

# Website Enhancement Program 2015-16

## Stakeholder Update - January 2016



# Stakeholder Update Agenda

- ❖ Welcome
- ❖ Review of Objectives
- ❖ Project Updates & Accomplishments
- ❖ Timelines
- ❖ Questions on Updates
- ❖ New Homepage & Template Designs
- ❖ Questions on Designs
- ❖ Next Meeting





# Objectives



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- ❖ Increase alignment of the website to the University's strategic goals and priorities
- ❖ Develop a homepage and additional pages that provide effective marketing, communication and storytelling to prospective students and other University audiences
- ❖ Update navigation, wayfinding and search, using an iterative approach, to improve access to content for all audiences
- ❖ Ensure stakeholders are actively involved in the project and a program of continuous improvement





# Projects



# Overall Status



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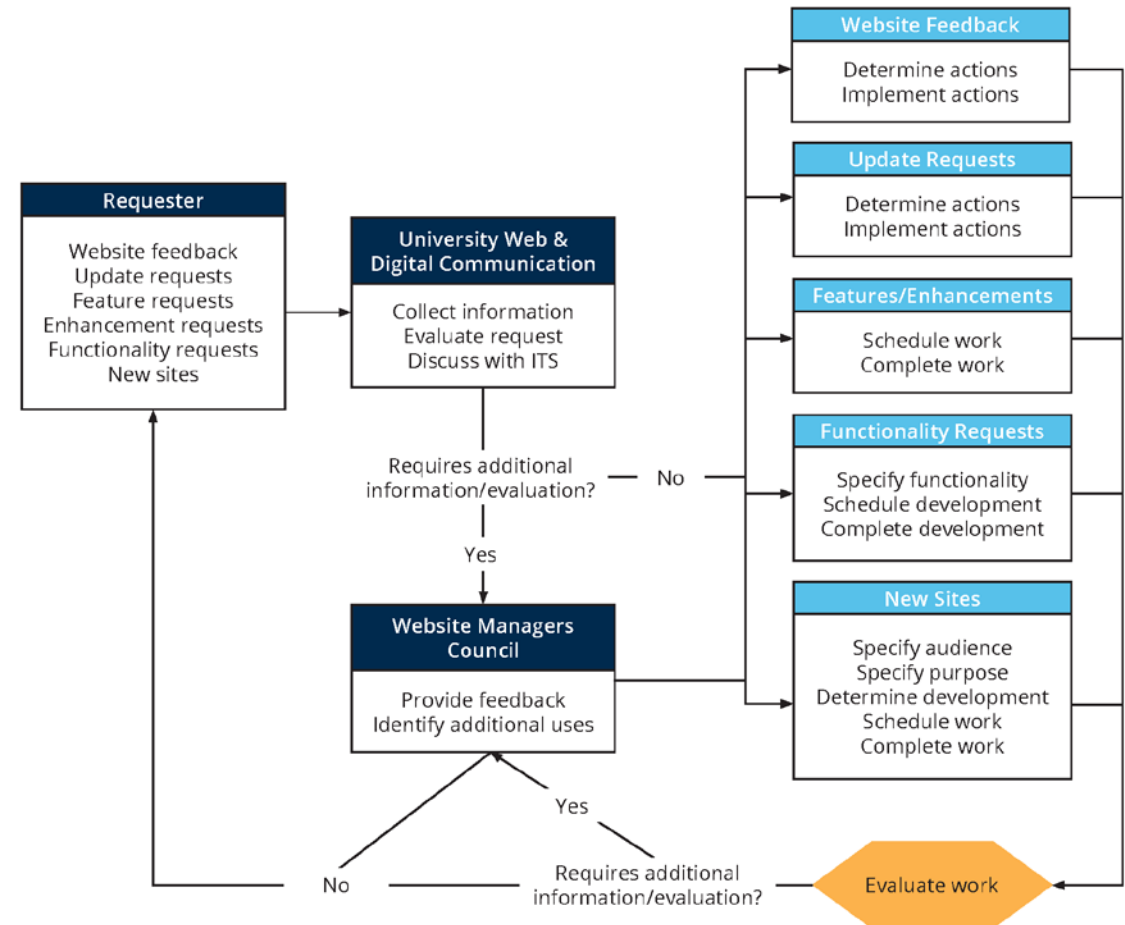
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# Establish a process for website feedback, updates, features and enhancements

