Stockton University to Launch New Content Management System: OU Campus

Stockton University is transitioning to a new content management system (CMS), OmniUpdate (OU) Campus, and will introduce the first phase of the website roll out next month.

OU Campus was selected to replace EYOS after a thorough evaluation of website and CMS needs by a committee consisting of members from University Relations & Marketing, Information Technology Services and the Office of E-Learning.

Robert Heinrich, chief information officer, explained that one of the key features of the new system is its responsive design, or mobile-friendly format. Web content migrated to the new system will be easily displayed across different screen sizes and devices, such as desktops, smart phones and tablets.

“OU Campus will allow us to create an inviting and dynamic web presence that will enhance our recruiting efforts, strengthen how we communicate our offerings and success stories, and elevate our brand as New Jersey’s distinctive public university,” explained Geoffrey Pettifer, director of Marketing Communications.

The deployment of OU Campus is organized as a multi-phased project as outlined in the OU Campus Content Management System Project Plan. Here is a projected timeline for content migration:

- **On Wednesday, June 15, 2016** - All top-level University web pages will be migrated to the OU Campus, and existing websites on EYOS will be updated with new headers and footers in order to match the look and feel of the new web presence. It is important to note that existing web pages will not be responsive until they are migrated over to the new system.
- **June-August 2016** - Site migration for enrollment-driven websites
- **September-December 2016** - Site migration for remaining active websites

“The content migration process is intended to be a collaborative effort, and we want to ensure a smooth transition from our current web presence to OU Campus,” Heinrich said.

Beginning after June 15, CMS project leaders from University Relations & Marketing and Information Technology Services will be reaching out to content owners/managers directly to set up an initial consultation meeting to discuss training, content migration and project deadlines. A project plan will then be created and shared.

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Web content owners and managers should begin to prepare for site content migration by reviewing existing web pages and reviewing the checklist for content migration. Learn more about the project, training and workshops and FAQs, by checking out this website.

The committee members were: Walead Abdrabouh, associate director of Information Management Systems; Joseph D’Agostino, associate director of Web Communications; Daniel Gambert, lead instructional designer; Robert Heinrich, chief information officer; Adam Nowalsky, professional services specialist; Geoffrey Pettifer, director of Marketing Communications; Louis Regan, professional services specialist; and Meaghan Resta, manager of Publications & Special Projects. David Vickery, assistant director of Web Communications, and Spencer Sharkey, professional services specialist, are also involved in the project.

Kenny, Long, Britton Honor Fallen Officers in Police Unity Tour

Sgt. Linda Kenny and Officer Grace Long of the Stockton University Police Department (SUPD) biked 175 miles from Galloway, N.J. to Washington, D.C. as part of the Police Unity Tour to raise awareness for officers who have died in the line of duty. Lt. Colleen Britton served as a support member, traveling alongside the riders and providing food and water at breaks taken every 15-20 miles.

The Stockton officers, along with 200 other officers in the local chapter, traveled May 10-12 from Galloway, N.J. to Lewes, Del. to Annapolis, Md. They ended their journey with thousands of other riders and supporters at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum in the nation’s capital.

Kenny started riding in 2006 as a way to stay in shape, and was still relatively new to Stockton’s police force at the time. “At first, I found the tour was a great way to meet officers from other local departments,” she said, describing the tour as informal networking.

“But the main reason I keep doing it is that third day,” she continued. “When you ride in to the memorial, you don’t see many dry eyes because riders and family members have lost someone in the line of duty. They are thanking you for riding and for bringing awareness to officers killed in the line of duty.”

Britton, who has been with SUPD since 1993, first joined the tour after Kenny and Interim Chief Cynthia Parker returned from the 2006 cycle.

“They spoke about how moving and amazing it was to do the tour, and I started the following year. I’ve been both a rider and support in the past,” said Britton, who comes from a family of police officers. “I don’t personally know any officers who were killed in the line of duty, but I personally know three officers who have committed suicide and that was very hard to understand and accept. I participate because it’s an honor to let the families know their heroes will never be forgotten.”

Long, also inspired by Kenny, participated for the first time this year. “The experience was surreal,” she said. “The first two days are a build up to that final day. People are cheering for you, which brings a smile to your face, and then you see the wall of 20,000 names of officers who lost their lives. It starts to choke you up because not only is your law enforcement family on that wall, but everyday people - who were fathers, mothers, sons and daughters - are on that wall.”

To ride, each person raises $1,800 in support of the national memorial. The tour, which celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, has raised a total of over $18 million.

“The Police Unity Tour’s motto is, ‘We ride for those who died.’ We’re doing it for all of the officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty,” the Stockton officers said.
Hundreds Attend Stockton’s First Employee Appreciation Barbecue

Anne Pomeroy had an idea which gathered hundreds of faculty and staff members for food and fellowship at Stockton University’s first employee appreciation barbecue.

It all began in a meeting where Craig Ruggles, associate director of Facilities Management & Plant Operations, was in attendance, explained Pomeroy, associate professor of Philosophy and president of the Stockton Federation of Teachers.

