**Sungard Review Oversight Committee (S-ROC)**

**President’s Cabinet Report – Dec. 1, 2009**

**Executive Overview**

Based upon its September, 2009 charge from the President’s Cabinet, The Sungard Review Oversight Committee (S-ROC) conducted a very thorough review of the four Sungard Higher Education product groups not currently owned by IUP that have been purchased by California, East Stroudsburg, Shippensburg and Slippery Rock as part of their Student Information System (SIS) implementation. Edinboro and Millersville are conducting reviews similar to IUP.

The product groups are the Luminis Portal, the Enrollment Management Suite, the DegreeWorks advanced advising software and the Advanced Reporting Suite.

The review included the formation of four product review teams each co-chaired by S-ROC members. These review teams were responsible for making an assessment of product functionality and its value to IUP. This assessment included a thorough review of Sungard Higher Education marketing material, attendance at a day-long vendor visit along with more than 80 members of the university community and attendance at the Pennsylvania Banner User Group in late November. S-ROC accepted the review teams’ recommendations and then considered the fiscal, personnel and technical implications of purchasing each product group – combining all of these considerations into recommendations to Cabinet.

**Recommendations**

* S-ROC makes an unqualified recommendation that IUP purchase Degree Works.
* S-ROC makes qualified recommendations that IUP purchase Luminis and the Enrollment Management Suite.
* S-ROC recommends that IUP not purchase the Advanced Reporting Suite.

**Product Summary**

Degree Works: This product has very strong support from the product review team as well as others in attendance at the vendor visit. Degree Works also specifically addresses a formal recommendation by ACPAC (faculty IT committee) that IUP implement an advanced advising tool.

Enrollment Management: This product group has strong support from the functionality perspective and modern enrollment management software is quickly being adopted across the country. However, it should be noted that a potential lack of pre-existing data may limit short-term benefit. Cost is a concern in that the product group has relatively high implementation and license costs. Given the scope of the project, it is possible temporary back fill might be needed to support some staff critical to the implementation and this would add cost as well.

Luminis: The concept of a university portal has strong support in general among the university community, particularly if the concept of a ‘single sign-on’ is included as part of the implementation. However, Sungard Higher Education has advised that IUP would need to add a portal administrator if it implements Luminis and this caution was confirmed by other institutions at the Pa. Banner User Group.

Advanced Reporting: Product group has support from a functionality perspective, but much of the functionality either exists at IUP or will exist in the near future. In addition, this product group is expensive and its purchase would make sense only if IUP had little functionality in this area.