

RO Connections Meeting Recap May 2025

ODS retirement update

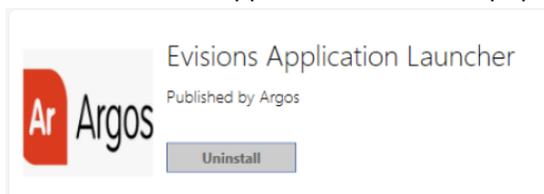
Terry Bunio (Director, IST Planning and Governance)

- What is the Operational Data Store (ODS)?
 - Reporting data solution, providing operational and analytical reporting (Argos, Banner, Ellucian).
 - Integration hub (pass info between systems).
- ODS retirement schedule
 - Ellucian is approaching end of life support of ODS
 - ETA early 2026 but no announced date
- Future planning to replace ODS – ongoing project
 - Moving to UM Data Warehouse gradually over time
 - Power BI will be used for accessing the data, which will feature:
 - all current out of the box reports
 - more flexibility with customizable, self-service reports
- **To learn more, visit [Operational Data Store Retirement](#)**

RO Reports Overview

Jade Tanner (Assistant Analyst, RO)

- Overview of currently available self-service reports via Aurora Self Service
- Aurora Self Service – Student Reports (visit [Aurora Student reports](#) for list of available reports).
- Tips & tricks
 - Install the correct applications and allow pop-ups from Argos launcher



- Floppy disk saves to desired location
 - Use shift/control click – to multi-select (available on most, but not all, reports)
 - Cog wheel will save and automatically open the report
 - Be patient, reports may take long to load depending on specified parameters
- Additional reports are available via Financial Aid and Awards, Admissions, Alumni Relations, and OIA.
- **To learn more, visit [Aurora Student reports](#) and connect with RO.reports@umanitoba.ca for access or troubleshooting.**

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Registration 2025-26 Prep

Wendy Kramer (Project Support Analyst, RO)

- Registration access times:
 - June 9 (Bannatyne students)
 - June 27 (all other students)
- Registration begins:
 - June 16 (Bannatyne students)
 - July 7 (advanced/early access)
 - July 8 (new student registration)
 - July 17 (returning student registration)
- Full registration schedule available here [PDF 2025-2026-Academic-Schedule---Apr2425--1-.pdf](#)

Aurora Modernization Project

Elfie Smith (Associate Registrar & Director of Service and Records)

- New features coming soon...
 - My Tuition and Fees card
 - My Exams (for advisors and instructors)
 - Declaring College Membership
 - Transit from U1
 - Declare majors, minors and concentrations
 - Graduation declaration and verification process
- Stay tuned for more updates and visit [Aurora Modernization Project page](#) to learn more.

Year Class updates and SHADEGR reminder

Tessa Petrychko (Operations Analyst, RO)

- Two processes before assigning time tickets:
 - Year Class Creation**
Adds a year class for students who don't already have one for the upcoming term.
 - Year Class Update**
Recalculates the year class for all who already have a year class.
Also run in October to late applied credit
- NOTE: This process will overwrite any manual updates done to a student's year class.**

Why is this important?

- Both processes follow the same logic and use the number of passed credit hours in the student's SHADEGR history in their calculation.

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- Timely application of credit in SHADEGR allows students to be able to register in courses that may have year level restrictions.

Year Class Important Dates

- **June 6** – First run (for Bannatyne time tickets)
- **June 25** – Second run (for Fort Garry time tickets)

If you haven't applied credits and the process has already run:

- Contact tessa.petrychko@umanitoba.ca to request a faculty-wide re-run (this process cannot be run by department).

Graduation and convocation update

Melissa Kowalchuk (Convocation Coordinator, RO)

- Spring graduates have been verified – THANK YOU!!!!
- [Spring convocation](#) June 4 – 6, 2025
- Visit the [Convocation Ambassador](#) page if you're signed up to participate, or contact kerri.gregoire@umanitoba.ca with any questions.

Classroom scheduling update

Jennifer Riddell (Classroom Scheduling Coordinator, RO)

- May 1 – 19 (preliminary Class Schedule goes live, classroom optimization, error report #1, Senate meeting, scheduling sections begins)
- June 2 – 30 (instructors displayed, prerequisites and attributes applied, lab and field trip fees applied).
- August (error report #2, unused reserved seats released on August 6)
- Exploring Scheduling Best Practices
 - Expand and enhance the scheduling error reports
 - Identify issues early in the process
- Questions can be directed to Jennifer.riddell@umanitoba.ca

UMAE PD & RO Connections Collaboration

We are pleased to share that the RO Connections Group is working in consultation with the UMAE PD Community of Practice group to identify and collaborate on any overlapping training and development initiatives.

Next UMAE PD will be held on **Tuesday May 27th at 10:00am** via Teams, featuring Dr. Lauren Goegan who will share **key student development theories**. To learn more, connect with UMAE@umanitoba.ca.