Technical System Upgrades

- Currently between DegreeWorks versions 5.01-5.02
  - On track for where we need to be for functionality at our institution
    - What IBM is able to work with at this time
      - Goal: maintain consistency with Banner updates
    - What Academic Advisors are able to utilize
  - At pace with many other institutions our size

- Updates are generally coordinated for October
  - Coordinated between Office of the Registrar and IBM
    - Server capacity
  - No DW Updates in October 2020:
    - Courseleaf Implementation
    - Security Upgrade Enhancements
Technical System Upgrades (continued)

- Next Upgrade: Version 5.04
  - Work will begin in conjunction with IBM January 2021
  - BEHIND-THE-SCENES – this should not impact the interface with academic advisors and/or students
  - Enhancement to infrastructure and some small changes to user-interface (i.e., some font displays), but not major aesthetic shifts at this time
  - Information is moving to “the cloud” – no abrupt changes, nothing noticeable on the user-end; just storing information (archived and new) in a new location
DegreeWorks Functionality
Does this work anywhere?!
How does it work?

- Testimonials are consistent:
  - The more prescriptive the curriculum, the easier the audit is to utilize
  - More consistency = more functionality

How do we get there?

- Keep doing what we are doing:
  - Standardization of Programs of Study (shout out to Jenn Tilford)
  - Maintaining consistent curriculum updates (Curriculum Approval Process)
    - Keep the Bulletin accurate
  - Notify the Educational Planning Team of DegreeWorks Errors: dgrworks@mailbox.sc.edu
DegreeWorks Errors

DegreeWorks Errors v. “Curriculum Errors”

Start with your College

- Educational Planning Team does **not** have the authority to make curriculum decisions (i.e., where a course “should” count)
- **Curriculum** errors/edits/updates should be promoted through college’s protocol for Curriculum Approval Process submissions

Trouble-shooting through **dgrworks@mailbox.sc.edu:**

- Account managed by multiple members of the Educational Planning Team

  Thorough research is conducted to resolve audit “edit errors,” including reviews of:
  - Students’ current audit display
  - How curriculum rules are written into the audit (via WebScribe)
  - How curriculum rules in WebScribe compare to curriculum rules in the relevant Bulletin
  - If/when curriculum updates processed through the Curriculum Approval Process
  - Additional resources as relevant
DW Edits and the Educational Planning Team

- Responsibility to align the curriculum in the audit to the curriculum in the Bulletin
- Advising Practice vs. Official Curriculum Rule
  - E.g., courses that are “approved” to count as substitutions within the major but are not listed in the Bulletin
  - Educational Planning Team does not have the authority to make curriculum decisions (i.e., where a course “should” count)
    - If an advising practice differs from the official curriculum rule, we may make a suggestion for an “edit” to go through appropriate Curriculum Approval Process channels to ensure compliance and consistency
- The more detailed the Bulletin, the better the audit will reflect the curriculum
Questions