





# Lessons Learned: Implementation of XE Student Modules

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#### Introduction



- The University of Illinois has implemented several XE Student modules and we will share our experience in getting each one configured, tested and implemented.
- XE Faculty Grade Entry, XE Student Advising Profile, and XE Registration will be covered in the presentation.
- At the end we will review some overall XE lessons learned as we've gone down the path of implementation.



## **Agenda**



- 1 Overview of the University of Illinois
- 2 Our XE Timeline
- 3 XE Faculty Grade Entry
- 4 XE Student Advising Profile
- 5 XE Registration





#### **University of Illinois**

Three campuses - Urbana-Champaign,
 Chicago, Springfield <u>www.uillinois.edu</u>

- Urbana-Champaign
  - o 44K Students, 11K Employees
- Chicago
  - o 28K Students, 10K Employees
- Springfield
  - 5K Students, 2K Employees







#### **University of Illinois**

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- Live with Banner since 2001
- Production Banner database 1.6 TB
- 5.8 million SPRIDEN records
- Licensed for all modules except Alumni
- Multi-Campus VPD/MEP for Financial Aid, Academic History, Web Tailor, Course Catalog and Schedule
- FGAC used throughout Student and HR to segregate data by campus, college, department, etc.



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## **Our XE Timeline**



#### **Banner XE timeline**



October 2015

Registration 9.2

Advising Profile 9.1

Student API 9.1.1

Catalog/Schedule 9.3

Student Overall 9.3

June 2012 DBEU September 2014

Faculty Grade Entry 9.2













November 2012

Catalog/Schedule 9.1

May 2015

Advising Profile 9.0 Events Mgmt 9.3 April 2016

Registration 9.3

Advising Profile 9.2 Fac Grade Entry 9.4.2

Student Overall 9.4

Student API 9.4

Academic History 9.1

Catalog/Schedule 9.4

Student SSB 9.2



#### **Banner XE timeline**



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TO BEGIN, BEGIN.





- Our Chicago campus was the first of our three campuses to have interest in using the new module
- Began looking at the module in June 2014
- Implemented Faculty Grade Entry 9.2 in September 2014
- Main push to implement this was the ability to import a spreadsheet of data – Banner 8 does not have this functionality











#### Configuration

 Campus branding – done through CSS (cascading style sheet) modification







#### Configuration

- Information text on right side panel done through web tailor
  - Procedure Name: FGE9
  - Markdown Language
  - One limitation with Markdown can't open a new window or tab from an existing one







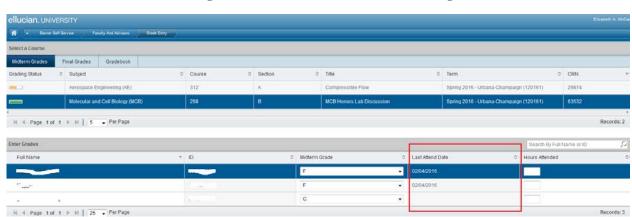




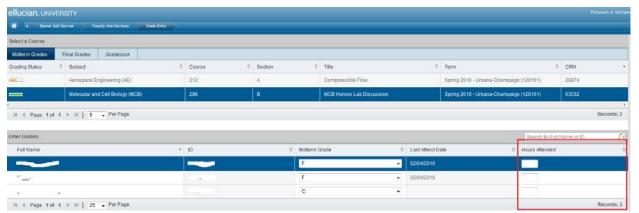


- We have one existing local modification that had to be implemented
  - Hide Last Attend Date and Hours fields in Midterm Grading
    - Done through CSS (cascading style sheet) modification
  - Prohibit the import of data into these fields through Import Tool
    - Modify the application javascript















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#### Regression/Business Process Testing

- Security issue identified
  - If instructor had NO INB forms access, can log in fine, same as Banner 8 SSB
  - If instructor had any INB forms access they required additional setup in order to access FGE
- Resolved by setting ssbOracleUsersProxied = FALSE
  - This means the Oracle account will not be used for the connection, VBS will not be enabled in the Self-Service application.





