

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Note from the Program Manager

Dear Penn Colleagues:

With the recent announcement of Wendell Pritchett's leave of absence, NGSS Sponsor and Deputy Provost Beth Winklestein will be stepping into the role as Interim Provost. Many thanks to Beth for her time as a Sponsor. Due to this transition, Mark Dingfield will be taking over her responsibilities as NGSS Sponsor. We are excited to welcome Mark to the program and leverage his prior experience in technology implementations at Penn.

The engagement layer names have been officially approved. We are announcing the official engagement layer names to be Path@Penn for students, Advising@Penn for advisors, and Courses@Penn for instructors. Other major milestones include the formation of a new advisory group, focused on the business and finance leadership within the Schools and divisions.

In regard to project progress, the team completed Release 1 Student Records User Acceptance Testing (UAT). This testing was focused on the Pennant Records functionality that will support program and course management as well as section maintenance. Those who participated in UAT were a sample of the future users, and they were excited by the capabilities of the new systems. Release 1 Financial Aid In addition to the Release 1 efforts, the team continues the design and build for Release 2 Student Records and Financial Aid. Release 2 Financial Aid efforts include showcasing a new Cost of Attendance information-gathering and processing tool, and for Student Records, we are hosting a CourseLeaf PATH system demo in June (for more information, see page 2).

Finally, as a reminder, the program continues with its Current Systems Freeze period, which limits non-regulatory changes to various current systems. For more information on the Current Systems Freeze period, see pages 5-6.

Best,

Rosey Nissley
NGSS Program Manager

CourseLeaf PATH Registration Demo

NGSS is hosting a CourseLeaf PATH system demo on June 11, 2021. The demo will showcase various components of the registration experience from the student perspective. The audience will include the NGSS advisory groups, Academic Deans, Academic Councils, and any advising staff who wish to get a first-hand glimpse at the CourseLeaf PATH system.

This is part of a two-part series to demonstrate the CourseLeaf PATH system's capabilities. Part one is the upcoming June 11th demo, and part two will be held in Fall 2021 to showcase the advisor's perspective and the advising tools. Stay tuned for additional information on the demo in the Fall.

Demo Agenda

[Course Search](#)[Mock Schedules](#)[Advance Registration](#)[Add/Drop/Swap
\(Course Selection\)](#)

Release 1 Student Records Training Update

Pennant Records Training Briefs

Since April, NGSS has been cascading training information through the distribution of the Pennant Records Training Briefs, which provide high-level overviews of the Curriculum Manager (CM) and CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS) systems. So far, there are three training briefs available to the CM and CLSS user communities.

Training Timeline

Pennant Records Training Briefs

May 2021 - Jul 2021

- **Curriculum Manager (CM):** Briefs paused until late July 2021
- **CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS):** Briefs will continue every other Friday until late July 2021

Virtual End-User Training

Aug 9 -20, 2021
Timeframe

- Virtual Meetings split into multiple cohorts
- Provide system overview
- Recap foundational concepts introduced in Training Briefs
- HANDS-ON practice in CLSS

What's Next?

FUTURE ISSUES

Monthly

In future Community Newsletters, the NGSS team will continue to update the community on Release 1 progress and begin to provide Release 2 information. For more information on Release 2 scope, visit the [NGSS website](#).

COURSELEAF PATH REGISTRATION DEMO

June 11, 2021

This demo will showcase the student registration experience. See page 2 for more details.

RELEASE 1 PENNANT RECORDS TRAINING BRIEFS

Summer 2021

The CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS) training briefs will continue through July to prepare users for training sessions in the Summer. See page 2 for more details.

TRAINING SESSIONS

Summer & Fall 2021

Release 1 Student Records training for users will take place during the **August 9-20** timeframe, focusing on CM Retrofit and CLSS:

- CM - Learn what functionality has been added, modified, and removed
- CLSS - Learn the section maintenance process, including creating and maintaining sections

Release 1 Pennant Aid training for end-users will take place in Fall 2021, focusing on Banner, enhanced ImageNow functionality, Pennant Reports, and more.

NGSS Systems - Release 1 Scope

What is Pennant?

The Next Generation Student Systems (NGSS) program is deploying Penn’s new student information system, referred to as the Pennant suite of applications. Pennant Accounts (student accounts and billing) has been live since 2015. Additional components of this suite include Pennant Records (student records and registration) and Pennant Aid (student financial aid), which will go-live in Fall 2021 (Release 1) and Spring 2022 (Release 2).

