

FAMIS UPDATES

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During the month of May the FAMIS system software was moved into a new database next to the Banner system software. The location of the software is known as PPRD and is the pre-production or test database. We will perform future upgrade tests in PPRD prior to moving them into the actual working database (known as the production or WWIS database).

Also during May the FAMIS core team migrated a huge amount of core data from the FM Job Cost system into FAMIS. This data provides the basic structure for the operation of the FAMIS system. Just one example of the types of data loaded would be accounting information (i.e. revenue and expense funding strings). The accounting information is used for processing transactions and charges for work performed by FM shops on behalf of our WWU customers. Although considered pretty basic, it is critical that the data tables be set up properly to insure the correct department is accurately charged for the work performed by the FM shops and also to insure the shops operating funds spent during a project are reimbursed.

Another major task currently being worked by the core team is a business process analysis for the steps necessary to interface FAMIS's billing capabilities with the Banner Accounts Payable system. Although all the 'kinks' haven't been worked out, it is anticipated that once "up and running" the new process/ procedures will provide time-savings by streamlining much of the data entry currently associated with running Job Cost.