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Change is in the air on the finance front

The transition from the Oracle financial system to the Kuali Financial System (KFS) has now reached the implementation phase. This means that training, integration, data migration and reporting will start in all earnest before the actual switch-over in January 2015.

Q: *Who will take responsibility for the training opportunities?*

A: Ms Elmarie de Beer, chief director of finance, says the onus now rests squarely on the end users of KFS to ensure that they make optimal use of the training opportunities. "They must feel ready to take ownership by the beginning of 2015 and to play their roles to make the transition a success. This is their opportunity to familiarise themselves with the system," she says.

Q: *When does the official training start?*

A: Mr Johan Schoeman, a KFS trainer, says the official training for all users will start on 1 September this year. The change champions appointed earlier to ensure that the NWU will be ready for a smooth transition will contact users to schedule training sessions. "We will identify people's specific training needs," he says.

Q: *Who will conduct the training?*

A: Johan says the change champions appointed by the financial directors of each campus have been in training since April. They will handle most of the user training.

Q: *When will the process be finalised?*

A: Official emails have already been sent out confirming that the NWU will be closed from 19 December 2014 to 5 January 2015. The KFS team will be replacing Oracle during this period. By the time the university's doors open in the new year, the transition will have been finalised and users will be able to work on the new system.

Q: *What resources are available to users?*

A: On 1 September the KFS website will be



The core implementation team is working hard to ensure that the KFS switch-over will run smoothly. At the back are Mr Riaan Prinsloo, Mr Frikkie Venter and Mr Carl Minne. In the second row (from the back) are Mr Dylan Viljoen, Mr Armando Homann, Mr Johan Schoeman and Mr Bertie Vorster, while Mr Francois Steyn is in the third row. In the fourth row are Ms Helein Cato, Mr Erik Marx and Mr Johan Olivier, and Ms Hanlie Venter and Ms Antonet Muller are in the fifth row. In the front row are Ms Anna-Marie Bell and Ms Elizna Jacobs.

made available to all users. This website will contain useful information, as well as videos and user manuals. The next edition of Eish! will

contain a Kuali list so that users can make sure they have made all the necessary arrangements for the switch-over.