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# Campus Solutions 9.0 Additional Features April 2012 Pre-release Notes

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## Executive Summary

This document provides an overview of the new features planned for delivery in Oracle's PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 9.0 Additional Features April 2012. It is a preview intended to help you understand the new features, to assess their applicability to your institution, and to help you plan your IT projects and investments.

The planned features previewed in this document are:

- Student Financials Third Party Contract Enhancements Phase 3
- Activity Management Phase 3
- Academic Advisement Report Enhancements: Access for prospective students and advisors

With every Additional Feature bundle, our goal is to help your organization leverage technology to its fullest and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of your operations. We strive to provide innovative and extensible functionality that will reduce the need for customization and maximize the return on your investment in Oracle Campus Solutions. Additional resources are planned to help your organization determine the impacts of implementing these new capabilities. We encourage you to visit My Oracle Support frequently to keep apprised of resources as they become available. While every attempt is made to accurately describe our intentions, the delivered additional features may not have every feature or capability mentioned in this document, and a specific feature may become part of a different application or have a different product name than those cited in this document.

## Planned Third Party Contract (TPC) Enhancements Phase 3

One of the top enhancement requests from Campus Solutions customers using Student Financials is in the area of Third Party Contracts (TPC) setup/maintenance and related Corporate Billing. Use of this functionality continues to expand, with different models of usage found in different countries. The variety and number of third party “sponsors” continues to grow too, from government agencies to private entities. In the October 2011 bundle, Campus Solutions delivered new functionality to “roll” third party contracts in mass and “roll” specific students to the new third party contracts. In the January 2012 bundle, Campus Solutions delivered new functionality that supports the efficient maintenance of third party contracts that included:

- Increased flexibility to group third party contracts for the purpose of capping the total contract amounts and/or student amounts.
- A process to allow for node/item type exclusions on the third party contract setup.
- Additional student related and academic information in the Corporate Account.
- The option of moving the student’s due dates/billing dates to the Corporate Account.

The delivery of TPC enhancements In the April 2012 Additional Feature bundle represents the third and final phase of this ongoing effort to provide significant updates to our users. The planned functionality is expected to consist of:

- Extracting student enrollment information for the purpose of printing on the Corporate Bill/Invoice.
- Allow input of Contract Emplid and Contract Number on the Corp Group Post component.

### Corporate Billing/Invoice

In order to provide the mandatory information based on sponsor requirements, we are planning to provide additional flexibility in producing the invoice or an electronic file by:

- Providing the invoice template override on the third party contract
- Providing functionality to include the student’s academic information to the XML Corporate Billing file

### Corporate Group Post

In responding to the institution’s business requirements in Applying Corporate Payments, we are planning on enhancing the Corp Group Post component to allow input into the Contract Emplid and Contract Num fields. The fields are available on the Group Line record and will be available for data entry.

### Expected Benefits: Third Party Contracts Enhancements Phases 1-3

The increasing emphasis on the use of Third Party Contracts requires increased resources to setup and manage them. These enhancements are designed to provide easier maintenance of third party contracts that are anticipated to reduce administrative burdens and costs.

TPC enhancements provide the flexibility that allows Third Party Contracts functionality to be setup and deployed throughout our global customer community.

By extending the data that is available to extract for corporate invoices we anticipate the reduction of customizations to the Corporate Billing Process.

By applying and utilizing enhanced TPC features delivered since October 2011, customers can expect greater efficiency, expanded management capabilities and better services provided to both to students and their Third Party billing partners.

### Activity Management Phase 3

Institutions require flexible and granular grading structures and calculation functionality to evaluate a variety of student assignments, attendance and course level examinations. In an ongoing effort to meet this customer-driven request, we have designed and continue to deliver, a comprehensive solution called Activity Management. The first phase of Activity Management was delivered in Additional Features July 2011 in which we introduced the Activity Registry which represents the foundation for managing marks and exams in Campus Solutions. The registry connects to the course catalog entries and allows users to define a course calculation structure where detailed grading rules can be defined and applied to courses. The next step is to carry that structure to the schedule level and allow administrative users to manage and organize class content.

In January 2012, we focused on applying that structure to your schedule by allowing administrative users to manage and organize class content by using new features including:

- Activity Generator: the mechanism to assign Activity IDs to coursework content and associate an activity registry to class sections.
- Activity Manager: administrative access into class activities.
- Activity Definition Update: an update of the activity definition to support the Activity Manager.
- Activity Registry Update: an update of the activity registry to support updates in the Activity Manager.

