Introduction to Banner Workflow

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Agenda

- Key Workflow concepts
- Overview of Banner Workflow
- Banner Workflow in Action
- Demonstration and Process Examples
- Questions & Answers
Workflow Definitions and Concepts

**Workflow:**

“...the automation of a business process, in whole or part, during which documents, information, or tasks are passed from one participant to another for action, according to a set of procedural rules.”

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**Banner Workflow...**

automates business processes by moving documents, information, and tasks between participants

**Started By**

- Business Events
- Through the Database or Web Services
- People

**Progressed by**

- Business Rules and Conditions to Paths, Roles, People in parallel or in sequence

**Utilizes**

- Attachments
- Custom Forms
- Manual Activities
- Approvals
- 3rd Party Integration
- Banner
- Luminis
- BDMS
- Email
- Database

**Results in**

- Better Communication
- Timeliness
- Consistency
- Responsiveness
- Notification

**Banner Workflow** is a solutions framework that provides

- Intelligent movement of activities between participants with one view of all tasks
- Visibility to and reporting on processes and individual activities and to gather metrics
- Status of any running or completed workflow
- Confidential handling of sensitive work items
- Automated business events processing
- E-mail notification of new work
- Document attachments within email and work processes
- Custom activities design and deployment
- Banner, Luminis, and BDMS integration
- External Integration
Integration – SunGard Higher Education Applications

- Banner
  - SSO
  - Contextually Opens Forms
  - DB Procedures and SQL
  - Business Events
- Luminis
  - SSO
  - Worklist Channel
  - Instantiate Business Processes
  - Alerts Channel
- BDMS
  - BDMS Document Events integration
  - Launch of Forms linked to BDMS Document
- Identity Management
  - Workflow 8.0 release participates in the same IdM Environment as other SunGard Higher Education Applications

Integration – External Applications

- 3rd Party Flexibility through 14 Web Services
  - Types of Integration:
    - Workflow Aware
      - Can get and set parameters and tell when the workflow should progress
    - Non Workflow Aware
      - Fire and continue or prompt user for completeness
  - Client Side User Interaction or Automated
    - Automated
      - Can be launched to fire processes or call out to other web services
    - Interactive Client Side Launching
      - Office Integration
      - Custom desktop application
      - Can also launch non aware
      - User is prompted from Banner Workflow for completeness when launched process ends

How is work distributed?

- Role Based
  - Activity sent to all users within the role
  - Any user may perform the task
- Directed
  - Activity sent to a specific user within the role
  - Specified user may perform the task
  - User can be derived from actual performer of a previous task
- Proxy Based
  - Temporary change to work item access
  - Helps easily manage short term staff absence, unexpected work process changes, or responsibility reassignment
  - Effective dated
Banner Workflow in Action
Real World Process Examples

- Finance / AR – Billing Notifications
- Financial Aid – Scholarship Payment Authorization Process
- Financial Aid / All Departments – Hire a Work Study Student
- Banner General
- Student/Admissions – Graduate Admissions Application Processing
- Advancement
- HR – Hire Adjunct Faculty/Employee Appointment

+ Other Example Processes in each area that Professional Services has helped clients with

Finance / AR – Billing Notifications

Plymouth State University

- Problem:
  - Manual mail merge to notify students of Billing information waiting for them in Banner Self-Service.
  - Untimely delays in Accounts Receivable of payments.
  - No automated mechanism to notify students of Billing information between mail merges other than manual emails.
Finance / AR – Billing Notifications

- Process:
  - Process identifies whether students have a credit, balance, or zero balance, and provides them instructions on how to log into Banner Self-Service and process payments, etc.
  - Email routing information is updated and logged in Banner for better Customer Service communication.

- Benefits:
  - Accounts Receivable increased significantly in a more timely fashion.
  - More tailored specific communication to students and parents.

Finance / AR – Other Processes

- Creation of New Fund / Detail Code with Approvals
- Requisition Approval
- Budget Exceeded process
- Retired Fixed Assets
- Zero Balance
Kent State

• Problem:
  • Initiators can’t see how their scholarship funding is set up to make good budgetary decisions
  • Paper forms routed through campus mail cause a delay in processing
  • Initiators can’t find out where paper is once it has left in campus mail…they must call around to find the status of a request

Process:

• Allows departments to notify Student Financial Aid which students to award scholarships
• Routes documents to dean for approval

Benefits:

• Decrease processing time required to award scholarships – especially when rework is required
• Initiator can see which funds/indexes are funding scholarships on the form
• Notifies the initiator when the scholarship has been awarded to the student.
Financial Aid – Other Processes

