internal Controls" solution for the employment process has received very positive response from campus. Deans and Directors will use this to "certify" their records for FY08.

We are poised to deliver our second BI solution in a pilot mode in March. This content will leverage the great work done by MAIS (led by our Financial division) to develop "real time financials" and will deliver improved financial reports to the research faculty (principal investigators).

The second annual BI awards nomination process is underway. Awards will be announced at the BI event on April 15. Maybe this year, MAIS will win one of the awards. We certainly have delivered a lot in this area this year. By the way, at least seven major BI events will take place across campus this year. Join the BI SIG or BI Community of Experts group to keep in touch with what's going on around campus.

Again, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

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