Additional Features April 2012 continues with Activity Management deliverables associated with scheduling, most specifically those relating to examinations. Planned features include:

- The Academic Period Table which allows users to define time constructs in which to schedule exams. These time periods can have associated enrollment and fee attributes, as well as ties to existing academic structure items.
- Scheduled Activity Security which is set at the user profile level to allow access to create specific course exams in the Section Manager.
- The Section Manager where exam sections will be associated with a facility, date and time. The association to a facility can be created manually or determined by third party scheduling software. Users can establish room requirements, enrollment capacities, and examination requirements for staffing, required exam devices, and entrance identification.
- Updates to the Activity Definition to support the creation of exam sections.
- Updates to the Activity Registry to support exam only courses and content conditions.
- Updates to the Activity Generator to support exam sections and exam only courses.
- Updates to the Activity Manager to support exam sections.

### Expected Benefits: Activity Management Phase 3

Activity Management allows you to use extensive feature functions to construct basic course structure and its attributes and to define the result structure that maps marks, grades and outcomes that are required by various academic areas, programs, and courses applicable to your institution.

The fundamental benefits of Activity Management are its configurability and reusability.

- You can configure course grading structures, apply them to multiple courses and choose how to manage required coursework. Institutions can also configure their individual examination requirements.
- You can reuse the course grading structures as a template to associate them to similar courses throughout your course catalog. Extensive copy features within the Activity Registry can be used to streamline data entry.

Our emphasis for Activity Management in this Additional Features April 2012 bundle is on examination setup, definition and management. Many of our customers need the ability to schedule and administer examinations separately from their associated classes. We have designed these innovative additions to provide you with the ability to:

- Create an academic period outside the term construct in which to associate exams.
- Establish enrollment dates for exams.
- Define an activity registry for exam only courses.
- Enter content conditions ('and/or' parameters) on content items in the activity registry.

- Set security for individuals responsible for maintaining exam sections.
- Define the exam section offerings and enter meeting detail.

## Beyond Additional Features April 2012: Planned Additions to Activity Management

Using our Continuous Delivery model allows us to build upon and deliver Activity Management over several bundles. This approach also allows us to recognize and address changes in original design and to respond to customer feedback and guidance on an ongoing basis in order to apply useful insights and suggestions into our development efforts. Upcoming Additional Feature bundles are targeted to include:

- Examination enrollment – student self service enrollment, administrative manual and batch enrollment
- Activity Result Roster generation- rosters for all content types as needed.
- Student Activity Management record (SAM) – coursework level record for students
- Result Calculation
- Faculty Self Service
- Student Self Service
- Administrative Self Service
- Common Attribute Framework where schools can add institution specific fields to extend delivered activity management records
- Result Types – ability for schools to define non standard results that require calculation

## Academic Advisement Report: Enhanced Access for Prospective Students and Advisors

Students are more mobile than ever before. Many attend more than one institution as they pursue their academic goals. Often, prospective applicants want to view degree requirements in advance of their matriculation and to understand how any transfer credit will be evaluated as they assess their education options. Active students with access to the Student Center can currently model transfer credit and produce “what-if” advisement transcripts that evaluate that self-reported transfer credit and display information about how those “what-if” courses might be used to meet degree requirements.

Enhancements planned for Additional Features April 2012 will enable not only current students to do this but also enable pre-matriculated students such as prospects and applicants to generate



advisement reports that evaluate completed and self-reported transfer credit models for a selected program of study. With this enhancement, the report will no longer be an advisement transcript but rather the Academic Advisement report designed for CS Release 9.0. If your institution permits, prospective students will also be able to generate simulated or “what-if” advisement reports using the what-if component that students currently use. Additionally, advisors will be able to take advantage of the streamlined what-if component and define a what-if scenario for a student, such as an advisee considering a change of major.

Customer demand and industry trends require enhanced degree audits and transfer credit processing for the mobile student, prospects, applicants, and advisors. In response to this demand, enhanced feature functionality is targeted to include:

- Self-service pages that a prospective student, such as a prospect or applicant, can use to generate a what-if advisement report.
- Advisor Center pages that advisors can use to generate a what-if advisement report for a prospective or current active student.
- The ability to define advisement report types that include self-reported transfer credit models and administratively completed models (that is, those that cannot be posted until the student is term activated).
- A batch process enabling administrators to generate what-if advisement reports for prospective or active students.

