Faculty suggestions are being solicited regarding the new academic advising and degree-audit software now under preliminary testing at Western, according to new Asst. Chief Information Officer Gregg Gustafson.

The software is part of “Banner,” a six-module suite of integrated digital campus solutions provided by SCT, a company with over 800 clients and 35 years experience in collegiate administrative applications.

“From advising to the way we accept payment for tuition—we are looking at all of it in connection with this implementation,” said Gustafson during an informal presentation to COB faculty and staff in mid-February.

Hired in January of this year, Gustafson acknowledged that solicitation of faculty input regarding the academic advising aspect of the software was not what it could have been—and still needs to be.

“Re-enfranchising this process is an important part of the reason why I am here,” stated Gustafson, who plans to announce a more formal schedule by which faculty can explain their needs and make suggestions.

Although aspects of the program interface are fixed, some elements can be tweaked, and the reporting function of Banner is extremely flexible, the Asst. CIO said.

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### Coming IT Events for COB this Spring

- **Basic Web Page Construction**: 3/09, 12:30, 116, Gary Jones
- **COB/Hunter Library Q&A**: 3/23, 12:00, 213, Dana Edge
- **Introduction to WebCT**: 4/06, 12:30, 116, Gary Jones

See: [http://paws.wcu.edu/gjones/WCU_COB_Web_Resources_Home.htm](http://paws.wcu.edu/gjones/WCU_COB_Web_Resources_Home.htm)

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Gustafson underscores the cooperative, campus-wide nature of this implementation. “This is not an IT project; implementation of Banner is a University project,” he emphasized.

Also present at the presentation were IT Services Computer Consultants Phillip Garrison and Akum Jamir. Both are affiliated with the College of Business, and both expressed their continued commitment to COB faculty and staff concerning computer hardware and software issues. Both will be able to offer assistance with the SCT Banner software platform. The e-mail address for COB assistance is: cobhelp@email.wcu.edu

A Snapshot of the SCT Banner Student Module Interface

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