NGSS Update
January ABA Meeting

January 20, 2015
10am -12noon
351 Steinberg Hall – Dietrich Hall
Agenda

● Goals of the project
● Project team
● We are building Pennant
● Progress to date
● Pennant Accounts
● Planning for Future Releases
● Where do I get information?
The NGSS project team is building Pennant to replace the aging core student information systems that support the operation of the University (Billing, Student Records, and Financial Aid).

Pennant will support academic innovation, improve service and access to all constituencies, and provide the stability and adaptability to advance Penn’s mission well into the future.
Pennant will be delivered in phased releases.

- **Pennant Accounts** (Release 1) will include student account processing (collecting charges and posting payments), bill presentment, graduate funding, 1098T reporting, etc.
- **Pennant Records** will include student records, course inventory, registration, academic planning, fee assessment and transcripts
- **Pennant Aid** will include financial aid eligibility determination and financial aid awards.

*The order of future releases (beyond Release 1) is still to be determined.*
Accomplishments so far

- Signed contract with Ellucian in September 2013
- Teams formed and trained on Banner AR & Banner Student
- Set-up multiple installations of Banner and supporting infrastructure
- Completed Fit-Gap process to determine business requirements and solutions
- Developed strategies and started full development
- Completed 2 full conversion exercises
- Community outreach (web site, town hall meeting, focus groups, presentations & develop training materials)
Timeline: Pennant Graduate Funding – July 2015
Pennant Accounts, Feeder Application & Student Account Summary – Fall 2015
Pennant Accounts overview

- Vendor selection and requirements definition done in consultation with process owners
- Opportunity to modernize and upgrade computing infrastructure
- Common interfaces for all departments (Pennant Feeder Application)
- Improved tools for setting up, paying and tracking grant funded PhD students
- Student Summary screen for improved customer service
- More robust reporting from data warehouse collections
- Operational data store for processes that require real time access to AR data
- Eliminate use of 9 digit legacy account codes, we will only use 26 digit account numbers
- Ability to consult and partner with vendor and peers (800 institutions world-wide)
After completing Pennant Accounts, NGSS is slated to deliver Pennant Records and Pennant Aid to replace SRS and SAM.

- Need to begin **detailed planning** now.

- **Scope will include:**
  - Fundamental data definitions
  - The components of a student record:
    - Biographic and program information, planning tools, courses, registration, grading, transcripts, graduation checkout, etc)
  - Financial Aid
  - Review business requirements against vendor software;
    Banner is assumed to be core product, but no final determination has been made.
  - Integrations and Reporting

- **Consultation** has already begun with schools, centers

- Forming a **new project team** & requested separate funding

- The goal is to prepare a **detailed proposal and project plan** to present to Trustees by the end of 2015
Where do I get more information?

- Project website (www.sfs.upenn.edu/ngss)
- NGSS colleagues mailing list
- Town hall meetings next one in spring
- Presentations to specific constituencies
- Email the project managers: ngsspm@lists.upenn.edu