NGSS Current Systems Freeze

The Next Generation Student Systems (NGSS) project continues its efforts to design, build, and configure future-state systems supporting our student records and financial aid processes. In order to implement these systems within the planned timeline, the NGSS project needs to limit changes to systems that would impact functionality for both Release 1 (August 2021) and Release 2 (March 2022). As such, the NGSS project will be implementing a Current Systems Freeze Period beginning on January 1, 2021 and continuing until Release 2 Go-Live in March 2022.

Given the uncertainty of today's environment, we not only recognize the need for flexibility, but also understand that Schools across the University are rising to the challenge as they develop new courses and programs. The NGSS team will be in communication with the School Registrar Working Group (SRWG) during the month of December to anticipate critical activities that require system changes (e.g. new programs) ahead of January 1st so that the project can accommodate these exceptions during the freeze period.

Exceptions to the freeze period will be made for known regulatory changes and those identified on the Academic Calendar. In addition, the NGSS team, in collaboration with appropriate University stakeholders, will review requests for non-regulatory exceptions during the freeze period to determine whether the need warrants an exception. The linked **NGSS Current Systems Freeze Information Packet** and the **NGSS Current Systems Freeze** page provide further details on the freeze period, including the list of impacted systems, contacts for exception requests, and specific data/transactions with freeze dates occurring in January 2021.

On behalf of the NGSS team, we thank you for your continued contributions to this significant effort to modernize student academic records, registration, and financial aid processes through implementation of Pennant Records and Pennant Financial Aid. Please reach out to the team with questions or concerns related to the Current Systems Freeze period by emailing NGSS_FREEZE_CR@LISTS.UPENN.EDU.

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