Introduction.

During the past four years, the demands on the technical infrastructure supporting the University of California, Riverside’s (UCR’s) student information system (SIS) have increased dramatically.

As a result of this changing environment, UCR’s Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs (VCSA) have formed a SIS Planning Group to identify and evaluate strategies that will allow the campus to meet its student information system needs. The findings of the SIS Planning Group are the subject of this document.

The charge of the SIS Planning Group can be found on its web site, located at the following address:

www.cnc.ucr.edu/sis

The following paragraph is taken from the Planning Group's charge:

"…this planning exercise comes at a very important time in UCR's history. As we move toward Vision 2010 and a campus of 20,000+ students, we must deploy and maintain strategic enterprise systems that enable and sustain campus growth. Perhaps no single system is more critical to UCR's future than a robust and flexible Student Information System. Such a system will improve and facilitate student advising, enhance campus processes ranging from admissions to financial aid, provide UCR's students a "portal" for registration, grades, and other information and services, and provide campus users with flexible and "user friendly" data access."