SIS MODERNIZATION PROJECT CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT 2021 WEBINARS – Q&A

Below are questions submitted during the SIS Modernization Campus Engagement Webinar on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021.

Accessibility

Will the new Degree Audit tool be as accessible as Degree Navigator is currently, specifically regarding the sorting feature?

The SIS Modernization Project is taking accessibility concerns very seriously with both Campus Solutions and Student Financial Planning and have been working directly with MSU Accessibility experts as well as contracting with Deque to have the modules evaluated and remediation options provided. While we are looking into a sorting option for Degree Requirement Reports, but this will require a modification to the Degree Audit and would ultimately not be available until a future release.

Could outputs from the What-If Report be other than PDF for accessibility purposes?

The Academic Advising team is currently investigating options for an alternative format for the "What-If Report."

Academic Advising

Will advisors be able to see the plans that students can make in the Academic Planner?

Yes, advisors will be able to see a student's planner; however, they will not be able to manipulate it.

In Degree Navigator, we are able to view how a student is progressing toward a different major/minor they may be considering. Is this feature available somewhere in CS?

A feature similar to this will be available in Campus Solutions after Release 5 go-live on March 1. This functionality will be in the "What-If Report" which will allow students to apply different program and plan scenarios to their current course work to understand how that will affect course requirements and time to degree.

Will students be able to use the What-If Report tool on their own?

Yes, students will be able to use this functionality in Campus Solutions when they wish. A student's advisor will also be able to use this same tool while meeting with the students they advise.

Can students see the What-If Report by semester?

The What-If Report is not semester specific.

Will a student's planned classes be shown in ESAF like they currently are?

No, a student's planned classes will be available for advisors to view a student's Planner in SIS at student.msu.edu.

Can advisors send a What-If Report to students within SIS?

There is not a way to send a What-If Report to a student within SIS. The Report can be viewed by both advisor and student during an appointment. Students can also recreate the same scenario in their portal view in SIS.

Will there be any updates to the GPA calculator?

At this point and time, the GPA calculator will continue to be available in ESAF. We are currently in a change freeze as we are in the process of bring up the new SIS, so changes to our current tools are not able to be made.

For programs/plans with admission requirements, are those listed anywhere on the What-If Report so students are aware?

Yes. As long as those admission requirements are listed within the program or plan requirement group, they will be displayed to students and advisors using the What-If Report.

Is there a way to add the option to send a What-If Report to students? This is helpful while working remotely with students.

There is not currently a way to "send" a What-If Report to a student. In Release 6, planned for June 21, 2021, there will be a PDF option of the What-If Report along with the Degree Audit Report that could be downloaded by the advisor and sent to the student.

Reporting Center

In general, do department program directors/chairs have the ability to run reports from the Reporting Center? This is important for self-assessment of their programs.

As long as an end-user has access to the underlying data in the Campus Solutions pages, they should be able to access and run the report.

Are the reports in query manager sourced from MSUEDW?

No, the reports are sourced against the real-time database behind Campus Solutions.

Are reports on number of advising appointments, EASE contacts, GPAs, and credits available for download?

Notes from advising appointments including confidential messages will be available in ESAF, and GPAs and credits will be available for a student in student.msu.edu. Charles Jackson and Patrick Beatty can assist units with reporting based on the Advising and Tutoring Appointment System as they are currently not available for units to download. Once designed, staff with access can run these reports on demand.

Is the Reporting Center under Query live and available right now?

The Reporting Center is currently available in SIS. It will continue to be revised and populated with reports and documents. Those updates will be pushed to the Reporting Center in SIS via the SIS Project release schedule.

End-user Education

Where can students access help and resources?

Primary help documents and resources will be available to students (and staff) via sis.msu.edu/sishelp.html. This URL is accessible via the "Help" link in SIS as well as appearing on all the tile landing pages. Links to help resources will also be available where students are accessing that information. Colleges and departments are welcome to use and share any of the resources available to students on this website. We encourage colleges and departments to populate their student help resources and documents with the information available there to ensure students can find the help they need wherever they are.

What trainings are being held for students?

There will be no "formal" training for students, meaning we will not be holding training sessions or help rooms for students to receive help. Rather, students will be provided with supplementary resources to help and guide them through the system while completing activities in SIS for the first time. These will come in the form of help documentation and short videos for using the new tools, in addition to the IT Service Desk when technical access issues arise.