1. INTRODUCTION
The Integrated Student Portal Project ran from January 2013 until August 2013.

It had three objectives:

- Establish full extent to which Blackboard functionality can be enhanced to form a central hub for all aspects of educational life, not just courses and report on findings
- Implement immediate enhancements
- Make recommendations on the introduction of further functionality and tools over session 2013-14.

The detailed Project Plan can be viewed here

2. IMPLEMENTATION
The project was implemented following the detailed plan in the PID.

All content owners agreed to take responsibility for the upkeep of their content following the initial move into Blackboard.

It was agreed to recreate and enhance the structure of the previous StudentNet, by creating a tab of the same name in Blackboard with sub tabs and modules. Content sits inside Blackboard organisations. The majority of content can be accessed via direct links from the tabs and modules without logging in.

Those services which require logging in are signified by a padlock.

Representatives from the following teams were involved in discussions and decision making on the content to be transferred and the structure to be employed.

- Careers
- Guidance
- Health & Safety
- Information and Booking Centre
- IT Centre
- International Students
- Learning Development Centre
- Library+
- Publicity & Marketing
- Students Association
- Student Funding and Accommodation
- Student Support
- Web Services
3. **Acceptance Criteria**

The project intended to deliver:

- A report listing the agreed features and type of content required
- Training for content owners
- Successful transfer of agreed content to Blackboard from StudentNet by July 2013
- Recommendations for appropriate technical training to facilitate further development
- Recommendations for further work in next session

The project delivered:

- An agreed list of content and the teams responsible for its upkeep.
- Training was given to the individuals nominated by team managers to maintain the content for which they have responsibility. The ILT team will provide ongoing assistance, if required.
- The transfer of the existing and additional content was completed before the start of the new session in August 2013.
- We have made no recommendations for appropriate technical training, because potential future work has not yet been fully investigated.

4. **Recommendations for Future Work**

Although future work has not been detailed, we know that the following services need to be maintained:

- Password+
- My Timetable
- My Attendance
- Absence Reporting Form
- Student Card Request
- Student Confirmation Request
- Studio Booking Forms
- Individual Learning Plan
- My Progress

These services are currently accessible from the new StudentNet but reside on the previous StudentNet server.

Work has started to identify the feasibility of moving each into Blackboard or creating standalone web services. This is at an early stage.

I would recommend that this work continues but recognise that there are a number of higher priority projects already in train or likely to be approved. If the group wish this work to continue a PID would need to be prepared.

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