NGSS Update
September ABA Meeting

September 18, 2015
9:30-11:00
S245A of the Law School
Agenda

- Goals of the project
- We are building Pennant
- Progress to date
- Pennant Accounts Overview
- What are we delivering?
- Pennant Accounts Go-Live!
- 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 since last meeting

- Developed strategies and started full development
- Pennant Graduate Funding Go-Live on June 18, 2015
- Developed Online and Classroom training on Pennant Accounts
- System and Acceptance Testing is 90% complete
- Performance Testing is complete
- Detailed Planning for Conversion and Go-Live!
- Formed Teams for Planning on Pennant Accounts
- 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
What are we delivering?

● The Applications – three Pennant Accounts components: Penn-configured Banner, Pennant Feeder App and Pennant Plus bolt ons

● User Documentation – included in the training materials scheduled for delivery in August and September. Technical documentation, including meeting notes, presentations, and design specifications are available in Box

● Training – for all, four online modules in KnowledgeLink for security, privacy and basic inquiry; for those performing updates, instructor-led courses.

● Reporting – an operational data store for operational reporting and a data warehouse

● Access – account setup for users who have completed training, limited to those accounts and organizations for which they are responsible.

● Support – pennant-help@lists.upenn.edu; telephone 215-746-HELP.
Go-Live! Week of October 12th
After completing Pennant Accounts, NGSS is slated to deliver Pennant Records and Pennant Aid to replace SRS and SAM.

- Started detailed planning.
- Consultation has already begun with schools, centers.
- Partnered with purchasing to submit additional RPF’s for applications to enhance functionality of Banner Student.
- The goal is to prepare a detailed proposal and project plan to present to Trustees by the end of FY 2015.
Where do I get more information?

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