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DARS/u.select News

Announcements:

DARS/u.select Users Conference—October 4th & 5th

We have 96 people attending, representing all of the 37 institutions, for our 9th Annual DARS/u.select Users Conference! We're glad that we'll see many of you at the conference. We hope to have some inspiring sessions and a chance for you to connect/share with colleagues. For those of you who are not attending the conference, please note that the DARS/u.select Team will be out of the office both Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4 & 5, so response time to issues submitted may be delayed slightly.

Reminder! We will not be printing presentations to include in the conference folder, with the exception of the Tips & Tricks Powerpoint. Other conference presentations will be posted on our website by Monday, October 3 for your printing purposes prior to the conference. There will also be a printer connection to one of the laptops in our "Business Center" at the hotel.

u.achieve Upgrade

Those of you attending the Users Conference will be able to preview some of what this u.achieve software upgrade will actually look like and what it might mean to our 'DARS future' here at MnSCU.

Please be aware that our goal is to accomplish this upgrade by the end of Fall Semester 2011. It will take a concerted team effort to do this and involves assistance from other ITS experts. We'll be learning a lot as we move forward and will try to keep you all in the loop as much as we can.

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

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Campus Announcements:

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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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.

New Grades for MnSCU Colleges and Universities

New Grades reported by institutions have been added to the table. These new grades must be added to the Institutional Reference Table – Grade Definition tables. The updated table can be found at: http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/documents/pdf/New_Grades_for_MnSCU.pdf

Curriculum Corrections:

No Curriculum Corrections to report this month.

Documentation:

No new or revised Documentation to announce this month.

SQLs:

No new SQLs to report this month.

WEBINARS:

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

- Encoding for Best GPA & Course Order Processing—10/4/11 2:00 PM EDT (1:00 PM Central Time)
- u.select for Advisors—10/19/11 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 schedule will be announced at a later date.
- ◆ **Transfer Articulation Training** – is scheduled for October 11-12, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- ◆ **u.select Advisor Training** – Fall 2011 dates TBD. (Note: CollegeSource Webinar on page 2)
- ◆ **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 – October 19 & 20 at Wells Fargo Place, Room 2204 or 3354.

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

- ◆ **DARS "Up North" Open Lab** – is scheduled for October 25, 2011 at Northwest Technical College, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Room 222.
- ◆ **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.