



Consolidation Committee
Final Report



Committee Details

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Committee Name: OWG 64B Student/Faculty Services (Banner, Degreeworks)

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Functional Area: Technology Services

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Major Tasks for Committee Tracker from Final Planning Document and Recommendations

Task: Banner

Recommendation and/or Action Taken: OWG 64B recommends that ASU/DSC adhere to an A+B = C (where A = ASU and B= DSC and C = New Environment) approach when consolidating the Banner Systems.

Advantages of following this approach:

1. Provides the best opportunity for cleaning up data with a focus on future audit readiness.
2. Provides flexibility to define the validation tables for new university while allowing the most effective new business practices to be the driving factor.
3. The new course catalog will have a fresh slate as of the consolidated term as the pre-consolidation course work will not require validation.
4. Financial aid gets a fresh aid year start with the C model for aid year 17/18 and it allows for continued separation of intersecting student data in the A and B instances for Spring 2017 and Summer 2017 term aid year 16/17.

Task: Banner Hosting

Recommendation and/or Action Taken: OWG 64b recommends that the consolidated "C" Banner environment be hosted with ITS Athens.

Advantages of following this approach:

1. ASU Campus Banner Environment is currently hosted by ITS Athens
2. Reduce tasks associated with design and set-up for consolidation "C" environment
3. While day-to-day administrative duties as well as major upgrades/patches are handled by GeorgiaBEST Managed Services, which allows the institution to focus IT efforts on other priorities
4. Prevents the possibility of incurring additional resources and costs that would occur from creating a new "C" environment locally
5. Excellent support provided by ITS Athens hosting services for East campus current production environment



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Task: Banner IDs

Recommendation and/or Action Taken: OWG 64b recommends that the IDs (Student, Faculty, and Staff) in the consolidated "C" Banner environment will begin with 900xxxxxx.

Advantages of following this approach:

1. For the IDs, ASU Campus currently has 906xxxxxx for Students, 906xxxxxx for Staff and 986xxxxxx for Faculty. Some Staff members also have 986xxxxxx. DSC Campus has only 919xxxxxx
2. In the past, there was no defined process for 906xxxxxx or 986xxxxxx account creations and it was not consistently maintained
3. Having a new number sequence will provide the opportunity to clean up current mix-up of IDs and provide a standardized format for ID numbers to be issued
4. Ease of processing will benefit functional users by streamlining to a single standardized format for ID numbers in the new university

Task: DegreeWorks

Recommendation and/or Action Taken: ITS Athens is working with the Functional Team at both campuses to determine the best model (A+B=?). We are expecting to have a recommendation before end of Dec 2016. The implementation efforts for consolidating the DegreeWorks Systems are yet to begin.

Other/Final Comments (if any):

Recommends that West Campus' Luminis Portal (MyDC) will be decommissioned for Fall 2017.

Banner consolidation and implementation efforts are in progress, with dress rehearsal testing scheduled to conclude in early February 2017 with a goal of production release to campus community in the first week of April 2017.