

Catalog/Schedule Work Team Minutes for November 10, 2005

Group: Catalog/Schedule Work Team

Topic: Work Team Meeting

Date: November 10, 2005 10:30 am – 12 noon

Attendees: Colleen Abrams, Mae DelCastillo, Patty Itchoak, Kathleen Murphy, Jenny Myrick, Cheryl Plowman, Kelly Poston, Patrick Tilsworth, Robin Weinant

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Agenda:

Task requests:

- * SCP2UPC is ready for testing.
- * SCR2DNL is ready for testing.

New Items

- . Section part of term date updates (see Item #1 below)
 - * Patrick will talk with SCT about this issue. He feels that we are not the only ones who need to be able to change the part of term dates associated with a course after the course has been entered on SSASECT. With schedules needing to be done so far in advance, it is not always possible to know when a course is going to be taught, hence the need for the change in the part of term start and end dates. Opening learning is not the solution to this problem as it has registration start and end dates and course start and end dates that need to be maintained. Also, we have no way of knowing which courses are likely to have a start and end date change. Putting all courses into open learning would be too time consuming.
- . Banner 7.2 – to LRGP on 11/22 and to PROD on 12/11
 - . Testing
 - * We would like to be able to test via audio-conference again, if possible. Colleen will check with Saichi to see if this is an option. Preferred times are Monday, November 28th morning and Friday, December 2nd morning.

Old Items –

- . Banner 7 upgrade
 - * SSA2ADM needs to be added to the Options menu for SSASECT. An alternative method to using the Options menu is to set up a QuickFlow that contains SSASECT, followed by SSA2ADM and any other forms needed to complete the add or change to schedule. An alternative is access the File menu and then use the Direct Access option to access SSA2ADM.
 - * On SSASECT, the first character of the Building code is being dropped in the Meeting Patterns block when one tabs to the room. Can use the scroll bar at the bottom to see the first character but should not have to.
 - * Some people are being dropped out of Banner on a regular basis. Please maintain a log of these occurrences. Note the time, the server number (from the underneath IE session), and the active form at the time of the drop or the navigation that was being attempted at the time of the drop (going from Form A to Form B). Also, maintain this same information when the machine locks up.
 - * Cannot delete a matting pattern once there are enrollments.
 - * Cannot change an override of 'R' after saving the meeting pattern on SSASECT. Suggestion is to enter a new line with the information contained on the line with an 'R' in the override field, inserting an 'O' instead of an 'R' and then delete the line with the 'R'.

Other Items

Have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Next meeting: December 8, 2005 at 10:30am

Colleen

*** Item #1 ***

Shelly ...& ccs team -

I agree that it is a ton of work to go through the entire deletion process of students/meeting patterns/instructors and re-entering just to get a section date changed. However our current/past use of the system is apparently not the way SCT intended and we're paying consequences (student schedules are not correct). In addition we are using Third Party Scheduling products(Resource25 & soon AdAstra) that rely on dependent tables related to SSASECT.

I'm not sure what best fits into an open learning course and how manageable they areit's something we need to pursue.....I would hope Open Learning courses might be more flexible in changing meeting dates/times but it's only a guess (it could very well be more work).

There is an SCT RPE (#29322) that supports changing of the SSASECT start and end dates during registration.

From: Shelly Blatchford [mailto:insrl@uaa.alaska.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 11:04 AM
To: 'Patrick Tilsworth'
Subject: RE: [Banner-ccs] RE: changing part of term dates

Patrick are you saying that any shorter than semester length courses should be considered open learning? We have several 1 credit art and cios courses that are 5 weeks long and depending on the instructor of record, we sometimes have to change the days or times to meet schedule conflicts, the way banner is working now I can't update any changes without entirely deleting the meeting pattern/instructor and then putting it in again with updated info or in extreme cases I have to delete all enrollment, make changes and re-enroll.....what a pain!

There has to be some way to update dates/times etc without reinventing the wheel...I'm not changing my part of term, just dates within it...

shelly

From: banner-ccs-admin@lists.uaa.alaska.edu [mailto:banner-ccs-admin@lists.uaa.alaska.edu] **On Behalf Of** Patrick Tilsworth
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2005 10:50 AM
To: 'Robin Weinant'; sdsit@email.alaska.edu
Cc: 'Colleen L. Abrams'; 'Course, Catalog, Schedule Team'
Subject: [Banner-ccs] RE: changing part of term dates

Robin, Colleen, and the CCS team -

The more we research this on our end, the more I am recommending that we don't update classes this way. This is something that "Open Learning" area of Banner student was designed for, and think that the CCS team needs to pursue classifying any classes that don't fall strictly within the POT into an open learning class.

The problem we had a few months ago related to changing the POT was when a student complained that he couldn't see all the classes in his schedule. We've searched our data tables to see if we could find a missing link, but I presume that SCT's code is filtering on the original POT dates (SOATERM) rather than the dates that were updated on SSASECT. We may be OK if we change both the SOATERM POT, and SSASECT POT (all

occurrences of). However if you want a few classes in a part of term to have different dates than what is listed on SOATERM, I don't recommend this as the display of a Student's schedule is in question.

Please pursue and use Open Learning for future terms if you need flexible scheduling arrangements. As for the current situation and knowing that we haven't done enough research on Open Learning, I would recommend either coding new part of terms for each new set of dates and applying to the new section, or setting all sections to the same part of term to avoid the error mentioned.

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From: Robin Weinant [mailto:ffrmw@uaf.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2005 11:21 AM
To: sdsit@email.alaska.edu
Subject: changing part of term dates

Hello,

Colleen Abrams told me to email you with a problem I am having:

I have to change the part of term dates for 180 CRCD classes for the spring 2006. Unfortunately all the classes will have various dates. This dept likes to have specific dates for each class, as opposed to just general dates for the semester. When we had old banner, I could change these dates myself with no problem. However, now when I go to do it I get this error message:

"Cannot change part of term fields when enrollments or meeting times exist or when section is open learning."

Right now, there are no students enrolled in these classes or I have tried to delete the meeting times, but I still cannot change the dates.
Is there any help you can offer?

Thank you,
Robin W.
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