

5/3/06 TA-CAPP Work Group Update

Summary of what Jim Day learned at SUMMIT about issues identified by the TA/CAPP Work Group.

Jim met with John Ellis who has done 103 CAPP implementations in the last 8 years. He also met with Bill Zimmer, the lead developer for SunGard.

The work group has three recommendations from its first meeting:

1. Contact SunGard and ask for a CAPP/Articulation expert to use as a resource.
2. Study the DARS-to-CAS implementation at PSU to find techniques that might be applied to CAPP-to-CAS. The group agreed to set up a mid-April trip to PSU for this purpose.
3. Talk to some Banner universities who are using EDI uploads to see if any of them have highly automated processes or have solved some of the current issues with TA/CAPP implementation. The schools are University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Valencia College, Tarleton University, University of Central Oklahoma, and Medical College of Georgia.

"Based upon what I learned at SUMMIT from the SunGard reps, I am very positive about the results we could achieve with an expert consultant (#1 above)."

Apparently TA and CAPP need to be coded with each other's needs in mind. If we give responsibility for TA coding and CAPP coding to separate individuals or groups, we make it much more difficult to get full automation, especially for students transferring in.

"Mark Endsley has agreed to fund up to \$9k for this consultation with any costs beyond that, to be the responsibility of the individual schools. If we are able to coordinate the visits at about the same time, this will help reduce the total costs due to travel."

"I also had a chance to meet with the DARS reps and see how their product handled major-specific articulation. As it turns out their system is so different, it didn't appear to have any applicability to us. Based upon what I learned, I am no longer recommending #2 above as being a very productive use of time. I ran into PSU staff recently and we agreed to put this visit on hold. I will still have a member of my staff contact the schools in item #3 above to see if we can identify any useful information that we can share."

"I am contacting Larry Criddle who is our SunGard rep to set up a consultation."

Action Items:

1. Each campus wanting to participate in the consultant visit must carefully document their issues in advance
 - a. So the consultant knows what we were trying to accomplish before they arrive
 - b. So SunGard can identify the right consultant to send
2. If your school has used an SCT consultant for this sort of thing in the recent past, please let me know
3. Please share your thoughts on how we should arrange the consultant visit (or on other aspects of the workgroup)

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