GSU is in process of identifying a vendor to provide an updated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.

To satisfy student and stakeholder needs and expectations, the new ERP system will facilitate delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology-enabled, services. The project will enhance delivery of core services and functions by implementing an integrated and sustainable system that allows us to incorporate best business practices.

The system will affect everything we do – from admissions to registration, from employee hiring to the processing of payrolls, from budget development to expenditure management, from workload assignment to course scheduling, from on campus instruction to online learning, from graduation to alumni relations and fund raising, and more.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend presentations by the vendors, which have been selected through a national RFP process. Each presentation will take place over the course of an entire day and will be broken into shorter sessions addressing the needs of specific functional and service areas.

Because the selection of a new system affects EVERY department within the university, it is extremely important for as many employees as possible to attend the sessions that apply to them and their associated functional or service areas.

Attendees will have the opportunity to complete presentation feedback forms to provide input on this important process. The Vendor Proposals Evaluation Team will take your feedback into consideration when making its final recommendation to the President.

**Presentation Schedule**
Friday, March 12 – Vendor 1

Monday, March 15 – Vendor 2

(The presentation schedule is the same for both vendors)

8 – 8:30 a.m. Evaluation Committee and Vendor Meeting
8:30 – 9 a.m. General Overview
9 – 9:30 a.m. Recruitment and Admission
9:30 – 10 a.m. Student Records (Catalog and Schedule)
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. Financial Aid
11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Student Accounts Receivable
11:45 a.m. – Noon Question and Answer (Morning Sessions)
Noon – 12:30 p.m. Evaluation Committee Luncheon
12:30 – 12:50 p.m. Grants & Grants Management
12:50 – 1:15 p.m. Institutional Research/Reporting
1:15 – 1:45 Budget Planning and Controls
1:45 – 2:15 p.m. Finance Operations & Accounts Payable
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break
2:30 – 3 p.m. Purchasing/Procurement
3 – 3:30 p.m. HR & Payroll
3:30 – 4 p.m. Advancement/Alumni
4 – 4:15 p.m. Question and Answer (Afternoon Sessions)
4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Question and Answer (All Sessions)
4:30 – 5 p.m. Vendor Presentation/Addl. Features/Closing Remarks

Schedule & Registration Info Online

It’s almost time to register for the spring/summer trimester. Online registration begins on Monday, March 15. The spring/summer course schedule and registration instructions are both available online. Students are reminded to check the Registration Priority Schedule in the Registration Instruction Booklet.

Oink, Oink

The Center for Performing Arts presents a very special performance for the whole family this weekend. Tickets are available for If You Give a Pig a Pancake and Other Story Books, Saturday March 6, at 11 a.m. This TheatreworksUSA production is a mini musical based on popular children’s stories such as How I Became a Pirate, The Paper Bag Princess, and Diary of a Worm.

Tickets are only $10.50. Call The CPA box office at 708-235-2222 or visit The Center website.

Singing with the Stars

Last Thursday, GSU’s five best singers vied for a chance to perform as part of 100 Years of Broadway at The Center for Performing Arts. The vocalists, chosen by a distinguished panel of judges at an earlier audition, sang for their lives. The finalists included:

Keith Briggs (Staff/FDM) - Somewhere Over the Rainbow from The Wizard of Oz

Fredi Parks (Student) - I Could Have Danced All Night from My Fair Lady

Kimi Robaczewski (Student) - Cabaret from Cabaret

Charlotte Smith (Student) - Tomorrow from Annie
After much debating, the judges chose two students as the winner. Kimi Robaczewski was awarded first place and will sing a solo number during the Broadway production. Fredi Parks was awarded second place and will perform in the production as part of an ensemble number. Congratulations and thanks to all who auditioned and turned out to cheer the singers on.

Tickets are still available for Neil Berg’s 100 Years of Broadway, on March 14, at 4 p.m. Visit The Center website for details.

**Semester Information**

Fall 2010 will begin GSU’s first semester-based academic calendar. The new schedule will enhance the seamless transition of students from community colleges to GSU, serve returning students who must balance families and full-time employment with school commitments, and make GSU summer courses available to students from other institutions.

Faculty and staff members with individual community contacts are responsible for communicating the semester calendar changes to those contacts via hard copy letter or e-mail. Sample letter templates are available on the Semester Calendar website.

