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Guiding principle 1:

Provide a seamless student experience





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Penn State 2025; Guiding Principle #1

Guiding Principle 1: Provide a Seamless Student Experience.

In 2025, Penn State will provide students with a seamless, mobile student experience in all student interactions with the institution, whether this be the admissions or enrollment processes, the process of taking courses, co-curricular learning, or full access to the curricula and support services offered across the University.



Guiding Principle #1 Sub-Committees

- Transactions Associated with the Business of Being a Student
- Increase student mobility and accommodate the flow of students across Penn State
- Create a Seamless Co-curricular Experience



Once a student enrolls at Penn State:

- Obligated to provide them with lifetime access to online, efficient and userfriendly services, serving them as both students and alumni
- Critical to identify and revise policies that create roadblocks to this successful access
- Must build a fluid process, enabling lifelong access that fosters continuous connection with Penn State
- Access supports opportunities to
 - enable their lifelong learning efforts
 - access post-graduation services electronically, (e.g., ordering transcripts, paying a bill, or obtaining a duplicate diploma)
- Systemwide infrastructure built upon a sustainable technology platform for ease of maintenance for future needs



Sub-Committee Members:

- Misty Patcyk, Co-Lead
- Bill Fritz, Co-Lead
- Tony Anderson, Learning Tools and Learning Management System Manager
- Penny Carlson, Office of the Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses
- Lori Hawn, Director of Graduate Student Services
- Raj Ramesh, Commonwealth Fee Board Chair, CCSG
- Carolyn Saona, University Bursar



This group may:

- recommend the platform(s) to support the business function needs for students.
- explore the infrastructure needed by staff to facilitate the seamless experience for students.

Recommendations in Three Categories

- Access
- Policy and Process Improvements
- Large Scale Initiatives



Category: Access

- Create a mechanism to provide lifelong access to Penn State student system services which would include, but not limited to, one consistent email account
- Once student transactional processes are re-engineered to be more user friendly, develop a process flow demonstrated by tutorials/handouts/flyers/learning website on how to be a student and how to navigate Penn State from transactional viewpoint
- Create a digital information desk, one-stop-shop or a "student ombudsman"
 position to help students make informed decisions about navigating the University
 or finding available resources at each campus to help students make their Penn
 State "plan" while also creating a centralized resource that collects feedback
 about the student experience on a regular basis
- Develop and provide on-going services to student not dependent on being registered



Category: Policy and Process Improvements

- Form a University-wide enrollment management group charged with creating a University wide enrollment modeling plan to address enrollments at all colleges and campuses.
- Query students on how they want to receive information and communications & critical deadlines
- Provide a more fluid "intent to graduate" process
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- Provide a more fluid "entrance to major process" for undergraduate students
- Create electronic forms with workflow processes and electronic signatures as needed for use in the student system
- Review academic and administrative policies and business procedures related to change of campus/home campus/temporary change of campus/multi campus registration and modify to ensure a student-centered approach in their processes to create a more fluid enrollment process across the Commonwealth at all locations, to include the World Campus course delivery method
- Create a single billing scenario process regardless of multiple programs, careers, locations through automation
- Evaluate the recruitment and enrollment processes for transfer students to identify and eliminate barriers for a seamless transfer student experience from application to scheduling



Category: Large Scale Initiatives

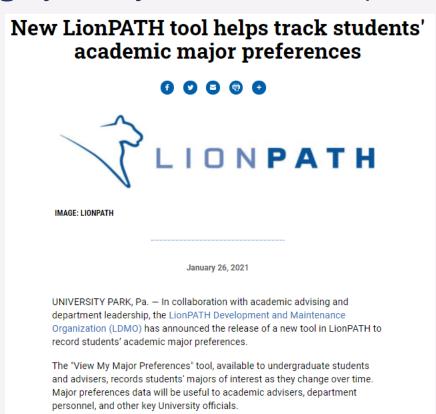
- Develop project plan/timeline based on executive decision for Campus Solutions vs Future Cloud implementation of LionPATH student system
- Implement the Cloud Based Student Financial Planning Financial Aid Software for financial aid processing
- Implement a robust and extensive PennStateGO (Mobile) application for students
- Create a Virtual One Stop Services for Students (Penn State Go Desktop)
 - Create a device independent fluid enrollment function in LionPATH
- Explore the use of Artificial Intelligence tools to enhance and supplement services to students



