



PIEDMONT  
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

# INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS NEWSLETTER

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## PREPARING FOR THE DATABASE SHUTDOWN

Dystopian fiction often tells of widespread earthquakes and flooding that terminate the existence of motor vehicles, electricity, sky scrapers, lattes, and databases. While the Office of I.E. does not foresee ominous natural disasters, we do know that our current SIS will be obsolete after December 21. For several weeks during Jenzabar implementation, no one will have access to the student database. Please consider how the database shutdown will affect the day-to-day processes of your office, and prepare accordingly.

## XITRACS AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS

As PIU grows in influence to become an internationally recognized institution of Bible-centered higher education, we must continually assess ourselves and implement changes based on those assessments. In early October, employees from the Academic Office attended training sessions for Xitracs, a software which has five modules that will help our university plan, assess, and report.

- The **Standards Module** will help prepare annual reports for TRACS and SACS.
- The **Programs Module** manages program assessment reporting and generates curriculum maps.
- The **Planning Module** structures the strategic plan to provide streamlined progress monitoring and a simplified summary output.
- The **Credentials Module** tracks faculty qualifications, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and supporting documents.
- The **Assessment Module** gathers and stores information necessary to write the Assessment Report.

In November, the Office of I.E. will meet with each department head to determine the 2018-2019 assessment instruments. The Office of I.E. will refer to the decisions made in those meetings when building the Assessment Module.

## STATISTIC OF THE MONTH

260 

average techhelp emails received per month from January 2018 to September 2018.

## Important Dates

- Oct. 31** - Online, flipped, e4-12 class rubrics due
- Nov. 1** - Curriculum evaluations due
- Nov. 15** - Catalog edits submitted via Google form
- Dec. 4** - Jenzabar Training for Faculty
- Dec. 11** - Jenzabar Training for Faculty and Staff
- Dec. 19** - Jenzabar Training for A.C. and Deans

## Continuous Improvement Cycle

