



# Finance and Admin Newsletter

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## Current Projects

The **Banner Technology Committee** is currently working on implementing the Spring 2017 Banner Application Upgrades which will include Banner General, Banner Accounts Receivable, Banner Finance patches, and Banner Student module updates which will likely occur in test in April and in production in May. Users can utilize the RIS Book Shelf for the latest Ellucian user and release guide information for these Banner administrative system upgrades.

RIS continues working with Ellucian and planning for future implementation of Ellucian Extensibility (XE) for Banner. No timelines for implementation of Banner XE have been identified yet.

The **Blackboard Management Committee** is preparing to have its annual in person meeting next month in May. The BMC meets in person once a year in May to discuss a variety of topics. Some of the topics included could be training, office procedures, and what took place at the annual spring Blackboard conference. This year's meeting will be held on the campus of Black Hills State University in Spearfish.

The latest release of the Colleague ODS frameworks were moved to Production in early March after several weeks of testing. The **Decision System Support** team is in the process of finalizing the next series of changes to the Banner LIVE frameworks. Based on requests from university end users, and recommendations made during the Nov/Dec Banner Cognos training, we believe the added functionality will be very useful when developing Banner reports. Requests for new tables, columns or functionality should be sent to the [SDBOR-DSS@sdbor.edu](mailto:SDBOR-DSS@sdbor.edu)

If you have other questions or suggestions, please e-mail us at [SDBOR-DSS@sdbor.edu](mailto:SDBOR-DSS@sdbor.edu).

### Colleague ODS Refresh Schedule

Full ODS Refresh	9:00 p.m. – midnight (daily)
Financial Aid Refresh	midnight – 1:00 a.m. (daily)

The **Fixed Assets Group** will be meeting via conference call on April 19, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. CT.

Per the **Purchasing Module**, the cutoff date for submitting requisitions using state general funds is April 21, 2017. The survey regarding commodity code mapping has concluded and the results indicate overwhelmingly that end users like the mapping process and ability to update all commodity codes on an order with a single click. Additional training may be necessary for some users. The Purchasing Module will be meeting April 19, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. CT. The annual purchasing retreat has been scheduled for July 19-20, 2017, in Chamberlain. The Office of Procurement Management will attend a portion of the meeting to address any concerns or changes in procurement policy with the group.



## Tips & Tricks

Helpful Cognos resource:

[IBM Cognos Business Intelligence 10 – The Official Guide](#) by Dan Volitich and Gerard Ruppert

## Upcoming Training

### Cognos Business Intelligence Training Opportunities

#### **Banner Cognos Finance/Colleague Reporting (This will be the last scheduled Banner training)**

**May 16, 17 & 18 (1/2 day)**

**WHERE:** Sioux Falls, SD – University Center, FSC1, Room 108

**INSTRUCTORS:** John Marsh, ASR Analytics, Kate Connelly, ASR Analytics

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Email Kimm Sundal at [kimm.sundal@sdbor.edu](mailto:kimm.sundal@sdbor.edu)

This course content will be slightly different from previous Banner training we have offered to-date. The content will also include several exercises that will combine both Banner Finance and Colleague Student information, using either the framework package OR a SQL object. All users, both beginners and experienced developers that would like to report on data using both ERP systems are encouraged to attend.

The intended outcomes of this course are:

**Day 1 Banner ODS** – report conversion – this training will cover options for conversion of existing Banner ODS Finance Discoverer Oracle reports into Cognos.

**Day 2 Banner Transaction** – users will develop a select series of Finance/Colleague reports using either BannerLIVE or Banner ODS data.

**Day 3 (1/2 day)** will cover advanced topics related to Cognos reporting.

## Accomplishments

Per the **Procurement Group**, USD began using the SmartProcure system in February to assist in determining best pricing for various commodities. To date, USD has experienced a savings of approximately \$3,000 by using the SmartProcure system. The pilot stage of this project will continue throughout 2017.