



It's here!!! It's time!!! Do you know about ConnectTech? ConnectTech is a joint venture between Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center that began in 2005 to replace and upgrade our legacy administrative computer applications used by students, faculty, and staff with a newer suite of products called "Banner" from SunGard Higher Education. After years of hard work and long hours, the new administrative applications are going live and ready for your use! The systems being

replaced are TechSIS and Financial Aid (student systems), TechFIM (financial accounting system), TechHRIS (human resource system), TechPAY (payroll system) and the Budget System. Go-live means **CHANGE** and **CHANGE** is hard! To assist with **CHANGE** each application will have training opportunities provided at each institution prior to go-live dates. Go-live timeline, FAQs, training information and additional URL links are provided in this newsletter. Please visit all the links to make sure you have obtained the proper information to assist you in doing your job and getting ahead of the **CHANGE**.

- Kay Rhodes

Associate Vice Chancellor, System CIO



Raiderlink (TTU) and WebRaider (HSC) Portals

Do you know about Raiderlink (TTU) and WebRaider (HSC)? They are the Texas Tech online campus connections referred to as "portals". Raiderlink and WebRaider provide a single "front door" entry for doing your job and business with Texas Tech as students, faculty and staff with a single sign-on. They provide access to student information, administration and finance information, tools and services, reporting capabilities, search engines, local weather forecasts and much more. Go to Raiderlink (TTU) www.raiderlink.ttu.edu or WebRaider (HSC) webraider.ttuhs.edu for all your on and off campus needs. Access to both of these websites takes you to an eRaider sign-on screen.

General FAQs

What is Banner and who is SunGard Higher Education (SGHE)?

Banner is the name of the software purchased. Banner modules include Banner Finance, Banner Student and Financial Aid, Banner Human Resources. SunGard Higher Education is the provider for the software. (www.sungardhe.com)

Why is Texas Tech implementing the SGHE Banner systems?

Texas Tech has had a lengthy relationship with SunGard since the legacy student and financial aid systems have been provided by SGHE (the PLUS system known as TechSIS). In late 2004, Texas Tech made a commitment to move from the PLUS system to the SGHE Banner system. In order to obtain an integrated suite of products and move the legacy environment into a fully unified digital campus, Texas Tech made a strategic decision in late 2005 to purchase the remaining Banner modules from SGHE for Finance and Human Resources. This direction was approved by the Board of Regents and is supported by the Texas Tech executive administration.

What systems will be replaced and/or enhanced?

- TechSIS (admissions, registration, financial aid)
- TechFIM (financial accounting and budget) - ePO, Travel, Direct Pay
- TechHRIS (human resources) - HRPaf
- TechPAY (payroll)
- Budget System

What are the major benefits of the new administrative systems?

- Productivity gains will be achieved from re-engineered business practices using in integrated digital workflow environment;
- Real time data will be accessible via the web on a near 24 x 7 basis;
- An enterprise-wide relational database will improve the accuracy and utility of institutional data;
- Every person's data will be in a central location with role identification;
- Use of SSN will be eliminated as the primary identifier;
- A unified Financial Aid solution will be provided for TTU and TTHSC;
- Mission critical systems will migrate from a mainframe hardware environment to a server and relational database environment; and
- With minimal local modifications, Texas Tech will take advantage of upgrades from SunGard Higher Education as they provide functional and technological enhancements with each release.

How will this affect me?

All students, faculty and staff will see changes from small to large depending on their role(s) with Texas Tech. For students, Raiderlink (TTU) and WebRaider (HSC) will incorporate changes seen on the website(s) used for admissions, registration and other student administrative needs. For faculty, Raiderlink (TTU) and WebRaider (HSC) will provide the new web pages similar to web for faculty, links and information for current WebCT and eLearning needs. All faculty and staff should review the information links and training information provided in this newsletter to determine if you have taken advantage of the current training opportunities. Future training opportunities can also be found at the URLs provided.

How do I obtain access to Banner and/or Banner Self-Service (SSB)?

Roles will determine access needed. Information can be gained through training sessions. If your job responsibilities do not require additional training for the new systems, then your eRaider will provide access to the information you need as an employee or student via Raiderlink (TTU), raiderlink.ttu.edu, or WebRaider (HSC), webraider.ttuhs.edu portals.

How will I obtain reports from Banner that are currently available on the web?

Reports for the new Banner systems will now be available through Cognos Reporting. Links are available through the Raiderlink (TTU) and WebRaider (HSC) portals. Cognos reports replace the current reporting environments which are: Data Warehouse for Student and Finance (TTU/HSC, provided by Institutional Research and Information Management), Administration & Finance Dashboard (TTU) and MARS (HSC Finance). Legacy system data will continue to be available through the legacy reporting environment.

For more information please email your question or comment from the ConnectTech website at <http://www.texastech.edu/connecttech/feedback.aspx>.

ConnecTech Go-Live Timeline

Successes

Procurement (SciQuest)	Sourcing Manager for Procurement Bids	Live! - August 2007
Portal (Luminis)	New "Look and Feel" for RaiderLink and Web Raider	Live! - January 2008
Procurement (SciQuest)	Phase I: Shopping Cart Environment (integration with TechFIM)	Live! - January 2008
General Person	System to maintain general demographic records for all persons/vendors in Banner	Live! - April 2008
Imaging (Xtender)	Completion of all Folder Conversions from TechFILE	Live! - May 2008
Procurement (SciQuest)	Phase II: Purchase Orders for FY2009 (integration with Banner)	Live! - May 2008
Expanded Admissions HSC	Admissions HSC: All Schools	Live! - June 2008
Student	Admissions for Spring 2009 and Beyond	Live! - June 2008
Cognos/ODS	Reporting and Data Warehouse	Live! - June 2008

Upcoming Go-Live Dates

Finance	Finance and Sponsored Projects	September 2008
Direct Pay	Purchases outside of eProcurement	September 2008
Travel	Travel Requests and Related Expenses	September 2008
Student	Course Catalog and Course Schedule for Spring 2009 and Beyond	October 2008
Student	Registration for Spring 2009	November 2008
Human Resources	Human Resources, Payroll, Budget	January 2009
Financial Aid	Awarding and Processing for Award Year 2009-2010	January 2009
Budget	Budget Development/Salary Planner	April 2009
Student	End of Term Processing: Final Grading Spring	May 2009

Training and Information Links

ConnecTech: <http://www.texastech.edu/connectech/>

TTU & TTUHSC STUDENT: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/studentrecordtraining/>

TTU & TTUHSC HR: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afism/banner/projectdocs/hr/>

TTU FINANCE: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afism/banner/>

TTUHSC FINANCE: <http://www.fiscal.ttuhs.edu/banner/>

TTU TRAINING: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afism/training/>

TTUHSC TRAINING: <http://www.fiscal.ttuhs.edu/banner/training.aspx>

TTU TechBUY: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afism/banner/projectdocs/procurement/>

TTUHSC TechBUY: <http://www.fiscal.ttuhs.edu/purchasing/>

TTU NEWSLETTERS: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/afism/communications/newsletter/>

TTUHSC NEWSLETTERS: <http://www.fiscal.ttuhs.edu/banner/newsletter.aspx>



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