The NGSS program continues to design, build, and configure future-state systems supporting our [student records](#) and [financial aid](#) processes. The systems included in NGSS Release 1 will start to be used in Fall 2021 based on when academic or business processes launch (e.g. course and section maintenance, financial aid packaging).

Pennant Records - Release 1

Function	Current State	Future State
Curriculum (Course & Program) Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Manager (CM) with 3-digit course numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Manager (CM) with 4-digit course numbers
Section Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRS Screens: 129-132 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS) Ellucian Banner
Final Exam Room Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses InTouch (CIT) Final Exam Application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS)
Classroom Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRS Screens: 130, 1C6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS) Infosilem Timetabler Software Infosilem Enterprise Scheduling Software
Event Space Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRS Screens: 1C6, 1C7, 1C8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infosilem Event Scheduling

Pennant Aid - Release 1

Function	Current State	Future State
Financial Aid (FA) Processing - Non-Matriculated Applicants* Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Aid Management (SAM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellucian Banner
*New Applicants		
FA Needs Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs Analyzer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellucian Banner
Imaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ImageNow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ImageNow with enhancements
Data Warehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FA Data Warehouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational Data Store (ODS) Data Warehouse with enhancements
Undergraduate FA Document Status and Award Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slate with enhancements



Current Systems Freeze Period

As a reminder, the program continues with its Current Systems Freeze period, which limits non-regulatory changes to various current systems.

Page 6 outlines the Curriculum Manager (CM) and University Catalog deadlines related to the current systems freeze.

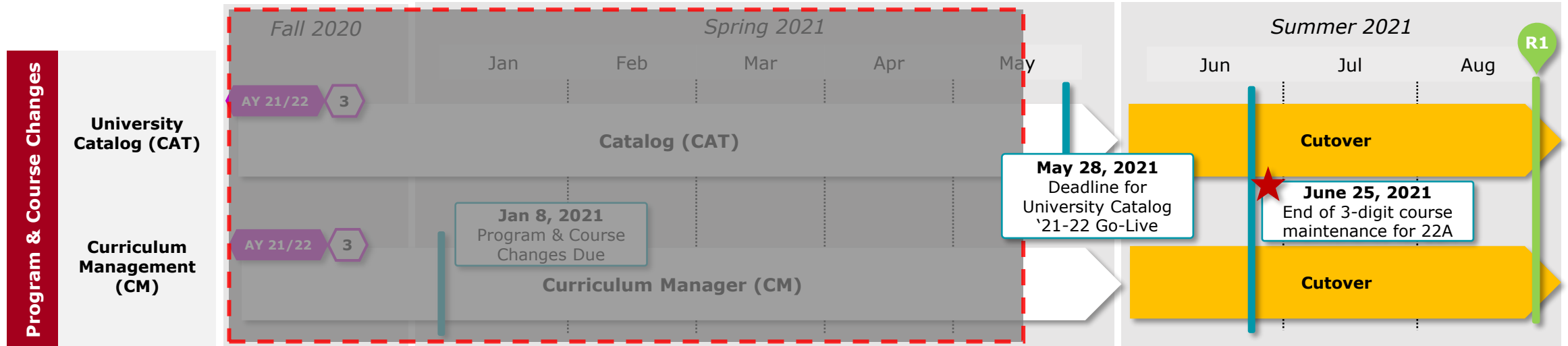
For information on the Current Systems Freeze Period, please visit the [NGSS website](#).

Upcoming Deadline	
June 25, 2021	University Deadline for 3-digit Courses Maintenance CM Lockout beginning June 25 th <i>Individual School deadlines may be earlier</i>

For questions or concerns related to the Current Systems Freeze period, email NGSS_FREEZE_CR@LISTS.UPENN.EDU.



June 25, 2021 University Deadline for 3-digit Course & Program Maintenance



Deadline Details

In Fall 2021, the University of Pennsylvania will be going live with NGSS Student Records - Release 1 (SR R1). This includes the introduction of 4-digit courses (which are effective Summer 2022 and beyond), CourseLeaf Section Scheduler (CLSS) and Curriculum Manager (CM) Retrofit.

In preparation for the SR R1 course conversion in August to perform the transition of current 3-digit courses into their future 4-digit existence, **Curriculum Manager (CM) will be locked beginning at 5pm on June 25th.**

Each school has implemented deadlines based on their own business processes in order to be compliant with the June 25th deadline. Please contact your School Registrar if you have questions about specific deadlines in your school.