- Regression/Business Process Testing
  - MEP issue with self-service drop-down menu
  - Current open change request CR-000123304 Banner 9 SSB application MEP calls to SSB 8.x do not call the correct MEP enabled SSB URL

Banner 

Registration & Records

Graduation

Faculty & Advisor Services

Account Billing Information

Employee

New WebTailor Administration

Personal Information





Performance Testing



- Two tests system performance and single user performance
- Vulnerability Testing



- Our Quality Assurance team ran a security vulnerability scan
- Accessibility Testing



- Our biggest problem area
- Resulted in need to keep Banner 8 available





#### Accessibility Testing - Guidelines

- Federal Section 508: <a href="http://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/making-files-accessible/checklist/index.html">http://www.hhs.gov/web/section-508/making-files-accessible/checklist/index.html</a>
- WCAG 2.0 (A, AA): <a href="http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/WD-WCAG20-20060427/appendixB.html">http://www.w3.org/TR/2006/WD-WCAG20-20060427/appendixB.html</a>
- IITAA: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.il.us/accessibility/references/iitaa-testing-checklist.html">http://www.dhs.state.il.us/accessibility/references/iitaa-testing-checklist.html</a>





- Accessibility Testing Findings
  - All content is not read by screen reader as it using Application role
  - All content flow is not logical
  - All content is not keyboard accessible











#### Chicago Campus Implementation Plan

- Pilot for midterm grading in October 2014
  - Reached out to faculty and asked for pilot participants
  - Asked for a time commitment of one hour for a meeting and feedback. Also, they must be teaching 0 or 100 level course.
- Review results and if successful, roll-out new tool to all faculty for final grading in December 2014.



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- Six instructors used the new tool for midterm grading
- All instructors completed a survey with feedback
- Feedback included:
  - Tool was easy to use and understand
  - More help/configuration was needed to pull grade information from Blackboard
- Agreement to move forward with full implementation and open to all faculty during final grade entry period December 2014





- Full Implementation: Communication and Training
  - Email communication was sent to all faculty to explain the new grading tool
  - Two Overview Sessions in late November and early December
    - There were 8 faculty who attended the sessions





- Full Implementation: Communication and Training (continued)
  - Two open labs for faculty in late December to provide lastminute support for using the new process
    - No faculty attended any open lab
  - Help available from the Office of the Registrar for Banner questions and ITL for the Blackboard extract questions



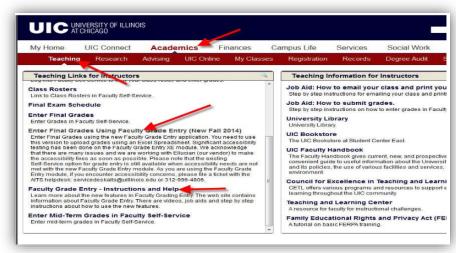


- Website created with information as well as a training website that contains job aids and videos. Topics included:
  - Manual Grade Entry
  - Extract Grades from Blackboard
  - Import Grades from a spreadsheet (Faculty Grading, Blackboard or your own)
  - Exporting a Validation Report after Loading Grades





- Link to FGE and instructions posted on UIC portal
  - Note below link regarding accessibility issues
- Banner 8 SSB link available as well













#### Results - Success

- Majority of questions were normal grading questions
- 362 Logins
- 319 distinct users 13.7% of instructors
- 80 Spreadsheets Loaded 76 instructors: 3.2 % of all instructors and 23.8% who used the new system
- The number of NR grades was lower than past terms.





- Our Urbana-Champaign campus was next to implement the tool
  - Pilot of approximately 10 instructors for final grade entry for May 2015
  - Full implementation for midterm grading in October 2015.





- Full Implementation: Communication and Training
  - Less communication and instruction than our Chicago campus
  - Instructional information was posted to the Registrar website
  - PDF training one page document
    - In talking with faculty, an easy, one page document was requested
  - Assistance provided by the Registrar's office





#### **Final Grade Entry Instructions**

Before entering final grades, all faculty members are required to <u>Establish an Enterprise ID</u> in order to access the <u>Faculty Self-Service</u> system. (Required if you have not previously accessed the Faculty Self-Service system)

