The following correspondence is being sent on behalf of the NGSS project team:

Senior BA Colleagues-

We are excited to announce that the [Next Generation Student Systems (NGSS)](#) project has successfully launched its first release of Pennant Records on September 13.

This release introduces CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS), a section maintenance tool to create, edit, and validate sections, and an updated Curriculum Manager (CM). Additionally, the University Catalog and Curriculum Manager have transitioned from SRS to using Pennant as the system of record. Courses, beginning with the 2022/2023 academic year, have switched from 3-digit to 4-digit designations. Due to these changes, the registrars will be working in two systems through May 2022.

The registrars and related staff received training over the summer, which will be supplemented by hypercare, the support to address concerns as they arise. The [local service providers](#) in each school have also been informed of how to support users of CLSS and CM.

Following the first release of Pennant Records, the first release of Pennant Aid will launch in October. The initial launch of Pennant Aid manages student financial aid processes including tracking, awards, needs analysis (federal/institutional methodology), and packaging for applicants starting in Fall 2022.

Looking Forward

The project's attention now turns to preparing the Penn community for the second release through virtual information sessions:

Date	Activity	Target Audience	Details
Oct. 1, 2021	CourseLeaf Path System Demonstration – Advising	Advisors	• Registration functionality from advisor perspective
Oct. 29, 2021	Information Session and Demonstration	Students	• Purpose is to create initial awareness for students by demonstrating new registration functionality • Occurs before Advance Registration for Spring Term
Dec. 10, 2021	Information Session	Advisors and other Academic Audiences	• Release 2 Information Session for Advisors and Financial Aid staff

We are moving forward, and we will keep you informed about the overall progress implementing the Pennant suite of applications. In the meantime, please email Rob Nelson at erob@upenn.edu with any questions.

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