

## ***What benefit could SLIMS bring to Schools?***

During July SLIMS project team members will be speaking to academic staff and administrative staff across all schools to gather information about their current approach to undertaking academic administrative tasks and the usage they make of the USRS and its ancillary systems in doing these tasks. The purpose of these discussions is to gather information on the problems faced by staff in schools and the opportunities that exist to minimise the amount of time taken by staff on routine administrative tasks. We also want to gather opinions on what the key requirements for schools are that need to feature in the business requirements to be delivered under the SLIMS project.

What are the benefits that staff in schools could expect to be delivered in the SLIMS project? The following types of benefits are likely to feature:



- The reduction of manual handling of data and information in school based subsidiary systems through the provision of tools integrated into the student information system. An example might be a tool to manage continuous assessment in units and formal examinations results to calculate final grades. Another example might be automated communications to students enrolled in units either through email or messages when a student signs on to the system
- The automation of routine tasks within standardised business rules and automated workflow to manage tasks that cross functional areas. An example might be in enrolment approvals where within defined rules an enrolment could be automatically approved if it meets the defined rule or an automated request for approval sent to a relevant approver where the enrolment does not meet the defined rule
- An intuitive, well designed user interface to the student information system – this may be browser based with at least a graphical user interface (GUI) which is familiar to all desktop users
- Real time transaction processing - you see the result of a transaction immediately that it is submitted to the system, there is no need to wait for overnight processing of transactions within the system

We hope to gather information on the other benefits that staff in schools would like to see.

SLIMS is about redefining and re-engineering academic administrative processes and their support systems in order to meet the expectations of students and staff into the future.

The Project Team encourage staff, students and anyone interested in the Project, to contact us with any questions, concerns and ideas regarding any aspect of SLIMS. Email the team at [Slims.Project@utas.edu.au](mailto:Slims.Project@utas.edu.au) or visit the website at [www.slims.utas.edu.au](http://www.slims.utas.edu.au)