- College Work Study
- Change of Residency
- Verification Process
- Notification to AR when Aid Changes
- Notification of New Documents after Billing

Financial Aid / All Departments – Hire a Work Study Student

- Plymouth State
- Problem:
  - Could take weeks to process student hires
  - Delays in communication between Fin. Aid, HR, Hiring Supervisor, and Student Hires

Financial Aid / All Departments – Hire a Work Study Student

- Process:
  - Completely automated process that takes minutes to complete
  - Information is routed to Students, Supervisors, HR, and Financial Aid.
Financial Aid / All Departments – Hire a Work Study Student

- Benefits:
  - Students get initial paycheck quicker.
  - Streamlined communication between Student, Hiring Supervisors, Financial Aid, and Human Resources.

Banner General – Other Processes

- Change of Name Notification
- Change of Address Notification
- Death Notification
- Duplicate PIDM Processing

Student/Admissions – Graduate Admissions Application Processing

- Mississippi State
- Problem:
  - Routing of applicant packet was not always happening in timely fashion - lost in the paperwork shuffle, no way to know whose desk it was on or where it was in the process
Student/Admissions – Graduate Admissions Application Processing

- **Process:**
  - This particular workflow is used by Office of Graduate School in conjunction with academic departments to make the admission decision on graduate students.

- **Benefits:**
  - Eliminated the need to send a packet of paper documents/copies from Office of Graduate Admissions to Academic departments.
  - Faster turnaround time on applicant decisions.
  - Ability to determine exactly where an applicant is in the process.
  - Ability to identify bottlenecks.
  - All of the above = faster, more efficient processing of applicants.

Student – Other Processes

- Notification of Change in Schedule
- Notification of Change in Catalog after Print Date
- Notification of Change in Residency
- Withdrawal Student
- Grade Change
- Admissions Approval process
- Course Load Below a Certain Level
- Faculty Load Below a Certain level
- Notify Wait-listed Students of New Sections
Advancement Processes

- New Gift
- New Campaign Notification
- New Designation Process
- Goal Reached
- Change of Campaign Name

HR – Hire Adjunct Faculty/Employee Appointment

Xavier University

Problem:
- Adjunct Faculty not paid on time
- No validation of data including exceeding # of credits per instructor

Process:
- Adjunct contract information entered, validated, and processed in an efficient and consistent way.
- Process routes contract approvals and electronic forms to appropriate parties
HR – Hire Adjunct Faculty/Employee Appointment

- Benefits:
  - Estimated Savings of $40,000/year
  - Approvals are quick and pay is not delayed in the shuffle

HR – Other Processes

- New Hire
- Termination
- Benefits and Deductions
- Position Requisition
- Salary Increase Over Certain Percentage
- Employee Review Due in x Months
- Vacant Position
- Change of Employee Class

Banner Workflow Delivered Examples

- New Gifts
- Requisition Approval with E-mail functionality
- Hire a Full Time Faculty Member
- Hire a Full Time Staff Member
- Establish Benefits
- Load Faculty Information
- Establish Taxes and Other Deductions
- New Employee Security Setup
- Grade Change
- Withdraw a Student
- Process Withdrawn Student Aid
- Interview Candidate
Client Perspectives on Banner Workflow

“I can’t begin to tell you how much time this has saved me and how much better we are able to serve our customers. Just by hiring them in the Banner system, everyone on campus that needs to know about the hire knows within a few minutes, instead of hours or days.”

David Gibson, Senior Systems Analyst, Abilene Christian University

Client Perspectives on Banner Workflow

“Workflow allowed us to make significant progress on our institutional goal of streamlining administrative processes on campus. It also allowed us to reduce the amount of paper forms moving around campus as well as to reduce the number of times students have to run from office to office to complete routine administrative tasks.”

Ed Steinmetz, Assistant VP for Finance, University of Scranton

What Services does SunGard Higher Education provide?

• Installation
• Workflow Technical Training, SQL for Workflow, BDMS Integration
• Workflow and 3rd Party Applications
• Workflow Process Modeling Training
• Workflow Process Analysis
• Consulting services geared specifically to client needs
  — Approach can vary from “Train the trainer” to “Full BPA and Workflow implementation”
  — Workflow Production Readiness – Specific Module/Area
  — Post Production Visits
Summary

SunGard Higher Education’s Banner Workflow

- Supports the Open Digital Campus
- Provides process definition, control, metrics, and evolution
- Improves efficiency, effectiveness, and cost while helping you quantify those improvements
- Delivers unique Banner, Luminis, desktop application, email, and external resource integration
- Pays you back in the best ways possible – by giving you peace of mind and time back to your day
- Helps insure that you achieve excellence

Questions and Answers

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