#### Follow these steps to use the "NEW" final grade entry interface:

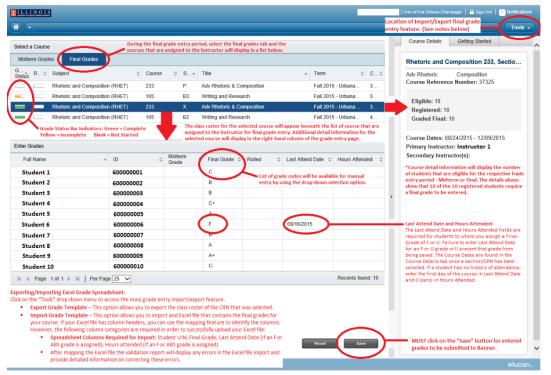
- 1. Login to Faculty Self-Service
- 2. Select "Faculty & Advisor Services."
- 3. Select "Faculty Services."
- 4. Select "Grade Entry (Mid-Term & Final)."
- 5. Select the "Final Grades" tab on the grade entry page. A list of sections that have students which require final grades will display on the page below.
- 6. After selecting a section, the class roster will display below the selected course. final grades can be assigned to an individual student by using the drop-down box or by typing in the respective letter grade. (Only applicable grades can be entered or selected in this field.) Instructors that wish to enter final grades for multiple students can use the "Import/Export" feature located within the "Tools" tab in the upper right-hand corner of the grade entry page. Please refer to the Final Grade Entry Instructional Document (PDF) for additional information.
- 7. Be sure to select the "Save" button at the bottom of the class list to submit the final grades that have been entered.
- 8. Repeat steps 5 through 7 for each section that requires final grades to be entered.

#### Follow these steps to use the traditional interface for entering final grades:

- 1. Login to Faculty Self-Service
- 2. Select "Faculty & Advisor Services."
- 3. Select "Faculty Services."











Link to FGE was inserted into Banner 8 Self-Service

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Class List - Detail
Class List - Summary
Class List - Summary with Withdrawn Students
Wait List - Detail
Wait List - Summary
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Grade Entry (Mid-Term & Final) ***NEW***
Final Grade Entry
Mid-Term Grade Entry
Grade Corrections - After Grade Roll
Faculty Schedules & Assignments
Faculty Schedule - Detail
Faculty Schedule - Week at a Glance
Teaching Assignments - Current
Teaching Assignments - History
Office Hours
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- Urbana-Champaign and Chicago campuses are utilizing the tool in our production environment.
- In Fall of 2015 we reviewed and tested XE Faculty Grade Entry 9.3.
- Due to a critical defect related to grade display we chose not to implement this version.
- We were still happy with the version we had.





- We will be implementing the 9.4.2 version on April 24, 2016.
- One enhancement of this new version is the inclusion of the view-only roster.
- Additional configuration tools
- We will also be looking at extensibility as a way to hide fields and eliminate a part of our local modification.





- Retesting accessibility to determine if we can eliminate the need for keeping Banner 8 SSB option.
- Our Springfield campus would like to implement this year, however they would like to do a straight cut-over from Banner 8 SSB to XE Faculty Grade Entry.
- We need to have accessibility issues resolved in order to take this approach.



### **XE Faculty Grade Entry - Lessons Learned**



- Did not have to do a lot of training of faculty
- No real issues or complaints from faculty
- Easy to implement from a technical standpoint
  - Least amount of configuration and dependencies
- Take note of security/accessibility issues
- Be aware of all the sources of grades (LMS systems) and how information will be imported











- Our Chicago campus was the first of our three campuses to have interest in using this module
- Began looking at the module in January 2015
- Implemented Student Advising Profile 9.0 in May 2015
- Main push to implement this was the ability for an advisor to be able to see student data all on one page





Configure Test Pilot Implement





### Configuration

- Highly configurable
- Done through configuration files, GUAINFO (Information Text Editor)
  - Functional change for us in how we perform configuration
- Configuration file is MEP enabled
- We implemented VPD/MEP on GURINFO











- Regression/Business Process Testing
  - MEP issue with self-service drop-down menu
  - Browser differences
  - Minor defects, but nothing critical





### Performance Testing



- We did not perform performance testing due to our plan to implement with a small pilot group
- Vulnerability Testing



- Our Quality Assurance team ran a security vulnerability scan
- Accessibility Testing



Continued issues with accessibility, but improvements coming





- Implemented Student Advising Profile 9.0 in May 2015
- Plan was to pilot with advisors from a few colleges in June 2015
- Due to shifting priorities and resources, our UIC campus has had to delay their pilot of the tool











- We continue to do analysis and testing on new releases
- In Fall of 2015 we reviewed, tested, and implemented XE Student Advising Profile 9.1
- We will be implementing the 9.2 version on April 24, 2016
- Our UIC campus is now planning for a pilot in June 2016. The pilot will be with approximately 30 advisors from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences



# Lessons Learned (So Far) - XE Student Advising Profile



- Highly configurable, however
  - Configuration is done differently then current Banner 8 modules
  - Configuration is more technical and less available through GUI
- Non- transactional, view-only which makes it easier to test
- Our focus has been on the advisor view











