

DegreeWorks Work Team Agenda for August 18, 2008

Group: DegreeWorks Work Team

Topic: Weekly Team Meeting

Date: August 18, 2008 at 8:30 am

Attendees: John Allred, Peter Sommers, Janet Johnson, Lora Volden, Craig Mead

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Agenda:

Web localization for degree errors

- . Include in the web localization a request for a text message rather than seeing the error
- . NODS and old degree programs can be coded for by setting the start catalog term to 0000 and the stop catalog term to the academic year prior to the first coded academic year.

Editors Note: UAF has included the following for non-degree programs:

999 Credits

Proxy-Advice "Current program (Non-Degree Seeking) is not valid for"

Proxy-Advice "DegreeWorks. Must use What-If to do an Audit."

And for academic years not included in DW:

999 Credits

Proxy-Advice "Current program is not valid for DegreeWorks."

Proxy-Advice "Catalog term not available in DegreeWorks."

Proxy-Advice "Must use What-If to do an Audit."

This last one we need to change the wording but it gives you an idea of what you can do.

Name change on Banner if SR filed

- . Enter DO NOT TOUCH before the last name in the last name field when an SR (Service Request) has been filed referencing a specific account. This will alert us that we should not be making changes to this account as DW will be looking at this account when researching the SR.

2 programs from 2 institutions challenges

- . At the present time, when a student has multiple programs active at multiple institutions, both programs are currently being extracted. If they are both for the same degree (BA, AAS, etc.), then only one is available for an audit unless one has just manually refreshed the student's data. After the refresh and until you change the id, both options show in the Degree dropdown box.
- . Peter also found that DW will do an audit against a program that is not for the server institution and will bring in block that meet the criteria of the program. For the student that Peter was working with, the program was a BA in BAEL so it brought in the UAS blocks for the General Education requirements as well as the major block since UAS also has a major of BAEL. No courses were applied since the courses on the student's record were all US courses and the level of the program was UA. It can be coded around when saving a block, by adding a SCHOOL qualifier with the correct level. At this time, Mark wants us to wait to see if the product can deal with it instead of us having to code it. If it comes to where we have to code it, it may be that we can have the programmers set the level codes on each block for us.

ShareWith challenges – ie, BS disciplines/sequence and natural science requirement

- . Does minor replace electives at other institutions? No, not as far as UAA and UAF have noticed. Peter needs to keep the Electives block even when the student has a minor as there are special requirements for the electives.
- . With the ShareWith (Major), Peter found that the electives had to be removed from the major block due to ShareWith in the general education block. This was misadvising students who were early in their program consistently in that it was allowing Gen Ed requirements to meet the major-elective requirements inappropriately.
- . UAF had to remove the Disciplines and Sequence requirement for the Natural Sciences from the Natural Sciences block since it was using the same course twice to meet the Natural Sciences itself where they could only use one Physics. John suggested using MaxClasses.

Ed NOTE: I found that the MaxClasses can only be used in the Header, but on further exploration I found the MaxPerDisc which allows me to put in the 16 credit requirement but only 4 credits can be from Physics. So I have again a single block to meet all the Natural Science restrictions (16 credits, 2 disciplines and 1 sequence) for a BS.

Status reports

- . UAA
 - . Still working through 1% type cases
- . UAF
 - . Graduation working on summer graduation; also working on special cases
- . UAS
 - . Trained and gave some advisors access to DW last Wednesday so they can help with the testing; fixing things as they come up; next Wednesday will be doing group testing
- . Mark
 - . No report

Course renumber challenges – DW requirements in terms of current catalog

- . DW
 - . Want definitive from Mark that we have to code the new course number on the old requirements
 - . How do we deal with requirements when courses have been removed

Other Items

- . Janet – 3 web sites with 3 different websites. The decision for the URL's has not been made but since they will be on three different servers in the future, they will no longer use the common degreeworks.alaska.edu URL

Next meeting: August 25, 2008 at 8:30 (audio-conference)

Janet will not be here next week and it is UAA's first