



Banner Cross-Functional Team

Thursday, May 11, 2006

8:30 am, SUB Cataldo Room

Present: Brant Madson, Nancy Krogh, Jane Button, Jennifer Minke, Melissa Goodwin, Dan Davenport, Karl Riley, Rod Dunn, Chad Yates, & Chris Menter

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1. Nancy updated the team on the acceptance of vocational/technical credits in transfer to the UI. These credits will normally be bought in as elective (000) courses, but could be equated by the corresponding UI academic department. Nancy clarified that clock-hour courses are not transferable. Financial Aid and Admissions will apply these credits the same way for GPA calculation and application toward scholarships, pending future review if necessary. Brant asked about the articulation agreements to which Nancy indicated more work will be done over the summer. Although Banner does not have the functionality for articulation agreement, other solutions are being considered. Nancy will take her recommendations to the Provost for review when more pieces are in place.
2. The Vandal Setup confusion issue was discussed and a temporary solution will be investigated by Karl, Brant, Melissa, and Chris. The two main issues between Vandal Setup and VandalWeb are the security question and identification with VandalWeb. Karl indicated that the security question and possibly forcing a login, similar to VandalMail now, would be fairly simple modifications. Rod asked the group to consider the amount of PINs and passwords users have, such as the federal PIN, and consider using it as a model for consistency to alleviate some of the confusion. The ultimate solution to the login confusion would be a single sign-on; Dan and Nancy will push this issue forward with MSDG. Nancy brought up the next agenda item, electronic signatures, as part of this discussion as it pertains to some of the same issues. Nancy would like to move toward using the USER ID and PIN as an electronic signature, but there are some security areas that would first need to be addressed based on Department of Education standards; no school officials may have access to the PINs and they must be within an encrypted database, which is not the current situation. There are service issues that will need to be addressed when meeting these requirements.
3. Nancy wanted to let the team know that she is in contact with SunGuard/SCT and Cyber about bringing in consultants to review business processes in the Registrar's Office. This may have some impact on Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Accounts as data overlaps. Nancy's biggest concern areas are transfer articulation and degree audit. While the Banner 7 upgrade is a good time to review everything, Karl reminded

everyone not to use Banner 7 as excuse for functionality issues; users get a negative spin on Banner if they think it is not working correctly.

4. Chris reminded everyone that the last spring Clearinghouse enrollment update will be done on Friday, May 12 and that for summer enrollment she will be sending a paid-only file on June 19 and an all-student file on August 21. Degree information for spring will be updated with the Clearinghouse about 7 weeks after graduation.
5. Chris gave a quick update on Common Matching, new Banner 7 functionality to reduce creation of duplicates. A cross-modular team has met twice to discuss issues and so far has determined that for online (manual) ID creation all person-modules will use the same rule set as we all are following the same type of review process now. The person rules are very basic and seem to be working as designed in testing. There is one mod that the group feels needs to be made which is to allow selection of the SPRIDEN SSN, not only the SPBPERS SSN. Non-person representatives have not developed any rule set at this time. Common Matching will affect all general person users who have create ability in Banner. There is another part of Common Matching that applies to batch processing; Karl indicated that most likely each of the batch processes will need their own rule set. Chad asked if Clean Address had any use with the Common Matching area and Karl said that it might in the future, after Banner 7 implementation, but it was something to consider. The Common Matching group will meet again on May 22.