- Our Urbana-Champaign campus was the first of our three campuses to have interest in using this module
- Began configuring and testing the module in June 2015
- Implemented Registration 9.2 in November 2015 for our Winter Term registration
- Main push to implement this was the ability for a student to drop their last class





- The University of Illinois participated as a development partner and performed beta testing for XE Registration.
  - Began testing CR1 in January 2014
  - Focus was on performance testing and accessibility testing
  - Some functional testing





Beta Test Configure Test Pilot Implement





- Configuration many different tools
  - SOAWSCR (Overall Page and Field Configuration)
    - We implemented VPD/MEP. Even though rules are term based, easier to manage our three campus configuration
    - Can't link to other sites from the registration landing page
  - GUAINFO (Information Text Editor)
  - Configuration Files
  - SOAWDSP expanded for XE





### Local modifications

- Cross-List Identifier Existing
- Registration Agreement Existing/New
- Limit Personas New
  - We do not want faculty/advisors registering students and there is no way to turn this off in XE





### Local modifications

- Defect fixes NEW
  - Many due to our MEP configuration
  - The application has challenges with MEP





### Regression/Business Process Testing

- Many more cases logged with Action Line to ask questions or report defects
- More defects then other applications, especially around new functionality
- A lot of configuration to figure out and determine how to use
- Our testing was much more involved





## Performance Testing



 We did multiple rounds of performance testing during beta and then another test prior to implementation

## • Vulnerability Testing



Our Quality Assurance team ran a security vulnerability scan

## Accessibility Testing



Continued issues with accessibility, but improvements coming





- Urbana-Champaign campus implementation plan for Winter Term
  - Add a link to Banner 8 Self-Service for Winter Term registration that directs students to XE Registration
  - No real communication to students
  - Registrar's office was available for questions





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#### Results - Success

- 27% of the 2100 students who enrolled in winter classes used the XE functionality at some time
- Dropping the last class was much easier with XE
- Not many questions from students





#### Results - Success

- Campus Registrar's Office was very pleased with the pilot
- The ability to set the system to allow Winter students to drop the single class was the main reason that we used it and that aspect worked well
- We like the ability for students to add classes to their schedule and have a nice, visual calendar display of what their day-to-day schedule will look like before taking the next step to submit the changes











- We will be implementing the 9.3 version on April 24, 2016.
- All three of our campuses have plans to begin using XE Registration this year:
  - Urbana-Champaign Opening right after we implement for Summer and Fall Registration, however we'll be past priority registration so not a heavy load
  - Chicago Opening in May for Summer Orientation students
  - Springfield Opening in October/November for Spring registration



## **XE Registration – Lessons Learned**



- Approach was to provide students with better interface and roll out administrative use later.
- Start small if you can, our Winter Term was a good pilot scenario
- We didn't use any new functionality (Projected, Structured, Planned, Block) and that was OK
- We've not focused on XE Administrative forms, still continue to use the Banner 8 forms



## XE Registration – Lessons Learned



- Configuration was new, different, and quite a lot to learn
- MEP has been a struggle for us, take note if you use this functionality
- Test with multiple browsers
- More defects then other applications
- Take a slower approach, it can be overwhelming





#### What modules to implement first:

- Faculty Grade Entry and Student Advising Profile are good ones to start with
  - Less configuration/testing
  - Less dependencies
- XE Registration will take more time





#### Configuration:

- There are MANY different ways to configure applications, some are more technical
- While the ability to do field level configuration by persona and MEP is very good, the method is different and can change your testing and maintenance process
- Each module has its own set of configuration and it can be different





#### Testing:

- Test with different internet browsers
- Longer process to redeploy application after modifications, updates to configuration files, changes
- XE applications are all separate





EAS	non-EAS	Web for Prospects	Web for Admissions
Banner Forms SSB - 0NONE SSB - 1UIUC SSB - 2UIC SSB - 4UIS	Banner Forms Banner+Debug SSB - 0NONE SSB - 1UIUC SSB - 2UIC SSB - 4UIS	ONONE 1UIUC 2UIC 4UIS	ONONE 1UIUC 2UIC 4UIS



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#### • Training/Communication:

- Less might be better
- Know your audience





- Better and more modern user interface
- Once implemented we've not had a lot of user questions
- Well received by Faculty, Students, Registrar Office







# **Questions & Answers**







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