

SUNStudent hits huge milestone with the conclusion of the final Blueprint workshops



The Blueprint design phase of the SUNStudent project consisted of 32 capabilities divided into 4 buckets. A workshop for each bucket was conducted with relevant knowledgeable attendees in each capability. The workshops kicked off in June 2019 with the Bucket 1 capabilities and were concluded in March 2020 with the final round of workshops for the bucket 4 capabilities listed below:

- Mentoring/Academic support
- Elections
- Venue scheduling & class allocation
- Societies & sport club management
- Textbook ordering
- Degree audit & graduation
- Exams management
- Official reporting
- Disciplinary action
- Summer/winter schools
- Dining hall meal booking

As per the Bucket 1-3 workshops, the Serosoft team in collaboration with the Stellenbosch University attendees once again experienced very insightful discussions and concluded all scheduled focus areas with great success and excitement amongst the attendees.

Activities post these workshops will continue as part of a phased project plan and will include, compiling of the blueprint documentation by the Serosoft team and the review thereof by the SU team. This is an iterative process based on the RACI model (view definitions on the SUNStudent website). The final signed documents will form the basis for the development of the SUNStudent system.



The conclusion of the bucket 4 capability workshops marked the achievement of a huge project milestone! Hats off to an excellent project team including SU, Serosoft and Eiffel Corp who showed relentless endurance over a period of 10 months. A huge thank you to everybody that attended and contributed to the success of the workshops.

The efforts indicated below is evidence of why the SUNStudent project achieved a very successful first milestone.

- 9.5 weeks of scheduled workshop sessions for Buckets 1 - 4
- Converts to 48 days or 2.5 months if done sequentially
- Converts to 384 hours – all hours were recorded and Serosoft had to listen to it all at least once again in Indore, India.
- The Buckets 1 – 4 workshop activities consisted of 68 sessions, 2376 attendees – average of 35 persons per session
- The Change Management pre-blueprint preparation workshops consisted of 12 sessions, 238 attendees – average of 20 persons per session
- 12 return flights done by our Serosoft partners (3 x 4 workshops) – 288 hours in the air (excluding the layover times in Mumbai or Addis Ababa)

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