Some of the changes that will support this flexible, enhanced functionality include:

- Flexibility to control which users (prospective students or advisors, for example) can generate advisement reports.
- Advisor self-service access to components enabling them to generate advisement reports for prospective and current active students as illustrated below.

Paul Acosta

Advisor Center Search

my advisees student center general info transfer credit academics

### What-If Report

#### Create What-if Scenario | Kimberly Adams

(Advisor) You may be working with someone who is considering a particular program of study or major. Using this page, you can set up a what-if scenario based on different academic programs. You may also select what-if courses-courses.

Click the Submit Request button to request a degree progress report for the individual based on what-if information you provided.

[RETURN TO REPORT SELECTION](#)

#### Career Scenario

Select a career for which you want the change to take place.

Institution	Career	Catalog Year
PeopleSoft University	Undergraduate	2012 Spring

#### Program Scenario

The information that appears on the page by default is your current academic information. You can use the fields below to set up a what-if scenario based on one or more programs of study. You can define up to three scenarios.

Academic Program	Area of Study	Concentration
Liberal Arts Undergraduate	Psychology	None
None	None	None
None	None	None

#### Course Scenario

Click the "browse course catalog" button and then select courses for inclusion in your course what-if scenario.

[browse course catalog](#)

What-if Course List [View All](#) First 1 of 1 Last

Course
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[Submit Request](#)

- Additional transfer credit-related options on the advisement report types.
- Additional institutional control to fields on the what-if scenario component:
  - Institutional control and configuration for displaying programs, plans, and subplans on the what-if scenario page.
  - Institutional control over the career catalog year (requirement term) values displayed on the report—for each set of users, whether students, prematriculated students, or advisors.
  - Additional message catalog text oriented to specific user—advisors, prematriculated students.
- Enhancement to batch process so that administrators can generate what-if advisement reports in batch for students and prospective students.

- Replacement of advisement transcript with interactive advisement report in Evaluate My Transfer Credit pages.

### Expected Benefits: Advisement Report Enhancements

The goal of Academic Advisement functionality is to provide advisors and students the tools that help students and prospective students plan for and achieve their academic goals in a timely way. The Academic Advisement reporting enhancements described earlier aim to provide the following benefits:

- Enable prospective students to gain earlier insight to their academic progress and requirements for intended academic careers thereby making earlier and informed choices about their academic goals.
- Provide advisors a user-friendly reporting tool – accessed along with the other tools from the Advising Center – to better assist and guide advisees.
- Provide institutions configurable options for each user – advisor, prospective student, and student – that help direct the user to make more informed and realistic choices about the students' academic direction.

## Anticipated Documentation for Additional Features April 2012

In order to gain a thorough understanding of the important new functionality targeted for Additional Features April 2012, extensive documentation is planned. These planned references represent our commitment to keep you informed and prepared to take full advantage of the features that are available through our Continuous Delivery Model. Customers should visit My Oracle Support PeopleSoft Enterprise Campus Solutions 9.0 Documentation Home Page (Doc ID 751540.1) for access when Additional Features April 2012 is made available.

Planned Campus Solutions 9.0 Bundle #25 Functional Documentation for Additional Features April 2012:

- For Third Party Contracts refer to: CS Bundle 25\_Student Financials\_9\_0.pdf
- For Activity Management refer to: PEAM Activity Management Documentation.pdf and Program Enrollment\_Activity Management Benefits Document.pdf
- For Academic Advisement Report: Enhanced access for prospective students and advisors refer to: CS Bundle 25\_Academic Advisement\_9\_0.pdf

## Conclusion

The introduction of the extensive functionality in Additional Features April 2012 illustrates Oracle's commitment to advancing innovative functional models for Campus Solutions to serve a world-wide customer base. We can do this by employing a Continuous Delivery Model which provides the ability to take advantage of new and important technology and innovative design on an ongoing and sustained basis. The PeopleSoft Campus Solutions 9.0 Additional Features April 2012 is intended to meet customer needs, extend value, and provide leadership for the global higher education community. We encourage all business areas to evaluate the content of this Additional Features bundle for applicability to their business processes.



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