Student Access to Electronic Information

**Charge:** To assess how students access electronic information and recommend new tools to better serve our students.

**Status:** Completed
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Process:
• Clarified our understanding re: our charge.
• Created a plan and timeline.
• Implemented the plan.
• Found that other departments had similar concerns.
• Expanded our team to include those working on the same issue.
• Recognized “tipping point.”
• Representatives drafted a proposal to the Chancellor.
• The Chancellor approved the proposal and agreed to sponsor the work.
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Proposal
Consider a “Student Gateway” designed to fit student needs and preferences as well as information source needs.

Outcomes
The Educational Systems group within IS&T has begun an analysis project to determine what this student gateway may entail, with the expectation it will be built in FY15.

As proposed, there will be significant input and involvement from students and staff across MIT.
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Secrets to our early completion:

• Great leadership

• Great team

• Serendipity/Timeliness

• Collaboration