



## ***LionPath Information Session Meeting Minutes***

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Guest Speakers Michael Buscus, Paula Hamaty and Karen Henninger

Michael: I remember when I came here last year LionPath was a world away from going live. Now, we are just a few months away from going fully live. Certain functions have been going live over a period of time, there has been 2.5 years on the project. We have visited multiple Commonwealth Campuses talking to students, faculty and staff, namely Abington, Schuylkill, Greater Allegheny, Harrisburg and New Kensington. The system is for all of Penn State with the exception of Penn College of Technology in Williamsport. I will be showing you all a sample of what you can expect with the LionPath system. This will be an involving system which will require changes and enhancements. We will be utilizing the power of social media and have been listening to all feedback concerning LionPath. There are a few things we want to clarify. LionPath is a very advanced replacement of eLion, replacing the entire backbone structure of the University backend operations systems. The University has done a good job with eLion, however its backend, ISIS, has been heavily used and is no longer feasible to operate. (Shows terminal screen) This is how the staff interact with ISIS – it is through the command line, we are not able to sustain this technology anymore. LionPath is the brand name we gave this product, however, this product is a third party vendor application, similar to Microsoft Windows or Office. Not building information systems on your own has been a standard of universities going with their future. Over the past two years, we have been configuring LionPath to work similarly as eLion. We have had to integrate 26 million records from eLion into LionPath. We have to make sure all of these records are correct and accurate. Once we address this, we will be able to look into the “look and feel” of the system. This system is much, much more than eLion. We have been launching the LionPath system in phases, launching features as necessary. The project launched in February 2014 and is almost complete. This is a phased rollout, in accordance with the life cycle of the student. The staff are still in ISIS for everything that has to do with the spring and summer 2016 semesters. As this is a phased rollout, this puts a lot of stress on everybody involved. The project will be complete for fall 2016. The class schedule has been in the new system for a good while now. Financial aid starting transferring over everything in June. The biggest single event in the whole process is registration, and that started last Wednesday with priority registration, which was very successful. We have about 4000 undergraduate students registered in the system. The system will soon open for the “rising seniors”. The most issues we have had for registration is students not filling out their pre-enrollment activity guide, which is required in order to use LionPath.

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What is left after we go through the registration phase is the advising phase. We are also beginning to roll out the degree audit. We don't have all of the data yet in order to roll this out, but we will be rolling it out soon (more than likely in September). There will be a new interface for the credit card processing that Penn State uses, and eventually grading will become a part of it. There are tutorials available for students to be able to use LionPath.

Karen: We have covered a lot of things today. Students will be required to confirm critical contact information, as well as fill out new forms called a financial responsibility agreement, which makes the student responsible for financial arrangements and/or payments. Students are also required to fill out a consent to business electronically, which means Penn State will send you the majority of correspondence via email.

Christine - Abington: You're saying about the shopping cart (accepting terms and conditions) – if we've already have stuff in our shopping cart, have we already accepted the consent forms?

Karen: You will need to complete the guide in order to actually register.

Karen: We have incorporated the software schedule builder in order to maximize the possible schedules that they can have. Once the students have the courses in the shopping cart, LionPath will check the course prerequisites and help you resolve them for your first day to enroll. During your enrollment appointment, you can click on the classes on the shopping cart and register for the classes. You will have to select each individual class in order to register.

Christine – Abington: I understand you put the courses in the shopping cart. Is it something that doesn't have to do with racing like eLion?

Karen: It won't be a race. If you click it will put you in the classes.

Karen: The last feature I will discuss is the waitlist. The waitlist is nothing like

Christine – Abington: Does the waitlist go by seniors or line?

Karen: You have to meet the enrollment requirements in order to enroll. It is like a line, it goes to the first available person in line.

Christine – Abington: What about dropping classes?

Karen: You will have to use the swap feature.

Josh – Abington: Are they limiting the concurrent registrations? Is there a certain amount of credits you can register for?

Karen: We are enforcing prerequisites for MATH and IST courses. The classes will say specifically what is enforced and what is not. As time goes on, more areas will be enforced. If you haven't met the prerequisite, it won't let you register. If you are in progress, it will let you register. If you get a D and

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need a C, you will have to do everything. You can only enroll for 19 classes until the first day of classes, per University Faculty Senate Policies.

Matt – UPark – If you roll off the waitlist, will you get your classes?

Karen: If you have classes on your waitlist on the first day of classes, you will either take the risk of getting in to all your classes (more credits than you want to take) or you will have to remove the courses from your waitlist.

Karen: You can go to [launch.lionpath.psu.edu](http://launch.lionpath.psu.edu) and view tutorials associated with LionPath.

Altoona – I was wondering if the regular add/drop deadlines were modified?

Karen: The drop period will start the first week of classes and end the following Sunday. The late drop period will not change. In LionPath, aid will be calculated for the semester the day after drop/add in order to provide maximum consistency. Also, any schedule adjustments within LionPath will not result in a tuition penalty, even if you drop from part time to full time.

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