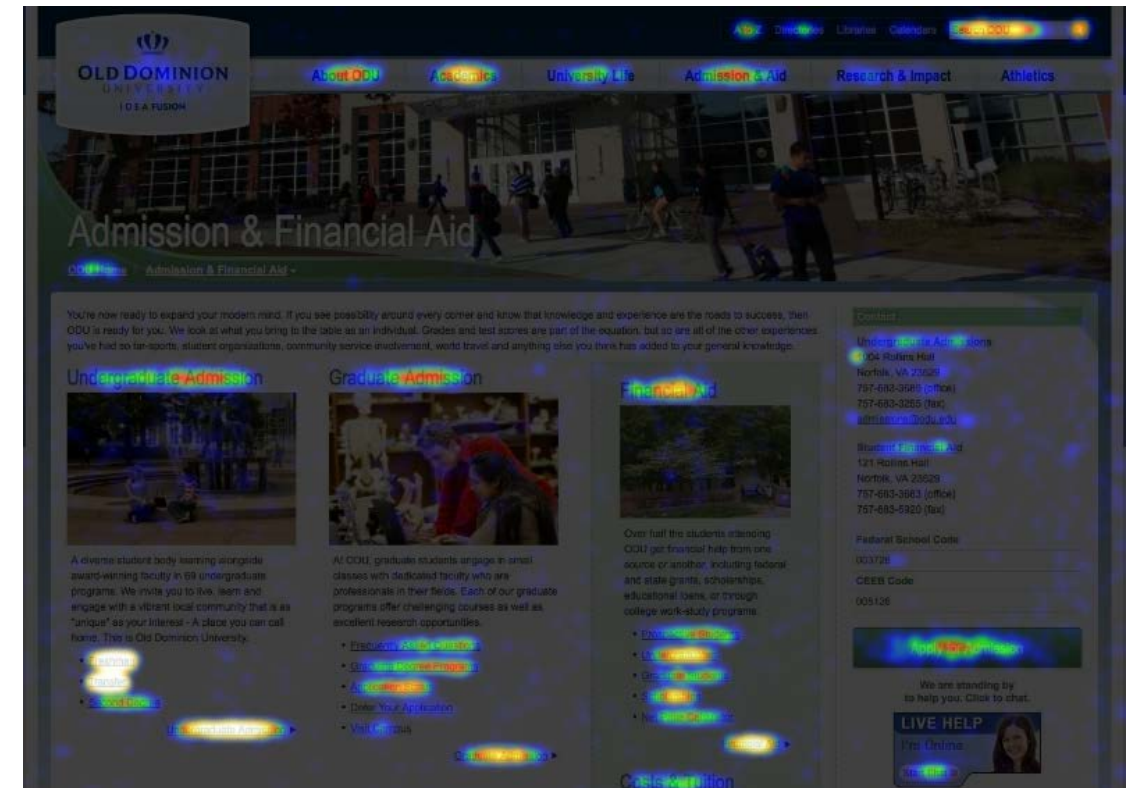
- ❖ Process set during program planning
- ❖ All feedback, updates, feature requests and enhancement requests start with University Web & Digital Communication



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# Enhance on-going usability testing

- ❖ Using Google Analytics, anecdotal feedback, feedback forms, issue tracking and outreach meetings
- ❖ Added “User Testing” videos
- ❖ Added subscription service for heatmaps and scrollmaps
- ❖ Formed the Website Managers Council to provide a more formal vehicle for evaluation and feedback



