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Brief Recap

- Replacing current Faculty Information System (FIS)
- Project started in March 2014, with initial funding from Office of Research
- Faculty feedback about old system collected
- Deans interviewed about desirable features
- Focus group, comprised of faculty and administrative staff, reviewed products on the market

Why do we need a new FIS?



This is the old FIS.

Any questions?

Promises to the University

- Build a robust system that makes sense
- Integrate with other systems as much as possible
- Consolidate information
 - move away from siloed shadow systems
- Facilitate strategic decision making
 - provide cleaner, more easily accessible data
- Support the research enterprise
- Promote faculty accomplishments and collaboration

Promises to Faculty

- Have solid reasons for every piece of information collected
- Create an intuitive and user friendly system
- Bring in data as much as possible from other systems
- Perform vast majority of the work of cleaning up and migrating legacy data on faculty's behalf

Milestones

- Last Senate report, Nov. 2014, focus group had narrowed selection to 2 finalists
- New CIO and Provost, with ITEC, participated in Aug. 2015 decision: Thomson Reuters' Converis
- Pilot with Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering and School of Architecture, Feb. 2016
- Usability tests conducted throughout configuration period
- FARIS: Faculty and Researcher Information System

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Examples of faculty input

- Advised on structure, arrangement, and nomenclature of activity categories
- Suggested/edited text for context sensitive help
- Provided input about what kinds of information are significant in their fields
- Debated and made recommendations on processes such as annual reports, P&T, including students in system, counting crosslisted courses and courses with multiple instructors, etc.

Timeline

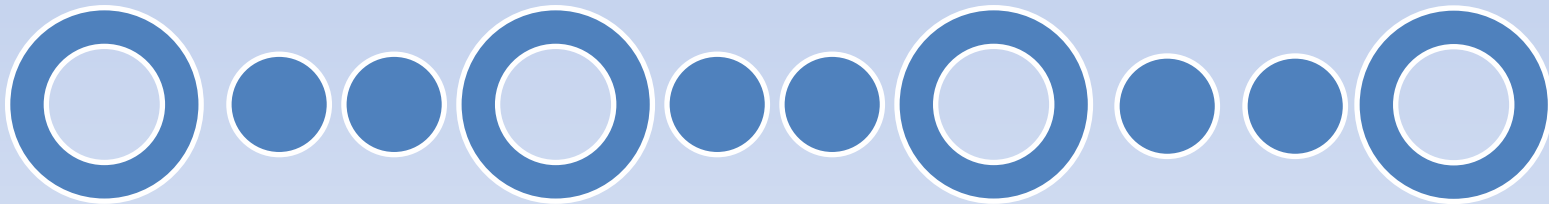


Project start,
Sept 2015

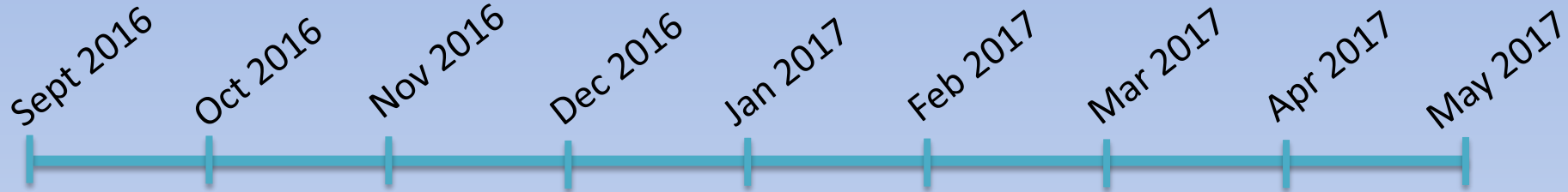
**Go Live,
Nov 8, 2016**

**Annual Reports
in FARIS,
Jan-Feb 2017**

Project end,
July 2017



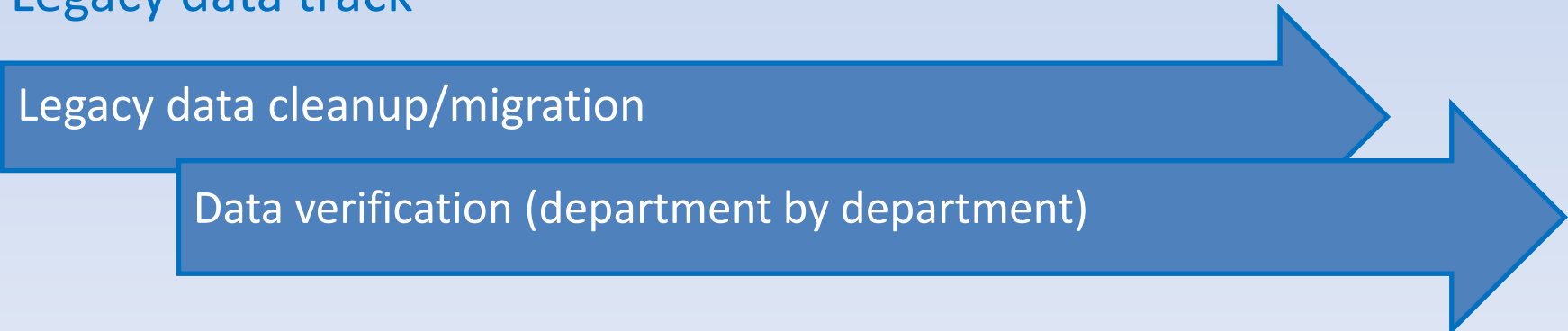
Parallel Rollout Plans



Annual reports track



Legacy data track



Go-Live Communications

Presentations

- Sept 1: Dean's Council
- Sept 7: Faculty Senate
- Sept 14: Assistant Deans
- Sept 20: Department Chairs

Email Blasts

- Sept 9: To faculty
- Sept 9: To academic staff
- Oct 24: Reminder to both

Web Info

- Aug 25: Announcement on old FIS login page
- Background info on VPAA website

- More details at: <http://vpaa.rice.edu/>
- Questions to FARIS@rice.edu

