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DARS/u.select News

Announcements:

DARS/u.select Users Conference—Registration Deadline September 12th

REMINDER! The 9th Annual DARS/u.select Users Conference 2011 will be held on October 4 and 5, at the Crowne Plaza – Minneapolis North, 2200 Freeway Blvd, Brooklyn Center. The day and a half conference will include topics related to DARS/u.achieve, u.select, campus processes, up-coming plans, and u.direct update. Sept. 12th is the cut-off for blocked room rates for lodging. You must make your own lodging reservation. Conference registration is separate from lodging reservations. Don't wait to register! Agenda and registration at:

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

NOTE: We will not be printing presentations to include in the conference folder. Conference presentation will be posted on our website on Monday, October 3 for your printing purposes prior to the conference.

Change of Plans for “Migration to u.select LIVE”

Our announcement in the August Newsletter for “Migration to u.select LIVE,” was poorly timed. August is not the time to engage over-worked staff with questions about the Transfer Articulation Rule Memo.

As students settle in, and staff come up for much needed air, we will be contacting your school's primary encoder to establish two display preferences in u.select.

u.achieve – Java version of DARwin client

Work is underway behind the scenes as we plan for a migration to u.achieve 4.0. This is the latest version written in Java programming language. There are some distinct advantages to this new version, including offering students the option of running Degree Audits for majors other than their major of record in ISRS, removal of limits on table sizes, no more special formatting required on COM tables, additional course list and marker requirement functionality, removal of case sensitivity in title checking, and the production of PDF audits for increased functionality. More information can be found about u.achieve on the College Source website including information in the following presentations from the 2011 National Conference/Training Workshop:

- [u.achieve Self Service Product Demo](#)
- [u.achieve Updates: Moving Beyond Darwin](#)

Because the client interface screens will not change at all, the direct impact to our encoders should be minimal. Stay tuned for more information at our annual Users Conference!

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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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2011-2012 Curriculum Changes

Curriculum Changes for Academic Year 2011-2012, for 34 reporting schools, are posted at:
http://www.dars.mntransfer.org/updates/currchanges/2011_12/2011_12.html

The remaining schools will be posted as they arrive.

Curriculum Changes for 2011-2012 identified 984 new courses and 180 new MnTC 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.

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:

No new Webinars to announce this month.

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** – is scheduled for September 13-14, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Wells Fargo Place, Training Room 3354.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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 – September 21 & 22 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.