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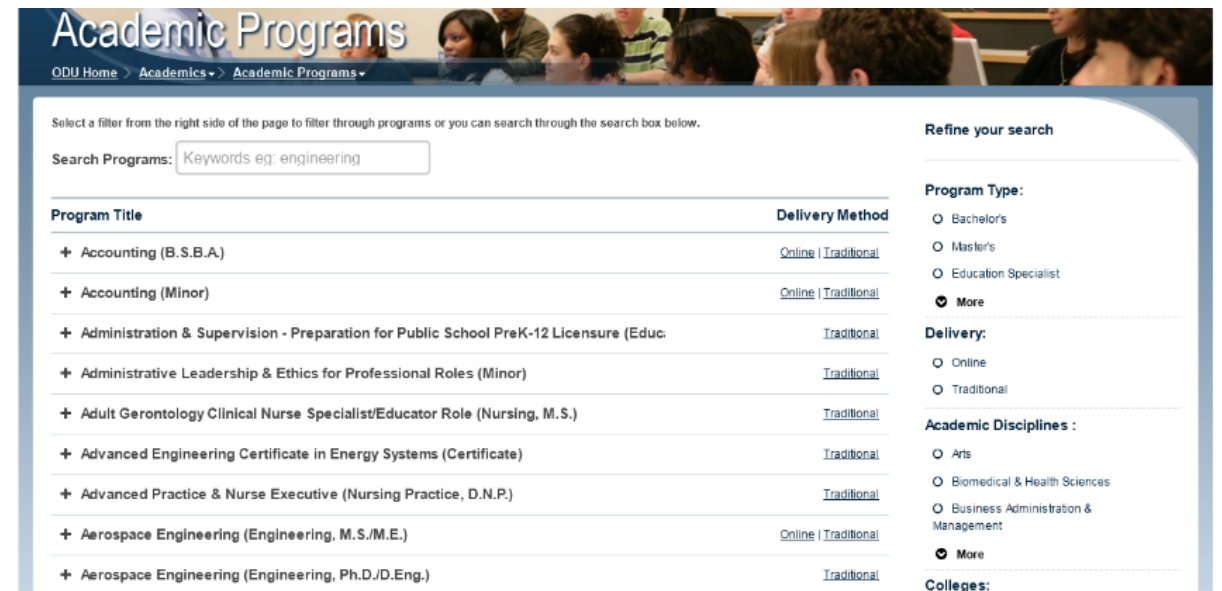
# Complete the legacy website migrations

- ❖ All University units' Web pages are now maintained within the Adobe Experience Manager Web content management system
- ❖ Web & Digital Communication team is archiving and deleting any content remaining on the legacy servers
  - ❖ Faculty sites under [www.odu.edu/~midasid](http://www.odu.edu/~midasid) convention will remain for now
  - ❖ Student organization sites under [orgs.odu.edu](http://orgs.odu.edu) will remain for now
  - ❖ Forms on ww2 will remain for now

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# Complete the academic program listing project

- ❖ Refreshed the browsing interface at [www.odu.edu/academics/programs](http://www.odu.edu/academics/programs)
- ❖ Created a vetted, authoritative list of the University's programs and necessary accompanying data for display on the website
- ❖ Developed a process for maintaining that list



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# Migrate AEM to version 6.1

- ❖ Stood up new, faster servers for Website authoring, publishing and delivery
- ❖ Migrated content and digital assets from AEM 5.6 installation to new 6.1 environment



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# Modify the website information architecture

- ❖ Information architecture group has completed two working sessions - the group will hold two more work sessions to complete the proposal
- ❖ Work completed:
  - ❖ University navigation
  - ❖ About ODU
  - ❖ Academics
  - ❖ Admission
  - ❖ Tuition & Aid
  - ❖ Research & Impact

