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IRT at Drexel

- In the U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges 2004, Drexel University is ranked as one of the best national doctoral universities.

- Drexel online programs are ranked among the best online graduate degrees in business, engineering, and library science.

Drexel’s commitment to technology is signified by its Mission Statement and rich history:

Mission Statement

To serve its students and society through comprehensive, integrated academic offerings enhanced by technology, cooperative education and clinical practice in an urban setting.

History

In 1891, Philadelphia financier and philanthropist Anthony J. Drexel founded the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry. As society’s need for technically proficient leaders grew, so did Mr. Drexel’s institution, first becoming the Drexel Institute of Technology in 1936, and then Drexel University in 1970.

Drexel University was the first university in the United States to require that each student own a computer. It was the first to have a 100 percent wireless campus. It is known for its innovative technology such as Drexel One Mobile, which allows students and faculty to access class schedules, grades and other information from any Web-enabled telephone. In addition to being a city-center urban campus, it is a co-op school with a five-year program that includes both classroom and paid professional work.
Drexel also exports technological expertise -- not only in the form of graduates, but as a service provider to other colleges and universities.

*Drexel provides Internet 2 connections to 14 universities, and from its data center provides IT services -- ranging from payroll and admissions, to Web hosting, e-mail and online course management -- to local colleges such as:*

*Drexel College of Medicine*

*Cabrini College*

*Neumann College*

*Rosemont College*

*Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.*

Services range from *WebCT* online course management to a full suite of administrative services including *SCT Banner* data management system and campus email.
Joint Finance / IRT Goals

- Reduce costs and Enhance Income
- Increase Productivity
- Decrease Task, Decision, and Service Delivery Speed
- Improve Timeliness, Convenience, Access and Reliability Of Service To Students, Faculty, Parents and Employees
- Ease And Accuracy of Outside Financial Reporting, e.g., to Trustees, Auditors, Regulators and Rating Agencies
How the CFO Interacts with IRT

• Development of the long term strategic plans/goals and convert into financial strategy
  – *Multi Year Financial Analysis – includes integration of new and emerging technologies*

• Assist University’s Financial Operations
  – *State of the Art Computer Hardware and Software Access to Staff.*

• Create and manage a culture of enhanced revenue collection, expense control and cost efficiency
  – *New College of Medicine Systems - IDX Flowcast will strengthen revenue cycle management and centralize billing operations to enable improved business performance, while the AHS TouchWorks EMR solution will automate clinical processes and advance the quality of patient care.*

• Develop information systems that support the decision making process
  – *Data Management using Banner and Brio systems. Personalized and classroom training provided by IT staff.*

• Maintain a comfort level with technology and set the pace for adopting emerging technologies
  – *DrexelOne Mobile, a campus-wide wireless network program, allows students, faculty and staff access the University portal via PDA, Blackberry, web phone, or other devices to check bills, grades, learn about last minute classroom changes, receive announcements from administration and faculty, or access the University directory*
The IRT function is distributed throughout the structure and hierarchy of Drexel University.
IRy at Drexel

Information & Systems (IS)

The Information & Systems (IS) department is a centralized department that serves the academic and administrative units of Drexel University. IS Systems Analysts maintain the academic systems and are responsible for accurate and timely information dissemination to the University community.

The IS Department serves as a liaison between the Information Resources and Technology Department (IRT) and the end-users throughout the University.

Student System Applications supported by IS Systems Analysts are:

- Banner Student
- Banner Financial Aid
- Exeter Enrollment Management
- Drexel SDCOnline
- Office Visit Tracking System (OVT)
- Brio Reporting

Administrative and Academic Offices supported by IS Systems Analysts are:

- Academic Records and Operations (ARO)
- Enrollment Management (Admissions)
- Financial Aid
- Institutional Reporting
- Residential Living
- Steinbright Career Development Center (SCDC)
- Student Life
- Student Administrative Services (SAS)
- Academic College Offices