

## **CHESS ERP Update**

November 1, 2021

Dear Colleagues:

It's already November and you may sense that the semester is passing quickly. We are also moving quickly with our partner Workday, making progress on the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project, our shared services initiative.

Over the past weeks, many of our colleagues have been involved in pre-planning, preparing for our official launch today. This month and next, we enter into a new phase as we focus on Human Resources, Payroll, and Finance. Those teams will be building the platform and converting the data from all of our colleges, so that – together – we will all change how we do things and standardize our business processes. This will be a huge shift in how we operate, and will demonstrate that our collective vision is not only possible, it's doable. We anticipate some challenges along the way, but we are also confident that we will succeed.

Please note that during these first weeks, our coworkers on the Human Resources, Payroll, and Finance Teams will be fully occupied building the first model for the new system. Your patience is appreciated as their availability may be limited for other college business during this time.

This project continues to illustrate that our unique approach to collaboration among the colleges, along with a willingness to learn, be flexible, and adapt, will lead to an enhanced student experience and streamlined administrative processes. These will translate to increased student achievement and employee satisfaction.

More information is online at [CHESS](#) (the Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services).

Let's make it a great Workday!

Sincerely,

CHESS Board Members  
Presidents at CNM, CCC, NNMC, SFCC