About ODU

Academics

Admission

Tuition & Aid

University Life

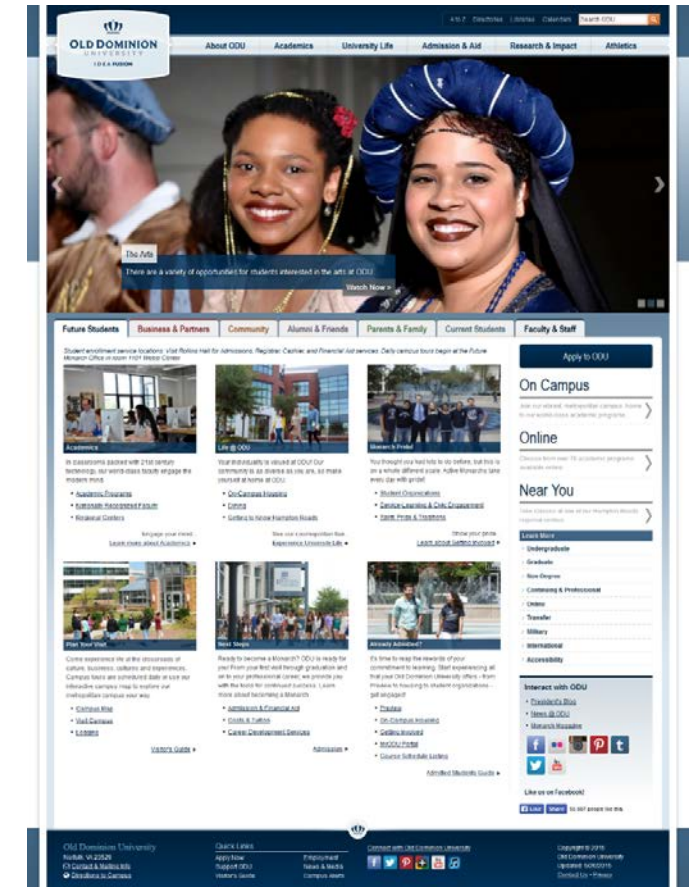
Research & Impact

Athletics

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# Refresh the University homepage

- ❖ Research and data analysis complete
- ❖ New design is data-driven and includes new interactive feature, enhanced news, events and calls to action and social media integration
- ❖ Homepage links reduced from 101 to 64
- ❖ Design presentation follows this presentation
- ❖ New design will also be presented to the Website Managers Council



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# Refresh the University website template

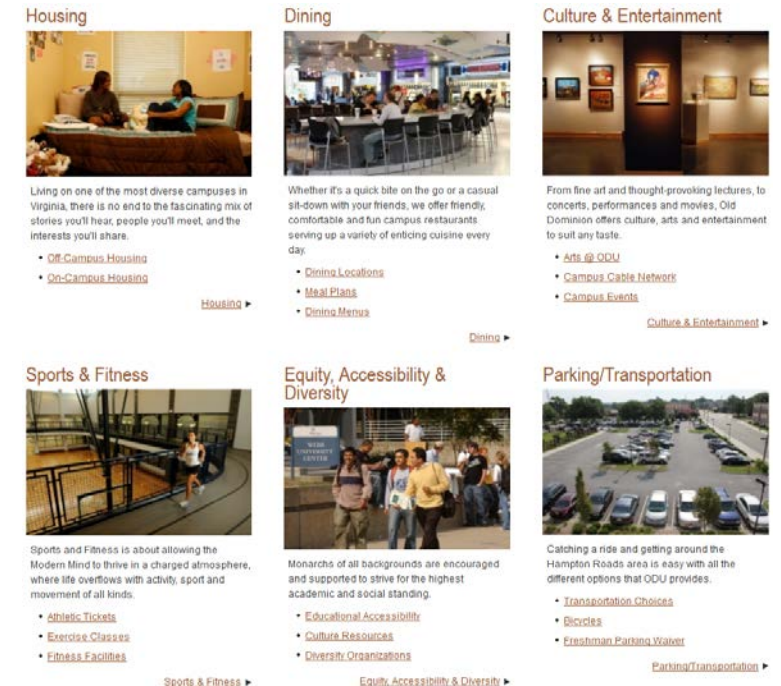
- ❖ Research and data analysis complete
- ❖ New design is based on data and best practices and leverages existing layouts
- ❖ Frequently access information will be easily accessible, based on usability testing
- ❖ Design presentation follows this presentation
- ❖ New design will also be presented to the Website Managers Council



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# Improve wayfinding and create traditional/expected navigation

- ❖ Functional specification complete
- ❖ Visual design of the new navigation is incorporated into the new template design
- ❖ Navigation component will launch as part of the iterative steps of the template refresh

