Banner Feedback
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Classroom Location
• Lists of classes should include the classroom location
• SIS 105 and 107 do not have this info
  • Must go to SIS 130
• The current web for students also lacks this information

Classlists
• Include email address of students

Excel Classlists
• Faculty use Excel for grade books
  • Cut and paste is tedious
  • VMS command: class_list

Classes with sections
• Ability to look at all sections of a particular course (SIS 105)
  • Enrollments for each course
  • Total enrollment for all sections

Cross-listed Courses
• Provide one screen to look at all cross-listed courses
  • One cap for all cross-listed courses
  • Possible to have a cap of 20, with 5 from one of the listing and 15 from the other
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<th>Section</th>
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<td><strong>Waitlist Management</strong></td>
<td>• Current electronic waitlist system used by RHET</td>
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<td>• Need to differentiate between</td>
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<td>• Students who need a course</td>
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<td>• Student who just want to change</td>
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<td>• Schedule checks and updates</td>
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<td><strong>Student Transcripts</strong></td>
<td>• SIS 136</td>
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<td>• Cumulative GPA</td>
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<td>• Probation status</td>
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<td>• All on same screen</td>
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<td><strong>Placement Scores</strong></td>
<td>• Easy to access and read placement scores</td>
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<td><strong>Student Contact Info</strong></td>
<td>• Provide all student contact info on one screen</td>
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<td>• name, address, email phone</td>
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<td>• Ability to track changes in these fields</td>
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<td>• Ability to “click” to email to a student</td>
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<td><strong>Access to Past Data</strong></td>
<td>• Access all grades for a particular student</td>
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<td>any number of years back</td>
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<td>• Needed to recall how a student performed</td>
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<td>for letters of recommendation</td>
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<td><strong>Faculty Schedule</strong></td>
<td>• Ability to see an individual faculty member’s course schedule, including</td>
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<td>• location, days and times</td>
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<td>• enrollments</td>
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<td>• Current and past semesters</td>
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Instant Reports

- Check the enrollments of all classes in a single department at once (SIS 1D5)
- Actual student numbers (not percents)
- Commonly used by department chairs

Banner Comments and Observations

General UI Comments

- System seems clunky. Lots of clicking.
- Much slower than SIS
  - Faculty/staff will be less productive
- Need to navigate back to “main menu” to change context (e.g., a different student)
- Pull down menus will become too large
- Class search: can find a class, but can’t click to get the class list

Lack of Context

- Banner requires the user to select a “context”
  - E.g. term
- This context is not displayed on the main menu
No Email in Class List

- Looking at a classlist, why not have the student email address(es) readily available?
- Click to email

Student Info is Bulky

- Could condense information to see more on one page
Date Entry

- User must enter a date string
- Why not have a calendar pop-up?

Contact Number

- Why use drop down?
- Now faculty must go to another menu to edit contact number?

Add/Drop

- Why can’t advisors add/drop for students directly, as they can now?

Removing Holds

- Cannot remove holds in faculty self-service?
Why CRN?

- Not needed
- Confusing

Class lists

- Is it possible in banner to get a class list for any class and not just the ones you are teaching?
- Can we modify summary info? E.g., major?
- Student Photos: Can they be integrated with the current system?
- Will it be easy to print class lists?

Grading

- All on one page

Advising

- Advisors can’t simply drop students from courses?
- Can advisors give course overrides for courses they aren’t teaching?

Degree Audit

- Demo degree audit confusing
Browser Compatibility

• Only IE?
• Need:
  • Firefox
  • Safari (Mac OS X)

First, what faculty will miss from SIS

• Fast interaction
• Less screens
• Much information fits onto one page

SIS and Banner

• SIS has a learning curve
  • But, once you learn, you get faster
• Banner has learning curve
  • But, more knowledge won’t make you much faster

Task Oriented Interface

• Have “wizards” that take you through common tasks
  • Advise a new student
  • Help a student find a class (perahps CORE) to fit into his/her schedule

Banner Internet Native

• Initial impressions
  • Very slow, unintuitive
  • Built on slow technology
  • Java Applets/Application
  • Slow startup
  • Need many screens to input data (forms)

Web Apps can be good

• Consider the following modern sites
  • Orbitz
  • Gmail and Google Calenar
What can we do?

- Try to address the deficiencies the best we can with
  - Configuration
  - Programming
- We are customers and Sungard should listen to us. Help shape future versions.

Communication Studies

- Letter codes
  - Communication Studies Division (COMS)
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)
  - Rhetoric and Composition (RHET)