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DARS/u.select News

Announcements:

DARS/u.select Users Conference – another big turnout!

90 participants attended this year's conference held at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center on October 4 - 5, 2011. This year's sessions included: Transfer Update, u.achieve Upgrade, campus presentations on Communication for Transfer Decisions, Graduation Tracking, and DARS Queries, an Overview of College Source website and RightNow upgrade, an introduction to the DARS Dashboard, as well as our famous "Tips & Tricks" session.

Participants also split off into roundtable sessions - 2 year/4 year schools, then reconvened for discussion at the "Town Hall Meeting."

A special plenary session regarding u.direct - Graduation Planner was held prior to wrapping up the conference with the awarding of the annual_DARS/u.select Recognition Awards.

The 2 recipients were Crystal Strouth, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, for sharing her DARS Access Queries and David Reinen, Minnesota State University Mankato for his work in pilot testing u.direct/Grad Planner.

What a great surprise when the DARS/u.select Team was presented with a "Campus DARS Teams" poster and a beautiful booklet signed by many conference participants! We are honored and truly appreciate the thoughtfulness!!

Conference evaluations again confirm gratitude for the opportunity to gather as a group and hear about/discuss topics related to the work we do and how we can better serve our students. Conference presentations are posted on the MnSCU DARS/u.select project website at:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/agenda_October_2011.html

u.select Advisor Training available online through CollegeSource

If you need help with training for your advisors for u.select, below are two options offered directly from CollegeSource. They may be accessed via the www.redlanternu.com website.

Recording of u.select Webinar from October 19, 2011:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/581727273>

u.select Advisor Web Course: <http://clients.redlanternu.com/home/display/USWC/u.select+Advisor+Web+Course>

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Campus Announcements:

Minnesota West Community and Technical College has made the following changes to our MnTC, effective spring 2012:

NSCI 1100 - no longer counts in Goal 9

HIST 1111, 1112, 1121, 1122 - no longer count in Goal 5

They no longer have any courses that could possibly count in 3 areas.

Please let us know about information you wish to share with other MnSCU schools. We particularly welcome news from you that will impact DARS encoding and transfer processing within MnSCU. Celebrate accomplishments by sharing your victories ...small or large ... with your colleagues.

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Accessing either of these training options will require a CollegeSource Support Center account, which may be requested at: <http://clients.redlanternu.com/myprofile/RequestAccountServlet>

The DARS/u.select Team at the Office of the Chancellor also offers u.select Advisor (and Administrator) training via WebEx on demand. Find out more and register at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.html

DARS Dashboard now available

As announced by the RADS team via their listserv on October 11, 2011, the DARS utility dashboard is now available.

This dashboard is another electronic tool to assist in the management of MnSCU student progress. Members of the DARS user community and the RADS team will build this library of queries together and share them system wide for the benefit of all.

The dashboard can be found in the following Hyperion BRIO folder
> Analytics and Reporting
> Student DARS
> DARS - System Utilities

The dashboard requires ST_L security and the security form should include the DARS module check-off.

Fill out the [Operational Security Request Form](#), selecting Hyperion as the software. Fax the completed form in to 651-917-4731 and you'll receive instructions for sign-on from the RADS team. If you are a new user, note that after initially loading Hyperion, you must log out and back in again to retrieve any data using the dashboard.

We haven't yet developed a system for requesting new queries or refining the current queries, so for now please send those in to: <http://dars.custhelp.com>

2011-2012 Curriculum Changes

Curriculum Changes for Academic Year 2011-2012, for all schools, are posted at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011_12/2011_12.html

Curriculum Changes for 2011-2012 identified 1061 new courses and 217 new MnTC courses, for a total of 1278 new courses.

Lists of the new MnTC courses, and courses with MnTC changes, are posted at: <http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/changesmenu.html>

- Request the electronic inserts for the 2011- 2012 New Courses at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_Course_Inserts.pdf
- Request the electronic inserts for the 2011- 2012 New MnTC Courses at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_MnTC_Course_Inse.pdf

Curriculum inserts are available for years 2005-2011, and may be tailored to your request.

Please contact Mary D'Andrea at mary.dandrea@so.mnscu.edu if you have questions.

WEBINARS:

There are two new webinars posted on the CollegeSource, Support Center, Webinars page for November. The webinars are:

- Leveraging Your Degree Audit to Improve Student Retention—11/8/11 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central Time)
- Repeatable Courses Webinar—11/14/11 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central Time)

For information about CollegeSource Webinars, go to:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/CollegeSource_Webina.pdf

These webinars are recorded and can be viewed at a later date.

Training & Conferences

Training dates for Fall 2011 are listed below. If you have new or existing staff that will be using DARS or u.select, please encourage them to attend the appropriate training session(s) as they are announced. Even if you or your staff already attended training, you are welcome to attend again. Many people find a return visit to training helpful.

- ◆ **Basic Encoding Training** – Fall training has been held. Spring training dates will be announced soon.
- ◆ **Transfer Articulation Training** – Fall training has been held. Spring training dates will be announced soon.
- ◆ **u.select Advisor Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).
- ◆ **u.select Administrator Training** – training offered via WebEx upon request, (after registering, participants will be contacted to arrange date & time).

All training will be held at Wells Fargo Place in Saint Paul, unless otherwise indicated. Training will be in Room 2204 or 3354, depending on the number of registered participants.

Registration for all training, open labs, and conferences can be found at the following link:

http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_index.html.

The format will allow you to check the dates of the training, review agendas, and register from the same page. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.**

Upon completion of all training and labs, please complete the Training Evaluation at:

<http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/evaluation.html>.

Third Wednesday & Thursday/DARS Open Labs

Third Wednesday & Thursday – November 16 & 17, 2011 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 week prior to training or open lab dates.

- ◆ **DARS "Up North" Open Lab** – Fall lab completed. Spring dates will be scheduled at a later time.
- ◆ **DARS "North Shore" Open Lab** – is scheduled for November 9, 2011 at Lake Superior College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library Bldg Room E1022.
- ◆ **DARS "Out West" Open Lab** – is scheduled for November 30, 2011 at Minnesota State University Moorhead, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Library 204.
- ◆ **DARS "Down South" Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 6, 2011 at South Central College, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at 1 of 2 locations (depending on attendance interest) North Mankato campus – Room C-155 or Faribault campus – Room C-112.
- ◆ **DARS "Central" Open Lab** – is scheduled for December 8, 2011 at Quarry Center, Waite Park, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Training Room 115.

REGISTRATION: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/training/training_regform_new.html

DIRECTIONS: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/registration/directions_WFP.html

For questions or comments about this newsletter, contact Marla Delaney at marla.delaney@csu.mnscu.edu.
Thank you.