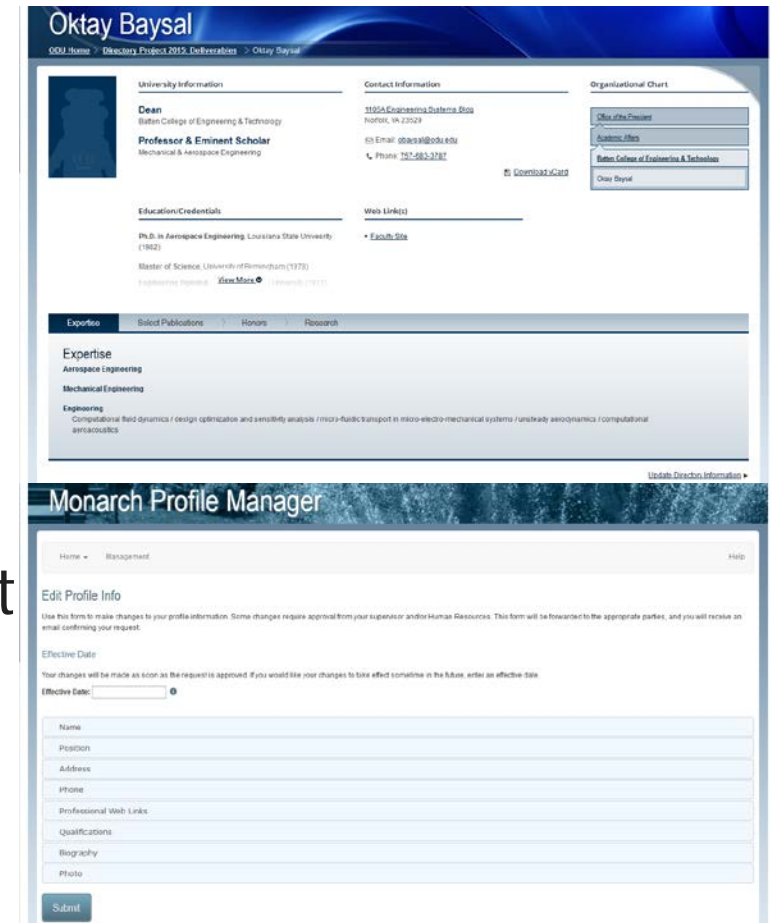


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# Improve the website directory system

- ❖ Phase I complete
  - ❖ Refreshed individual profile display
  - ❖ Created central repository to store directory information
  - ❖ Created Monarch Profile Manager to provide single point of information update and display management
- <http://www.odu.edu/its/news/2015/4/profiles>
- ❖ Phase II is likely out of scope for this program

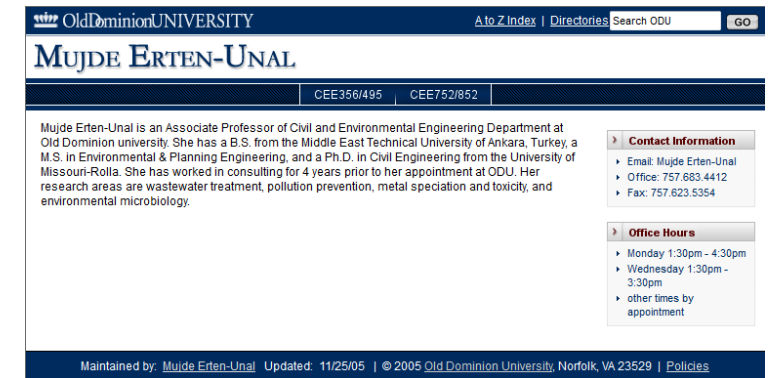


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# Develop and communicate solutions for faculty & instructional websites

- ❖ ODU WordPress now available for University employees and students (templated option)
- ❖ CLT training available
- ❖ Completing development on HTML/PHP solution with URLs managed through WordPress server ("DIY" option)
- ❖ Example of each will be presented at the next stakeholder meeting



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# Evaluate Adobe Analytics as analytics solution

