



SIS Modernization and Enhancement Project Updates

SUMMER 2021

JUNE

- SIS Modernization and Enhancement Project announced by President Daigler
- Virtual Town Halls (Staff and Faculty) scheduled for all Colleges and the System Office

JULY

- Virtual Town Halls for all Colleges and the System Office conducted
- Virtual Town Hall recordings, transcripts and FAQs posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal
- On-campus Listening Sessions scheduled for all Colleges and the System Office
- Pre-Listening Session Survey launched
- On-campus Listening Sessions conducted for three Colleges
- Business Process Mapping Sessions at all Colleges commenced
- Project Plan drafted

AUGUST

- On-campus Listening Sessions conducted for remaining four Colleges
- Virtual Listening Session conducted for the System Office
- Business Process Mapping Sessions at all Colleges continued
- Project Plan completed
- Project Governance Organizational Structure commenced
- RFI / RFP planning commenced

FALL 2021

SEPTEMBER

- On-Campus and Virtual Listening Sessions (Faculty and Students) scheduled and conducted
- Project Governance Organizational Structure completed
- Business Process Mapping Sessions at all Colleges continued
- RFI / RFP planning completed and launched to market
- Pre-Listening Session Survey analysis complete and posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal

OCTOBER

- Business Process Mapping Sessions at all Colleges completed
- RFI Process Schedule and Communication Plan completed
- SIS RFI Response Submissions Received:
 1. Anthology's Enterprise Higher Education Platform
 2. BocaVox's Maestro SIS
 3. Ellucian's Banner Shared Technology Platform
 4. Jenzabar ONE
- Steering Committee Kick-Off Meeting scheduled and conducted
- RFI Response Submissions Shared with Steering Committee for Review / Feedback
- RFI Vendor Presentations scheduled for week of 10/18/21
- RFI Vendor / Platform Feedback / Scoring Tool Developed and Shared with Steering Committee
- RFI Submissions Posted to Portal
- Three RFI Vendor Presentations completed:
 - BocaVox
 - Jenzabar
 - Anthology
- Faculty Listening Session at SM completed
- Steering Committee Process Check-In Meeting scheduled and conducted

NOVEMBER

- Fourth RFI Vendor Presentation completed:
 - Ellucian
- Steering Committee Preliminary Feedback and Next Steps Meeting scheduled and conducted
- RFI Vendor Presentation Recordings Posted to "MyMCCS / SIS Modernization" Portal
- RFI Vendor Feedback Forms Reviewed / Analyzed
- RFP Process and Scheduling Started
- RFI Vendor Deeper-Dive Call Back Presentation completed - Ellucian
- RFI Vendor Reference Call (Middlesex Community College) completed (Ellucian)
- RFI Vendor Reference Call (Quinsigamond Community College) scheduled (Anthology)
- SIS Project Update Presented to College Presidents

WINTER 2021 - 2022

DECEMBER

- RFI Vendor Deeper-Dive Call Back Presentation completed – Anthology
- RFI Vendor Reference Call (Bowdoin College) completed – Workday
- Steering Committee Process Check-In Meeting scheduled and conducted
- RFI Vendor Finance and Implementation Sessions scheduled and completed – Ellucian and Anthology
- IT Support Plan for YCCC developed and launched

- MCCS SIS Project Update Town Hall scheduled and completed
- RFI Vendor Reference Call (Quinsigamond Community College) completed – Anthology
- Steering Committee RFI Wrap-Up and Report-Out Session scheduled and completed
- SIS RFP developed and launched

JANUARY

- RFP Vendor Informational Meeting
- RFP Submission Deadline extended by two weeks (vendor request due to COVID impact)
- SIS-related IT Discussion / Decision Topics planning and work in-process:
 - Active Directory Consolidation
 - Application Rationalization
 - Data Governance and Platform Governance
 - IT Optimization
 - Other "synergistic opportunities" that a shared SIS solution may open the door to
- Need for additional vendor presentations evaluated by the SIS Steering Committee
- RFP Scoring “sub-committee” formed and approved by college Presidents
- Steering Committee RFP Check-in and Planning Session scheduled and completed

FEBRUARY

- Active Directory Consolidation brainstorming and exploratory working session conducted with IT Leaders and key IT staff
- Steering Committee RFP Check-in scheduled and completed
- RFP submission process completed; four vendors submitted: Anthology, Ellucian, Jenzabar and Salesforce
- RFP Vendor Kick-Off call scheduled and completed
- SIS functionality requested for demos developed by the Steering Committee
- RFP Vendor reference calls being scheduled
- RFP Vendor demos being scheduled

SPRING 2022

MARCH

- Eight vendor reference calls scheduled and completed
- Three Financial Aid-specific demos scheduled and completed
- All vendor demo and reference call recordings Posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal
- Three IT-specific demos scheduled
- Two vendor sandbox environment proctored hands-on sessions requested / being scheduled (Anthology and Ellucian; Jenzabar declined)
- Assessment of SIS-related App Rationalization opportunities with functional leaders ongoing

APRIL

- Vendor sandbox environment proctored hands-on sessions (Anthology and Ellucian) completed
- Workforce Development and Guided Pathways-specific hands-on sessions (Anthology and Ellucian) completed
- Finance / Financial Aid demo (Anthology) scheduled and completed
- IT demos (Jenzabar and Ellucian) scheduled and completed
- Deployment model clarification session (Anthology) scheduled and completed
- All vendor demo and reference call recordings Posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal

MAY

- Workforce Development and Guided Pathways follow-up sessions (Anthology and Ellucian) completed
- Steering Committee close-out session scheduled and completed
- RFP Scoring Sub-Committee orientation session completed
- RFP Scoring sessions scheduled and completed
- Requested and received RFP cost clarification from vendors to complete SIS-related IT cost analysis
- Assessing need for HRIS & Payroll vendor demos
- Conducting SIS-related 3rd party app rationalization assessment
- All vendor demo and reference call recordings Posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal

SUMMER 2022

JUNE

- AD & App Rationalization Analysis / Assessment / Decision Making ongoing
- SIS-related IT Cost Analysis completed and reported out to Presidents
- Need for HRIS & Payroll Vendor Demos assessed
- Ongoing Facilitation of Steering Committee Engagement with RFP Process
- Design and planning process for SIS Implementation Team structure begun
- Contract Preparation, Final Funding, and Negotiations with Selected Vendor in process
- All vendor demo and reference call recordings Posted to “MyMCCS / SIS Modernization” Portal

JULY

- Contract Preparation, Final Funding, and Negotiations with Selected Vendor completed
- Agreement with Anthology approved and executed
- Agreement with Lumens (integrated workforce development module) approved and executed
- Other optional integrated function-specific modules being reviewed, considered and decided upon
- Implementation planning underway