Standardizing campus information with new Enhanced Planning Tools

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It’s what you need to know. The next stage of UVic’s Enhanced Planning Tools program is now ready for managers across UVic’s faculties and administration. Over the past two years, details of the new resources and priorities planning system were rolled out in a series of meetings with faculties and administrative units.

Enhanced planning is the new process UVic has adopted for decision making and organizational forecasting for all units, faculties and departments starting in 2015–16.

The centrepiece is a new software reporting and recording system that will help decision-makers in academic, administrative and support units achieve their goals.

Enhanced planning will enable managers to integrate their physical and technology assets, finances and human resources into an institutional database. The software tool also allows managers to assess the quality of their programs and services, measure demand for their offerings and determine productivity and efficiency, based on goal-setting and objectives within available resources.

Think of it like this: when you go for a physical checkup, you get a clear picture of the state of your health, using baseline data to measure changes as you go through life. Enhanced planning is intended to do much the same thing, by providing the university with a full picture of its resources, capabilities and opportunities.

As University Systems finishes building the new software, it’s time to incorporate it as part of essential organizational planning. Open information sessions are scheduled this fall: one-hour, practical guides to tell you what you need to know for your unit’s reporting. Managers can attend any one of these, to be held in ASB 120, on the following dates:

- Friday, Jan. 8, 2-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-noon
- Monday, Jan. 18, 10-11 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 21, 9-10 a.m.