

# Client Success Story: Efficient Decentralization



**SmartERP efficiently implements PeopleSoft Financials 9.0 at Wesleyan University, with streamlined business processes, optimized data entry, cross-module workflow and row level security.**

## *Wesleyan University's Goal*

Wesleyan University approached SmartERP with the significant goal of "Decentralization" including:

- Reduce or eliminate paper by making major financial transactions electronic
- Simplify, streamline and optimize data entry—accurate and easy
- Empower users and gain efficiencies via electronic workflow approvals
- Secure data with a high degree of granularity

## *Challenges*

- With Wesleyan's small development staff, building solutions to address their 'decentralization' objective was not possible
- Hiring a traditional consulting firm was cost and schedule prohibitive due to the customizations required to tailor standard PeopleSoft processes
- Wesleyan faced strict budget and schedule constraints

## *Smart Solutions: Benefits*

SmartERP's pre-built, configurable Smart Solutions and implementation methodologies accelerated the project while delivering robust functionality well beyond standard PeopleSoft capabilities and also avoiding difficult-to-maintain customizations. With Smart Solutions providing proven add-on application functionality, overall total cost of ownership is minimized.

- **Row Level Security:** Smart Security™, able to secure by any field, any page, was applied campus-wide to provide fine-grained row level security. Confidentiality is increased and data quality is improved as only valid options are presented to users.
- **Workflow:** the efficiencies of automated electronic approvals provided by Smart Workflow™ were applied with a common in-box across numerous modules. This not only speeds up approvals but also increases accountability.
- **Simplified ChartField Entry:** reducing data entry errors and training needs, Smart Keys™ was applied making ChartField entry simple and easy for all users, even for 3<sup>rd</sup> party systems. Rather than entering complicated combinations of ChartFields now only easy-to-remember Smart Keys are used.
- **Streamlined Business Processes:** the innovative Smart Docs™ solution was applied to the standard PeopleSoft business processes to streamline and tailor them to precisely fit Wesleyan's requirements. Complicated multi-page, multi-tab, transactions are simplified to single pages—while avoiding customizations.
- **Automated IRS 1042 Form Processing:** the electronic PeopleSoft Financials AP Interface to Windstar's International Tax Navigator® was applied to automate non-resident alien taxation processing and improve accuracy.

## Smart ERP Solutions at Wesleyan University:

Founded in 1831 by Methodists and Middletown citizens, Wesleyan University in Connecticut is a highly respected private liberal arts school with a \$500M endowment.

Legacy System: FRS on mainframe  
PeopleSoft Environment:

- Student Admin & HR/Payroll 8.9
- Live on Financials 9.0 in July 2009

Wesleyan chose Smart ERP Solutions as their implementation partner due to the efficiencies to be gained. SmartERP saved Wesleyan both time and money by efficiently implementing PeopleSoft Financials along with proven Smart Solutions, avoiding cumbersome and expensive customizations.

SmartERP brought Wesleyan live on PeopleSoft Financials 9.0 in a short twelve month schedule, within budget, and with a host of additional functionality to meet their goals.

*"The new system is providing tremendous benefits to the university and the add-ons provided by SmartERP accelerated our project and introduced important new functionality into the standard PeopleSoft application"*

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**About SmartERP:** Comprised of former Oracle/PeopleSoft architects, analysts and executives, SmartERP provides innovative add-on solutions for Oracle/PeopleSoft applications as an alternative to more costly and difficult-to-maintain customizations.

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