“He was talking about the ‘old days’ and how you could walk into the campus pub and find maintenance people, faculty and clerical staff there,” she said. “You could sit and talk to people from other divisions of the college; and we all felt like a family.”

Ruggles’ reminiscing made Pomeroy’s gears turn. “How do we get everyone together?” she thought, writing, “University-wide potluck/BBQ?” in the margins of her notebook.

Pomeroy proposed the idea to President Harvey Kesselman during their next meeting.

“President Kesselman loved it - and better yet, said he would support it - and the rest is history. Tom Chester [director of Human Resources] made arrangements, I contacted the band and Michael McGarvey [professor of Art] and David Lechner [librarian, assistant professor in the Library] made the arrangements for the sound support.”

The Stockton community gathered outside D-Wing on May 19 at the first employee appreciation barbecue.

The Stockton Faculty Band provided musical entertainment for the crowd. “We have amazing sound folks at the University,” Pomeroy said about the sound support crew.

“The unions all provided some financial support; and most importantly, people came,” she said.

The event was sponsored and supported by the Communication Workers of America (CWA), Stockton American Federation of Teachers, IFTPE Local 195, the Office of the President, the Stockton University Police Department, Human Resources and Chartwells.

Hozik, Severs Present at Geological Society of America Conference

Professor Mike Hozik and Associate Professor Rocky Severs of the Geology program and 12 Stockton Geology students recently presented the results of several research projects at the annual Geological Society of America’s Northeastern sectional conference held in Albany, N.Y.

Hozik and Severs presented with the students on their findings on research topics including: trace element diffusion in high-grade garnets; an analysis of oxygen isotopes of the Iron Springs District in Utah; and a paleomagnetic analysis of mafic igneous rocks from the Holyoke Basalt in Massachusetts.

Another research project performed a geochemical analysis of foreign rocks, or xenoliths, from Westerly, R.I., which found the mantle beneath the East Coast was very diverse in its composition after rifting from Africa, explained Severs.

“The students did an outstanding job presenting their various projects,” he said. “They interacted and impressed geology scholars from around the country and Canada, including faculty from Columbia University, University of Massachusetts, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and the United States Geological Survey. Each of the students learned a lot from the other presentations and from interacting with faculty, students and professionals from a variety of different geologic disciplines.”
Operation Zorro: Surprise Party Passes Torch from Reynolds to Harvey

The code name was “Operation Zorro” - a surprise party planned for outgoing director of the Institute for Faculty Development (IFD) Bill Reynolds.

After hearing the news that Reynolds’ term was ending, Manish Madan, assistant professor of Criminal Justice, bounced the idea off others, receiving positive feedback from colleagues including Laura Zucconi, associate professor of History; Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen, assistant professor of Social Work; Sarah Maynard, assistant professor of Social Work; Meg White, assistant professor of Education; and Amee Shah, associate professor of Health Science.

“A part of what I understand about Stockton spirit is about creating a positive workplace, and celebrating colleagues’ work and success,” Madan said. “Our dear friend Bill has touched all of us, and we wanted to do something to show our appreciation.”

While planning for the event, faculty used the name “Operation Zorro” to ensure the party would be a complete surprise.

Reynolds’ arrival was the last piece of the puzzle, planned by Nancy Capella and Carra Hood of the Provost’s Office. The duo scheduled an “important meeting” with Reynolds which “worked like a charm,” Madan explained.

Faculty members praised Reynolds’ work, including Brian Tyrrell, associate professor of Hospitality & Tourism Studies and president of Faculty Senate, and White, who spoke on behalf of the junior faculty. Reynolds thanked his colleagues, and wished success to incoming director Doug Harvey, associate professor of Instructional Technology.

“The best part of being IFD director was collaborating with an accomplished group of new faculty each year,” Reynolds said. “I’ll miss being immersed daily in the energy and enthusiasm they bring to their work with our students, and I am grateful for their thoughtfulness in organizing a gathering to say goodbye. I wish Doug Harvey much success and fulfillment as he begins his work with the 2016 cohort of new faculty.”

Harvey is excited to build upon the foundation Reynolds set over the past three years, and before by Heather McGovern, associate professor of Writing, and Sonia Gonsalves, professor of Psychology and director of Academic Assessment.

“The faculty are the heart of Stockton, and to come alongside my brilliant colleagues, helping them pursue their goals to be great teacher-scholars, is a privilege and an honor,” Harvey said. “Dr. Reynolds is a tough act to follow, but I plan to use my expertise in instructional design and technology to continue making the IFD a success.”

Interim Provost & Executive Vice President Susan Davenport sponsored the event, and contributions from faculty were used to purchase parting gifts. Maynard and Event Services staff were instrumental in the organization of the surprise party.

“Bill was exceptional in his role as IFD director. His dedication in ensuring faculty development across disciplines and helping them navigate Stockton as they join has been admirable and of a tremendous value. On behalf of junior faculty, I thank him. Bill, thank you for your friendship; you will be greatly missed at IFD and at Stockton,” Madan said.