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The University of Florida is implementing the PeopleSoft Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system (www.peoplesoft.com) to improve UF business processes. New processes will be implemented in many areas. To assist with the implementation, six User Advisory Councils (UACs) are being created to provide advice and recommendations to the project team. The six councils are Finance, Human Resources, Enterprise Performance Management (EPM), Communications, Student, and Information Technology.

Each council will meet regularly to review team progress, provide input, discuss potential problems related to adoption of new business processes, and recommend solutions. Council members will have early access to the new systems and will assist with testing and training activities. Council activities will begin in earnest in January 2003.

The Finance UAC will assist with work related to adoption of the general ledger, accounts receivable and payable, purchasing, travel, grants, asset management, capital projects and treasury functions. The group will be large and specialists in the various areas will serve on sub-groups related to the various processes.

Table 1.
John Sheehy, left, of e-Tech Services, and Iain Moffat, of CNS, move one of two IBM p630 servers into the CNS Machine Room. The p630s are crucial for ERP deployment.

The Human Resources UAC will consider benefits, payroll, classification and pay, recruiting and time and labor processes. The group will also consider the creation of the TEAMS compensation system and topics related to the changing governance structure of the university.

Data warehouse, access to data, reporting tools and reporting processes will be handled by the Enterprise Performance Management UAC.

The Communications UAC will consider help desk, user training, the enterprise portal and communication regarding the project.

Registration, student records, student accounts receivable, admissions, financial aid and advising are the topics for the Student User Advisory Council.

Lastly, the Information Technology User Advisory Council will advise regarding the data center infrastructure for ERP, capacity planning and monitoring.

Additional input will be received from the Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC) and its subcommittees regarding network infrastructure, security, data infrastructure, interfaces to existing systems and technical architecture.

The creation of the User Advisory Councils is an important step in implementing the ERP and improving UF's business processes. The council members will be making an important contribution to the future of the university.

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