

DAUD/ nDARS Meeting Notes

3/28/2007

Attending: Robert Kilgore (CIS), Anton Rivera (CIS), Kathleen O’Kane, Rosanna Delirio Carrera (UARS), Randy Cirilo (RO), Santhana Srinivasan (AIS), John Cramer (AIS), Boyne Chin (CIS), Edith Celestine (AIS), Daniel Fogg (UARS), Marietta Nieto (AIS)

Meeting Notes:

Meeting Admin

- Robert introduced Anton Rivera. Anton is the new DARS Encoder in CIS.
- Next meeting, we will meet in the bridge conference room on the 3rd floor. This room contains equipment that will allow us to log into DARS and OASIS to aid in our discussions.

DARS to CAR Webservice Interface

Praveen provided an update and posed some questions; He pointed out that the webservice does not update CAR directly. Rather it will write transactions to a temporary database (in Powerbuilder?) and update the CAR screen periodically. There was some question about the frequency of the periodic updates, whether it was every 300 records or every 15 minutes. Earlier meeting notes may contain the answer.

These updates are referred to as Webservice batch updates. They are distinct from the normal batch transactions created by DARS and processed in the SRS daily batch cycle in the DARS to SRS batch interface. The normal batch transactions could be up to 2500 students w/ 4-5 fields being updated per student. These transactions will include updates bound for both the SRS TRCD and CAR screens.

We reviewed some of the DAR to CARS interface rules:

- Multiple proficiency values will be sent simultaneously from DARS which will update and override the dynamic update logic in CARS.
- Only satisfied values will be sent by DARS to CAR. DARS will never change a CARS satisfied value in CARS send determine this by first reading SRDB prior

In a discussion shortly after the meeting, Praveen reported that Christian has tested the CAR Webservice successfully using the CAR screen in the test region.

AP Test Scores to DARS Interface

Previous discussions regarding the AP Test Scores to DARS Interface have focused on the current Admissions to SRS batch interface job, D888. D888 currently performs the AP Test Score articulation. Prior to this meeting, it was thought it would continue to do so for non-DAR schools, but Kathleen pointed out that proficiency and transfer data for all schools is to be

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handled by DARS. However; DARS will only perform Degree Audits for certain schools. There was some disagreement about this new info and Robert will follow up and confirm.

In today's discussion, CIS identified another source for AP Test score data via an FTP they currently receive (created by UGLSFT3). A discussion ensued about the merits of using the FTP vs D888. UAO felt there should only be one source of data. D888 was thought by UAO to be the more reliable of the two. The FTP was not as robust as it was only being used to provide info to MyUCLA. There was some question the FTP didn't have info that D888 provides (e.g. SAT scores). FTP was thought to contain a subset of the KBT data (one of the files that store the AP test scores). Both were believed to contain info for all schools and are term based (tho it was not clear if they were the current term or multiple terms).

There were doubts either interface provided test scores that came in after a new student completes a term at UCLA. Currently a separate report is run to identify late test scores and these are manually updated in the system (via CAR and/or TRCD).

There was also a discussion about late / retro-active updates coming from departments. CIS pointed out that UAO will still be responsible for making these updates. This raised the possibility of a satisfied value being changed to required. These will be handled manually since DARS will not changing a satisfied value to required in SRS. This also raised the question about field audits – though no further discussion ensued.

Ultimately, based on the new information about DARS handling all schools transfer and proficiency data, it was decided that;

- D888 should no longer do any articulation for any schools.
- CIS would look into the possibility of DARS reading the AP test scores and the AP Credit table directly from the files they are currently stored in. That it would also perform checking for late scores eliminating the need for the report run after a term at UCLA..
- UAO would further examine the current differences between the FTP and D888

Next up:

- Review these meeting notes and the follow up items for completeness
- DAR to CAR interface
- Proposal to meet 1 day per week for an hour and 30 minutes
- Decide topic for next meeting

Follow Up Items:

Follow up Items were moved to a separate Excel document which will accompany the meeting notes.