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## eClassroom Funding Awards

The eleven member committee of faculty and staff which reviews Electronic Classroom proposals met on March 25. In total, sixty one projects, prioritized by the relevant College, were proposed. Of those, forty projects (65%) received funding. This included all projects which received priority rankings of 1, 2 or 3 from their college plus a few projects which received lower priorities but which are broadly used by several departments or colleges.

The collective estimated cost of these projects is \$229,271; of that amount \$70,016 will be supported from eClassroom funds. Additionally, IMS will provide \$101,194 (including \$46,735 in in-kind assistance). Departments and colleges will be asked to provide matching funds for the balance of \$58,061.

For a list of funded projects go to <http://www.ims.utah.edu/classrooms/electronicclassroomfunds/fundedstatus.html>. The status of projects funded will be updated periodically on this page.

## PeopleSoft Financial System Upgrade

— Abel Thompson, ACS

The PeopleSoft financial system at the U will be going through a major upgrade during the week of May10th. As with most upgrades, processes, interfaces, and even core functions of the application have changed. With this upgrade, the financials system will be transitioned to a pure web-based architecture - making workstation installs for PeopleSoft a thing of the past. In addition, this will allow access to the financials system from wherever you can get to a web browser. This is a significant change to many people who work in Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Property Accounting, General/Governmental Accounting, Hospital Accounting, and anyone who uses direct PeopleSoft access for their job duties.

Starting on the evening of May 10th, the financial system will be upgraded and will not be complete until the following Monday morning (May 17th). The financial system will be unavailable during this period of time with two exceptions:

1. Credit card transactions will continue during their published times;
2. All other "non-updating" web programs (web management reports, chartfield & PO lookups) will continue to function, but will use a data source as of Monday evening, May 10th.

Web management reports, journal detail search, account lookups, and other applications now available through the CIS will continue to function in similar manner after the upgrade. The financials database will be moved to a new machine as part of the upgrade, providing more computing resources for all applications.

All involved have tried their best to make this a successful upgrade benefiting faculty, students, and administrators of the University.

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## My.Utah.edu Student Portal Now Available

My.Utah.edu is a gateway to student services, records, and resources that can be customized by students to meet individual needs. The features are based on input from students via surveys, focus groups and beta testing. My.Utah.edu was released for student use on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 2004. Some of its features include:

- **Secure Authentication** – once authenticated to the portal, students have direct access to many university services without having to re-type their uNID and password:
  - o Webmail
  - o WebCT
  - o Campus Information Systems
  - o U-online
  - o Library services such as e-reserves, databases & article access
- **Customization of Content** - students will be able to select what content they want to display on their pages:
  - o Customized lists of services and resources across campus
  - o Addition of bookmarks and/or export bookmarks from another browser
  - o Addition of links for personal e-mail addresses, calendars, and class references
  - o Selecting the “look and feel” of pages from a variety of themes such as sports, campus views, and retro
  - o Organizing the content the way they want it by choosing page layouts and creating their own tabs

- **Course Information** - “My Courses” provides the students with quick access to essential course information:
  - o Listing of all courses for which they are enrolled including links to the class URL and course reserves
  - o WebCT discussion postings and e-mail message notification and a direct link to each WebCT course
  - o Personalized shopping cart of text books from the University bookstore
- **Announcements & Deadlines**
  - o Critical student announcements such as tuition due dates and policy changes
  - o Academic deadlines such registration dates, final exam schedules
  - o Career Services information such as job fairs and recruiters on campus
- **News, Events, Weather, and U Sports**
  - o Direct access to University news – The Daily Chronicle, University Communications News, Continuum
  - o Direct access to local and national news – Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News and many national news services such as CNN, NY Times
  - o U of U Sports scores and schedules
  - o Campus weather reports and weather cams
  - o Campus events

The URL is <https://my.utah.edu>. The student portal will be constantly changing with new features added in the near future. Please send your feedback/questions to [info@my.utah.edu](mailto:info@my.utah.edu).