

GDS Phase 2 Advisory Committee Meeting

18 November 2008
1:30 PM
South Executive Conference Room - Teleconference

Meeting called by: Debi Jackson

Attendees: Debi Jackson, Barbara Gal, Brad Harison, James Shumate, Helen Yang, Rivka Weinberg, UC Irvine, Rose Groi, Tina Summerville, UC Davis

Please bring:

Agenda

Introduction	Debi
Status of defects and enhancements	All
Real Time Project Schedule	
Roster Data File changes	
GPA Upload via web services	
Standard GPA uploads	
GPA reports (new)	
College Cost Estimate Changes	
Changes to allow schools to make year round payments (Summer payments)	All
Open discussion / Summary	Team

Additional Information

Next Meeting 2 Dec 2008

The meeting was to provide a status of the changes that Helen Yang (CSAC Programmer for Roster) made for the Roster Data File and WebGrants Roster. The status of the changes to the GPA Batch Reports was also discussed.

Advisory Committee Status Log

<u>Defect #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>S</u>															
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Defect 6460	'LA','IP','NS' and 'NP' adj_rsn NOT \$0:	Migrated into Production	Th dis ca co So dis ins															
Defect 6535	OF' adj_rsn NOT Returning Eligibility to students: A data modification script has been created and tested to fix the data, but not sure how to re-instate the withdrawn renewal students. – This is a data Maintenance that will return eligibility to students.	Migrated into Production																
Enhancement	As far as changes to the Roster Data File. Here is the following proposed and accepted changes: Following is the draft of the fields that suggested to be added to the Output Roster Date File at the end, we need to discuss them in today's meeting. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Field Description</th> <th>Length</th> <th>Mode</th> <th>Position</th> <th>Default</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>/Valid Values</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CSAC ID</td> <td>9</td> <td>A/N</td> <td>418-426</td> <td>000101001</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Field Description	Length	Mode	Position	Default	/Valid Values					CSAC ID	9	A/N	418-426	000101001	currently working on this defect – Unit Test Change: For Renewal Students that do not have a current ISIR on the	
Field Description	Length	Mode	Position	Default														
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CSAC ID	9	A/N	418-426	000101001														

- 999999999					system due to archiving the information would no longer be available so we will put a "N" in the field to indicate that the information is not there.
GPA Score Awarded	3	A/N	427-429	000 - 400	
GPA Type	1	A/N	430-430	T,H,4,R,C	
ISIR Number Awarded	2	A/N	431-432	1 - 99	
Simplified Needs Met Flag	1	A/N	433-433	Y / N	
Auto Zero EFC Flag	1	A/N	434-434	Y / N	
ABC Program Status Flag	3	A/N	435-437	A(warded), E(ligible), I(neligible)	
(in the order of Program A,B and C)					
ISIR Number Most Recent	2	A/N	438-439	1 - 99	
Filler	41	A/N	440-480	Blank	
All schools need to change their program to ignore fields 418-480 until CSAC codes and each school codes for these changes.					
GPA Upload Reports are in test and scheduled to migrate when completed.					In Testing
Additional Requests: 4. CSAC will research an upload template for schools to use when changing multiple students to NA status. 4. CSAC will research the Roster reconciliation excel versions used. Currently CSAC uses Excel 97 & 2000. Schools want an upgrade for Excel 2003.					In Research

We will go over the status of the Following items:

1. Project Status

The project is due to be completed by 31 Dec 2008. There are three sections of the project outstanding. The Award Core Real time changes are in testing; the GPA Web Services is in testing and the Payment/Roster Real time changes are still being coded.

2. Operational tasks for year end

The project changes listed above need to be migrated to production by 15 December or they will wait until after the beginning of Jan 2009. This will be considered a block out period for migrations to preserve the year end processing of data. The risk of a change or enhancement affecting the year end process is too great. So no migrations will occur during the block out period. The award core and GPA Web Service should be migrated by December and the payment/roster might have to wait until January.

3. GPA Upload Status

The CSAC staff conducted stress testing on the GPA upload process. All the school's data files properly worked. The new reports didn't pass the edits. The files ranged from 41,000 – 140,000 records. At approximately 75,000 records in a data file, the system generated memory errors. This is due to the system sending the entire processed data file to the display. Staff identified a solution that would send only blocks of the data at a time, thus allowing less memory. This process of sending blocks of data at a time will be used for display, printing and downloading of the processed data. Programmers will begin with the changes.

4. College Cost Estimate Status – CSAC currently has 2 defects concerning the College cost Estimate information. One is for the screen change for a school to opt out of the High School Graduation Date verification. This section item would allow a school who has High School Graduation as part of their enrollment. Since they verify the Graduation Date for that process there is no need for them to verify it again for CSAC. This will only eliminate the duplicate work. If a school pays a student who want not entitled, they will have to pay back the State. This does not take the responsibility of the school to ensure eligible students receive grants.

The second defect allows schools to input the costs for off campus to provide a real cost verses an incorrect amount. CSAC will also be extending the deadline for inputting these costs until 15 Feb 2009 and awards will begin 1 March 2009.

5. Year Round Payment process feedback

A proposal to enhance the Year Round Payment process was discussed. Summer payments have been an issue for most schools. CSAC is proposing to enhance the process due to the labor intensive process. The current process requires a student to complete a G14 –Summer Payment Request to the school. The school then calls CSAC to manually add the summer payment term to the roster so they can pay students for their summer term. CSAC wants to enhance the roster to allow schools to automatically add/select the summer term on the roster and apply the payment. Once the weekly batch process runs to update the summer term then the payment could be applied to pay the student. This would eliminate the manual workload for both the schools and CSAC.

Since we had limited attendance at the meeting I would like to acquire feedback and/or impacts with this proposal. Please send me you feedback/impacts so they can be discussed at the next Advisory Meeting on 4 November 2008. I will send out everyone's responses so they can be discussed and we can conclude the solution to Summer Payments.

Update:

The coding changes for Summer Payments will begin in January due to the limited staff and the due date of the Real Time Project. A question was asked in the Advisory Meeting – Will the Summer Payment be a header or trailer. Per Tae (the business expert) all summer payments will be a trailer.

A school asked if this change will still allow schools to select quarter time, half time and adjustments. Bryan stated yes they will allow schools to use this function like any other payment.

IRIS Changes –

The federal government has made changes to the FASFA layout. CSAC is making those changes and will provide a operations memo on what these changes will entail. The housing code is one of the changes. CSAC will make the change simplistic. This will allow our old data and new data to be consistent.

The FASFA changes are listed on the Information for Financial Administrators Professionals website (IFAP).

Issues: Barb Gal identified an issue with the High School Graduation Date file for Fresno (00114700). Helen will look into the issue.

Tasks:	Helen will work on real time Payment/Roster changes.
Open Discussion	
Next Meeting	2 December 2008