

Registration Work Team Minutes for July 21, 2005

Group: Registration Work Team

Topic: Work Team Meeting

Date: July 21, 2005 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendees: Colleen Abrams (UAF), Pat Borjon (UAA), Margie Byrd (UAS), Jacque Christensen (UAS), Carolyn Hanthorn (UAA), Mary Howard (UAA), Jenny Myrick (Kodiak), Julie Staveland (UAS), Patrick Tilsworth (SW)

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* Indicates decisions and discussion at the meeting

Agenda:

- . SFR2APS – New parameters that enhance student identification by campus
 - . Status –
 - * Needs more testing of the report changes

- . QAdhoc – Section Status clone view
 - . Status – Assigned to a programmer on 5/2/05
 - * Can be tested during the time that the Banner 7 upgrade changes are going on

New Items:

- . SFR2LST – Updates to parameter list – include multiple parts of term, for example
 - Correction on ordering of Alpha Sort
 - Add instructional method as a parameter
 - . (a) Status – ready for testing on 5/19/05
 - . (b) Status – assigned to a programmer on 5/19/05
 - . (c) Status – Approved by BST on 6/16/05
 - See Item #1 below
 - * Ready to go to PROD as is

- . Banner 7
 - . Release notes are coming and should be available by the end of next week
 - * Colleen will get them out as soon as she can
 - . Online review of Banner 7.0
 - * Uses the same keystrokes although the F1 key for help does not function
 - * Banner screens will be larger (1025x768 rather than the current 800x600)
 - * With the larger screens there will be fewer occurrences of horizontal scroll bars
 - * PREP should be available for testing about Wednesday of next week
 - * Preferable to use Internet Explorer. Will open a second window with the application in it.
 - Cannot close the generic IE window as it will close Banner also
 - * Option Navigation window on the left is removed
 - * Alt O will open the Options Menu
 - . Planning and testing strategy
 - * Will do testing via audio-conference on Aug 5, 12, 19 and Sept 9, 16, 23 from 9 until noon
 - * Need to find our original plan and start using it, noting any modifications that need to be made
 - * Testing will be finished at the end of the face-to-face meeting that will be held at the end of September

Old Items:

- . New Banner form for Pin Resets
 - . Do we need to discuss this further?
 - * No, this can be removed from the agenda

- . Recording of International Students – Non-degree (from NRA work team)

- . Update from the NRA work team meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2005
- * The instructions are being finalized – have split the instructions for no existing visa type from those for students with an expired visa type. All students with a current visa type that does not match their current visa type on Banner, information will be sent to the Office of International Programs and the registration workers will make no changes to the visa information.

- . Campus Code legends page for Look Up Classes webpage
 - . Please review the sample attached to the message containing this agenda
 - * is ready for PROD
- . Positives/Challenges with this registration
 - * Nothing at this time.

Other items:

- * Asked Patrick to look into what it would take to display a registration error message when the class the student requested has been canceled. He will let us know if a task request is required for this.

Tabled items:

- . Enforced prerequisite checking

GTVSDAX parameters (explanation of the following at the end of this agenda – taken from www.alaska.edu/as -> Banner -> Banner 6 Bookshelf -> General System-> GTVSDAX Handbook)

WLTIMECON – Should waitlisted classes recognize time conflict errors? (New with 6.2)

- . SFRSCHD – Add .dat file to process
 - . Patty is going to do the task request for this – see task request attached to the email

Next Meeting: August 4, 2005 at 1:30 pm

**** **Item #1** *****

I tested the alphabetization of SFR2LST and SFASLST in PREP and LRGP. I don't see a difference between how it works in the test areas compared to how it currently works in PROD. What was done doesn't address the problems I was hoping to have solved:

1. Neither of the lists is in human alphabetical order; they're still in ASCII order, which means names that begin with a lower-case letter are listed after the names that begin with any upper-case letter (deZeeuw comes after Zoolander). This causes problems for our military education offices, which are required to submit class lists in alphabetical order to their base/post commanders to facilitate checking the identities of students trying to enter the base/post to attend classes. It's also easier for human faculty members to use lists arranged in human alphabetical order (I don't know about the non-human faculty members; they're not a very vocal group).
2. To get the lists into even ASCII order, the SFR2LST report has to be run twice: the first time it comes out with the names in the same order as SFASLST **was**, then SFASLST is automatically rearranged in ASCII order (assuming SFR2LST was run in update mode), and finally SFR2LST must be run again to get the printed list in ASCII order.

I believe that SFR2LST was changed a while back--at the request of offices that use it when they enter grades on SFASLST--to always match the most recent order of SFASLST, so grades are less likely to be posted to the wrong student's record. Prior to that, I think SFR2LST had always displayed the names in human alphabetical order. But people who liked that alphabetized characteristic of the old SFR2LST miss it now, so we were trying to find a way to make both SFASLST and SFR2LST work for both the "same order" group and the "alphabetical" group.

What I thought was going to happen, at a minimum, was that when SFASLST and SFR2LST were alphabetized they would come out in human order (possibly sorted based on what the names would be if they were in all upper-case?). It would be ideal if, when SFR2LST is run in update mode, the names could be alphabetized in both SFASLST and SFR2LST before the .lis printout file is actually created, but maybe that's waaaaaay too much to ask!

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Then I registered myself and Brian deZeeuw. So far, SFASLST still works like it did before: the people previously registered and already in ASCII order are first, followed by students who registered since the last time SFR2LST was run in update mode for this class:

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Then I ran SFR2LST in update mode and got this list, which has the names still in the order they most recently appeared in SFASLST:

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Back in SFASLST, the names had been "alphabetized" in ASCII order. Mine is now first, but Brian deZeeuw's name is still last:

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I then ran SFR2LST again and got the names in this order:

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The names are in ASCII order, just as they were in the past. Forgive me if I had the wrong impression of what was going to happen with this request....

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