



**To:** President and Vice Presidents, Program Link Steering Committee, Academic Deans, and University Advancement, Finance and Facilities Management Staff

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**Re:** Program Link

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Three important modules of Program Link have been implemented this summer. We share with you today news of the successful implementation of the Finance and University Advancement Banner modules, and of Facilities Management's Datastream Asset Performance Management solution.

The seven modules that comprise Banner Finance enable Financial and Accounting Services staff to work in an integrated system with more data in real-time than ever before. The General Ledger, Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Research/Grant Accounting, Budgeting, Endowment Management and Fixed Asset modules have been live since July 1. The change in accounting codes and end user reporting tool are the main differences that campus users will see.

The Banner Advancement module became fully functional on July 13. The new system allows Advancement staff to better track gifts and pledges to the University. It allows staff to compare alumni interest in and attendance at University events to their giving patterns. Improving the ways in which we communicate and maintain relationships with alumni and friends of the University is a significant achievement. Both the Finance and Advancement modules offer a Web interface, allowing for easier and mobile access to information for the first time.





With Datastream, Facilities Management staff will incorporate Asset Performance Management into every aspect of their responsibilities, including custodial matters, landscaping, general maintenance, construction, central heating, key management and campus safety. Datastream 7i will help Facilities Management reduce maintenance costs and ensure optimal condition of all assets such as buildings, machinery, equipment and vehicles.

These important modules set the stage for the completion of Program Link in the coming year. We will now begin to turn our focus to ensuring that each of the business units has a successful first year after implementation. You can look for updates and follow the progress of Program Link at [www.wfu.edu/link](http://www.wfu.edu/link).