Highlights



Category: Policy and Process Improvements - More Fluid Entrance to Major Process



Major Preferences released in LionPATH

3 Phases of the Project

Phase I: Tools is available for use by Students, Advisers and Faculty Advisers

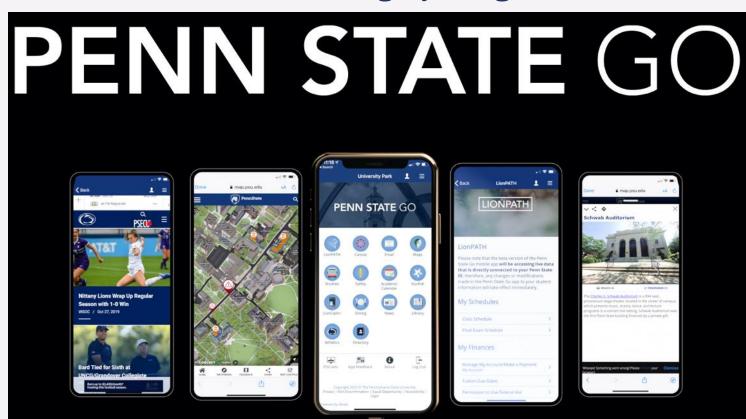
Phase II: Will be available for students to complete in activity guide for Fall 2021 registration

Phase III: Will be required for students to complete in activity guide for Spring 2022 registration.

Over 150 students have this completed either on their own or with their adviser!

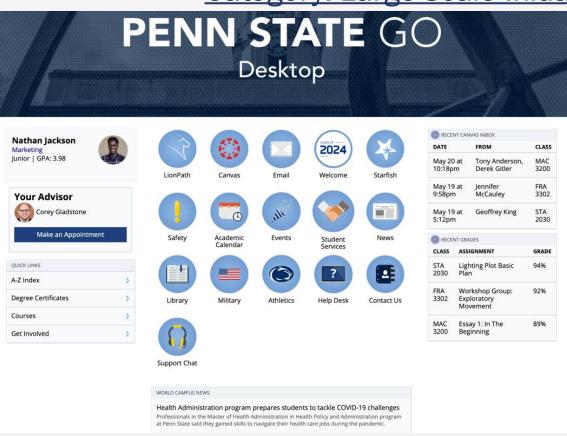


<u>Category: Large Scale Initiatives</u> - PennStateGO



- 96K+ Downloads
- Mobile Direct Communication
- 24 Student Experiences including all Commonwealth Campuses
- Canvas Integration
- Dining and Penn State Eats (order ahead)
- Campus Events THON, homecoming, etc.
- Faculty/Staff Experience
- COVID Symptom checker
- More to come!

Category: Large Scale Initiatives - PennStateGO Desktop



Coming Soon!

- One Stop Shop for Students
- World Campus version is 1st release
- Direct Canvas Integration
- Direct Starfish Integration
- Access to LionPATH
- UP and CWC in 2nd release

Category: Policy and Process Improvements - Electronic Forms and Workflow

Estimated University Savings for 2 forms below: 87.09 Hours, \$5748.48

| Savings Estimates for Doctoral Exam Request Form 396 from 10/22-2/2 | *Prior State Per Form | *Prior State Per Year | Current State Per Form | Projected State Per Year | Estimated Savings Per Year | Current Est. Savings since Go-Live |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Time Spent Per Form | 13.05 minutes | 326.25 hours | 1.1 minutes | 27.5 hours | 298.75 hours | 78.87 hours |
| Cost for Processing Per Form | \$14.74 | \$22,110 | \$0.79 | \$1,185 | \$20,925 | \$5,524.20 |

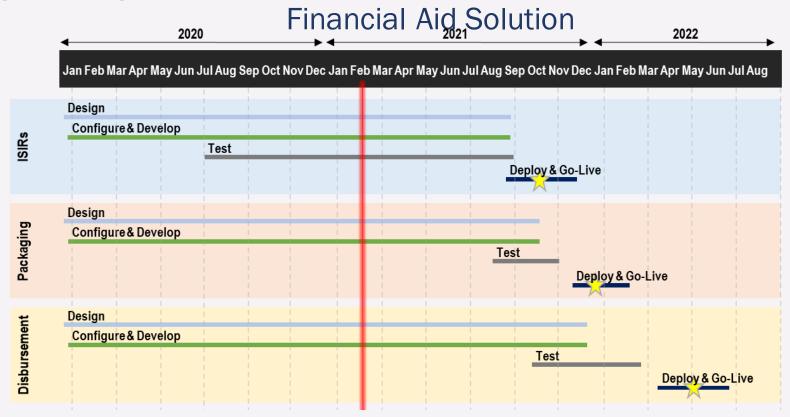
^{*~125} forms/month, ~1500 forms/year

| Savings Estimates for Letter of Certification Form 36 from 11/12-2/2 | *Prior State Per Form | *Prior State Per Year | Current State Per Form | Projected State Per Year | Estimated Savings Per Year | Current Est. Savings since Go-Live |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Time Spent Per Form – Staff Time Spent Per Form – Student | 14.23 min 4.28 min | 42.69 hours 12.84 hours | .53 min 2.17 min | 1.59 hours 6.51 hours | 41.1 hours 6.33 hours | 8.22 hours 1.266 hours |
| Cost for Processing Per Form | \$6.62 | \$1,192.14 | \$0.39 | \$70.89 | \$1,121.25 | \$224.28 |

^{*~60} forms/semester, ~180 forms/year



Category: Large Scale Initiatives - Cloud Based Student Financial Planning





Discussion



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