

## DAUD/ nDARS Meeting Notes

3/21/2007

Attending: Robert Kilgore (CIS), Rosanna Delirio Carrera (UARS), Randy Cirilo (RO), Santhana Srinivasan (AIS), John Cramer (AIS), Bernie Shutman (AIS), Marietta Nieto (AIS), Bonnie Allen (AIS for 10 more days)

### **Meeting Notes:**

We bid Bonnie Allen a fond farewell as this was the last nDARS meeting she'll attend prior to her retirement. She wished us continued success and commented how impressed she was at how the 4 units (CIS, RO, UARS and AIS) were working together towards developing actionable specifications and a schedule.

Our discussion got fairly involved so what follows is a draft which we'll need to review and update;

We are done with the field by field CAR analysis. Any further issues needing clarification will be handled as they arise. Robert feels confident nDARS will not change any satisfied proficiency values to required in SRS. If a satisfied value does need to be changed to required (using the ERM or SRM values), it will have to be done manually thru the CAR screen. It will make its way back to nDARS via the SRS/SRDB interface. This raised a question about when SRDB gets updated. We know a batch job runs every night around 8 but there may be other "realtime" updates going on throughout the day. Marietta will find out more about this.

We discussed processing in nDARS to find out whether it will be done student by student or in batch. This will potentially impact how data gets to SRS. If done student by student online in nDARS, the data will be transferred to SRS via the Web interface. If it's done in batch in nDARS, it may require it to be bundled by nDARS into batch transactions that will be feed to the SR main processing job D40 and update both TRCD and CAR type data elements.

Robert clarified the distinction between Transfer Course Articulation (TCA) and Degree Audit (DA) processing. Admissions is the only one that will perform a TCA. nDARS processing varies between CAR and TRCD type elements and between Freshmen and Transfer students.

Freshmen – When they submit their intention to register (SIR) they will be processed in batch in nDARS. Up to 8000 can be processed at a single time. nDARS will perform the TCA using the AP test scores. nDARS will get these in similar fashion to MyUCLA. The courses these translate to and any proficiency requirements met will need to be bundled by nDARS into transactions that will be feed to the SR main processing job D40 and update both TRCD and CAR type data elements.

Approx 500 Freshman students typically have transfer courses. Currently these are processed through batch in D888. It creates the necessary ADM transactions for each passing AP test as well as the proficiency data elements. In the proposed processing, nDars will be processing the AP tests and proficiency data elements and will pass that data back to SRS so that it is reflected on both TRCD and CAR screens. The details are still being worked out.

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Are these transfer courses entered manually like the transfer students?

Transfer courses for Transfer students will be entered manually into nDARS. The info from the transcript is entered manually, student by student. A TCA is then run to award credit. Once the evaluator is satisfied with the results of the TCA, the record will be locked and will trigger the data to SRS via the Web services interface to update both TRCD and CAR type data elements.

When data is pulled from admissions and we reach the fork in the road where the nDARS students are routed to nDARS, the same students, without the course or proficiency data, will need to continue on to SRS in order to activate the student. We're assuming a student needs to be activated in SRS in order for any of the Web interfaces to operate.

**Next up:**

- Review previous meeting notes
- TRCD – We will begin to gather information about the TRCD interface. Rosanna will invite an Evaluator in to give us a walk through on the screen. Robert will arrange to have the necessary equipment to facilitate the walk through.
  - John will follow up with Francisco to get his analysis. He apparently went thru a similar process.
  - Robert mentioned the interface to TRCD will be different than CAR. Where as CAR fields will be honored by nDARS, TRCD fields will be “wiped clean” and replaced by nDARS.
    - This could impact TRCD auto assignment of Course #'s.
- Admissions Interface
- Repeat Processing vs Sequence Violations

**Follow Up Items:**

Follow up Items were moved to a separate Excel document which will accompany the meeting notes. All follow up items pertaining to CAR were moved to the complete tab.