DegreeWorks 2020-21

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Technical System Upgrades

- Currently between DegreeWorks versions 5.01-5.02
  - On track for where we need to be for functionality at our institution
    - What IBM is able to work with at this time
      - Goal: maintain consistency with Banner updates
    - What Academic Advisors are able to utilize
  - At pace with many other institutions our size

- Updates are generally coordinated for October
  - Coordinated between Office of the Registrar and IBM
    - Server capacity
  - No DW Updates in October 2020:
    - Courseleaf Implementation
    - Security Upgrade Enhancements

Technical System Upgrades (continued)

- Next Upgrade: Version 5.04
  - Work will begin in conjunction with IBM January 2021
  - BEHIND-THE-SCENES – this should not impact the interface with academic advisors and/or students
  - Enhancement to infrastructure and some small changes to user-interface (i.e., some font displays), but not major aesthetic shifts at this time
  - Information is moving to "the cloud" – no abrupt changes, nothing noticeable on the user-end; just storing information (archived and new) in a new location

DegreeWorks Functionality

Does this work *anywhere*?!

How does it work?

- Testimonials are consistent:
  - The more prescriptive the curriculum, the easier the audit is to utilize
  - More consistency = more functionality

How do we get there?

- Keep doing what we are doing:
  - Standardization of Programs of Study (shout out to Jenn Tilford)
  - Maintaining consistent curriculum updates (Curriculum Approval Process)
    - Keep the Bulletin accurate
  - Notify the Educational Planning Team of DegreeWorks Errors: dgrworks@mailbox.sc.edu

DegreeWorks Errors

- DegreeWorks Errors v. "Curriculum Errors"
  - Start with your College
    - Educational Planning Team does **<u>not</u>** have the authority to make curriculum decisions (i.e., where a course "should" count)
    - **<u>Curriculum</u>** errors/edits/updates should be promoted through college's protocol for Curriculum Approval Process submissions

  - Trouble-shooting through dgrworks@mailbox.sc.edu:
    - Account managed by multiple members of the Educational Planning Team
      - Thorough research is conducted to resolve audit "edit errors," including reviews of:
        - Students' current audit display
        - How curriculum rules are written into the audit (via WebScribe)
        - How curriculum rules in WebScribe compare to curriculum rules in the relevant Bulletin
        - If/when curriculum updates processed through the Curriculum Approval Process
        - Additional resources as relevant

DW Edits and the Educational Planning Team

- Responsibility to align the curriculum in the audit to the curriculum in the Bulletin
  - Advising Practice vs. Official Curriculum Rule
    - E.g., courses that are "approved" to count as substitutions within the major but are not listed in the Bulletin
    - Educational Planning Team does **not** have the authority to make curriculum decisions (i.e., where a course "should" count)
      - If an advising practice differs from the official curriculum rule, we may make a suggestion for an "edit" to go through appropriate Curriculum Approval Process channels to ensure compliance and consistency
  - The more detailed the Bulletin, the better the audit will reflect the curriculum

Questions