**Tamales For Sale**

Time for a delicious tamale. Do you want chicken, cheese, or pork – or a dozen of each? Now is your chance to pre order fresh tamales at $12 per dozen from the Spanish Reading Club. All proceeds support club events throughout the semester.

Order by Tuesday, March 9 before 7 p.m. for pick up on Thursday, March 11. Order by Friday, March 12 before 5 p.m. for pick up on Thursday March 16. The pickup location on both days is the Hall of Governors, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Payment is due at pickup.

To order tamales, submit a quantity, ingredient type (pork, chicken, or cheese), and the day you wish to pick them up (March 11 or March 16) along with your name, phone number, and email address to the Spanish Reading Club in room A-2134, call ext. 4553, or via email at spanishreadingclub@yahoo.com.

**Collaborate Online**

Using online collaboration tools (CE-8 Group Manager, Wikis, Google Docs, etc.) add significantly to the success of group projects, whether you are teaching a traditional or an online class. Learn about factors that contribute to successful group projects and how to use the CE-8 Group Manager to organize and facilitate group work at a faculty workshop presented by Jan Engle on Thursday March 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab classroom).

To register for this workshop, email Jan Engle.
**Don’t Spare a Strike**

Back by popular demand - the Student Education Association (SEA) of GSU is sponsoring the SEA Wii Bowling Competition, on March 11, from noon to 4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place competitors. Popcorn is only 50 cents a bag. Entry fees are $2 for students and $3 for everyone else.

**Family Matters - The Kundla Handoff**

For Lisa and Mark Kundla, “the handoff” marks both the beginning and end of the working day.

Each weekday afternoon, Mark brings their 4-year-old son Logan to GSU’s Business Office, where Lisa is a specialist in student accounts. Lisa takes Logan home to Park Forest and Mark begins his evening shift in Digital Learning and Media Design. It’s an arrangement that’s been in place since Logan was born.

By splitting their weekdays with Logan, Lisa and Mark can save money that otherwise would be going for childcare. But their daily handoff is about more than finances.

“We just think it is better that one of Logan’s parents is always with him,” Mark says. “We’ve been fortunate enough to be there whenever he needs us.” The Kundlas' other son, six-year-old Austin, started first grade this year.

Mark, well known on campus as the producer-director of the annual Civil Service Day video extravaganza, has been at GSU 13 years. As a GSU undergrad, he was undecided on a major until someone showed him the TV production facilities. “It was an epiphany,” he says. He’s earned a B.A. and M.A. at GSU and has moved from editing tape to working on computers to preparing digital material for the web.

Before coming to GSU eight years ago, Lisa worked in the banking industry and as a secretary at Bloom Township High School. Mark and Lisa, who were married in 1998, first met through a US-99 “date line.”

The Kundlas say their unique work arrangement would not be possible without the cooperation of their supervisors, Jane Siefker in the Business Office and Charles Nolley in Digital Learning.

“Without them, this never would have happened,” Lisa says.

**New Hours for CPA**

The Center for Performing Arts box office will be open until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays to accommodate those who attend evening classes or work later hours. Tickets to CPA performances are also available at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net). For more information, call 708.235.2222.
**Taste of Wellness**

Learn the foods, therapies, and remedies for a healthier life in *Experience a Taste of Wellness*, a presentation by Dr. Juanita Santillan, CEO Aloe Plus Corp, certified natural health professional, on March 16, at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Everyone is welcome. Student Life sponsors this event. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at ext 4551.

**Psych Out and About**

GSU psychology and counseling faculty, alumni, and graduate students will make presentations at this spring’s Midwestern Psychological Association annual meeting. The meeting will take place from April 29 through May 1 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

Participating faculty members include Drs. Christopher Dyslin, Jean Johnson, Albert Tuskenis, and Byron Waller. GSU graduate students making presentations include Christine Carlson, Donelle Feld, Cindy Fisher, Pooja Joshi, Nicholas Macak, and Erin Markase. Presenting alumni include Matthew J. Covic (now a GSU adjunct) and Matthew Abrams (Loyola faculty member and GSU adjunct). Good luck to all.

**Mind Your Manners**

Students have the opportunity to learn real life skills needed when meeting potential clients or employers in a social setting at the Etiquette Luncheon sponsored by the Office of Career Services. The lunch is on Tuesday, March 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. The event includes a full meal with manners instruction for each course and tips on social etiquette skills for professional settings.

Registration is required. The fee is only $5. For more information or to reserve, contact the Office of Career Services at 708.235.3974.