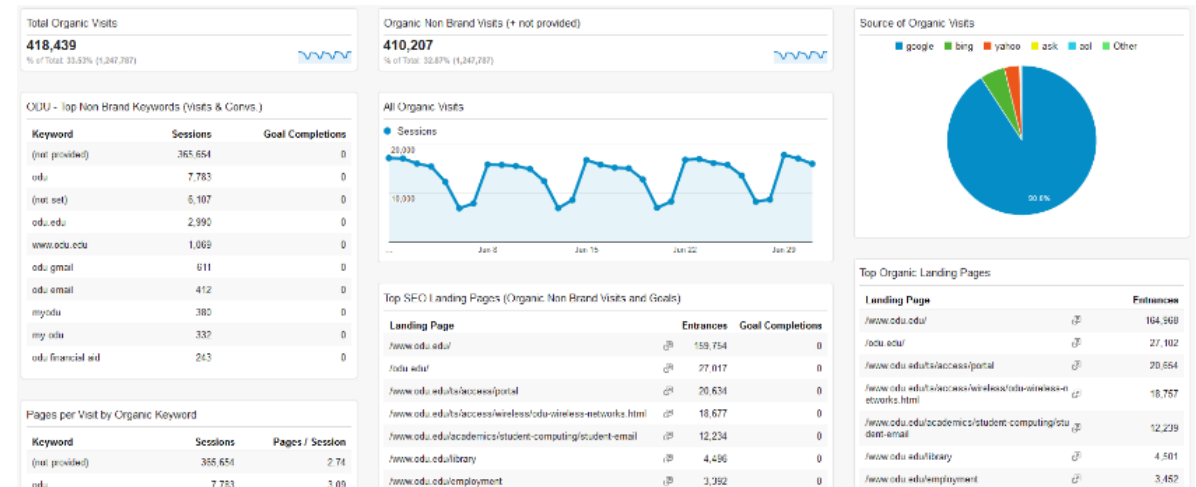
- ❖ Scheduling demonstration of Adobe Analytics in coming weeks
- ❖ Will evaluate benefits versus Google Analytics
- ❖ Will evaluate added benefits versus added costs
- ❖ Decision to be finalized prior to next stakeholders meeting



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# Improve integration and leveraging of Google Analytics in Adobe Experience Manager

- ❖ If decision is to pursue Adobe Analytics, this project will be eliminated from the program
- ❖ First step will be to identify additional functionality and avenues for integration into the WCMS



STARTS AFTER ADOBE ANALYTICS EVALUATION

# Enhance digital asset manager interface & content

- ❖ Restructuring of the DAM is in progress
- ❖ Evaluating new digital asset management capabilities available in AEM 6.1
- ❖ Specifying enhancements to external DAM search

ODU Asset Search



Simplified DAM structure:

- ❖ Images
- ❖ Units
- ❖ Graphics
- ❖ Audio
- ❖ Video
- ❖ Directory
- ❖ Policies
- ❖ Curriculum Sheets

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# Improve search functionality

- ❖ Evaluate continuing to use Google search versus AEM's built-in search
- ❖ Deliverables from the information architecture modification project will help improve expected search results



STARTS THIS MONTH

# Establish a model for content managers

## ❖ Discovery work completed

### Top KSAs

- ❖ Web content management experience in higher education
- ❖ Attention to detail
- ❖ Strong editing & proofreading
- ❖ Highly motivated and able to work without supervision
- ❖ User interface design/good design aesthetic
- ❖ Ability to interpret requests from multiple constituents

## ❖ Position description creation in progress

### Additional KSAs

- ❖ Ability to set and communicate deadlines
- ❖ Digital asset management & metadata management
- ❖ Strong writing skills
- ❖ Intermediate computer skills
- ❖ Strong time management skills
- ❖ Strong organizational skills
- ❖ Working knowledge of Web best practices

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# Enhance the Web Communication Partners program

- ❖ Enhanced the forms that content managers must frequently use
- ❖ Enhanced Web Communication Partner service standards
- ❖ Developed and presented training on the AEM news system
- ❖ Developing annual refresher training
- ❖ Developing digital asset management training
- ❖ Developing "How to Write for ODU"
- ❖ Developing permissions lookup

Digital Presence Consultations to be scheduled for:

- ❖ Career Development Services
- ❖ Registrar's Office
- ❖ Student Financial Aid
- ❖ Academic Enhancement
- ❖ Preview
- ❖ Registration
- ❖ College of Continuing Education & Professional Development

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# Enhance and improve social integration with Adobe Experience Manager pages

- ❖ Research and data collection complete
- ❖ Vimeo component development nearing completion
- ❖ Will develop a Facebook feed component
- ❖ Will offer customized Twitter feed components
- ❖ Will offer customized Instagram feed components

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# Timelines



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Questions about progress  
or timelines?







Next Meeting –  
Last week of March or first week of April





[www.odu.edu/website/projects/enhancement](http://www.odu.edu/website/projects/enhancement)

Deliverables page added

Thank you for your continued partnership!

