

To: President Waded Cruzado

From: Jerry Sheehan, Chief Information Officer

RE: Final Recommendations of the UPdate Data Access/Consistency

Date: September 17, 2015

Dear President Cruzado,

On behalf of the UPdate MSU Data Access/Consistency Working Group, I am pleased to present you with our final recommendations.

The workgroup met multiple times over the course of the last academic year to review our existing data infrastructure and to assess how responsive it is to campus needs. The team brought in technologist from the Information Technology Center to review our existing infrastructure, faculty and administrators from multiple departments to discuss their use and assessment of the current system, and our Enterprise Resource Planning Partner Ellucian to discuss their insight on the future of the management of institutional data.

On the basis of this input, and the thoughtful conversations that followed, the UPdate MSU Data Access/Consistency Working Group has made recommendations focused on maturing and institutionalizing our practices in managing institutional data.

We look forward to your review of these final recommendations and are eager to begin the multi-stakeholder collaborations that will be necessary to implement these needed changes.

Sincerely,

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