

**Bowling Green State University**  
**BG@100 Information Item**  
**ESC Submission: May 19, 2008**

**Identification Information:**

<i>Reference Number</i>	CSS-0005
<i>Functional Area</i>	Financial Aid
<i>Title</i>	Calculating Satisfactory Academic Progress Statuses

**Background Information:**

The BGSU Student Financial Aid (SFA) Office must monitor the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) of a student on an annual-basis, at a minimum. This Federal audit typically runs for each financial aid recipient at BGSU beginning in early May (after Spring grades have been posted) and continues throughout the year as new ISIR records are received, thus it is run for approximately 14,000 students/year. The audit requires that SFA monitor total hours earned, attempted hours and the cumulative GPA of each student. When a student is not maintaining progress, they are either put on warning (approximately 620 stdts/yr) or must appeal (approximately 670 stdts/yr) to continue to maintain their financial aid eligibility for the upcoming aid year. When an appeal is approved, the ability must exist to perform an override to the SAP status to allow the aid to pay. In order to maintain the proper documentation, calculate the proper status, as well as ensure the student is meeting the standards needed for this policy, a Prior SAP Status, Calc SAP Status and Final SAP Status must be calculated accurately.

It has been determined through modeling that the delivered PS design for these calculations does not work as anticipated based on PS documentation, correspondence with Oracle staff, as well as checking with other schools on the HEUG ListProc.

**Information Item:**

The PeopleSoft product provides data setup tables and calculations to minimally comply with basic federal regulations regarding the evaluation of a student's satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes. However, a design flaw renders the module inefficient.

Satisfactory Academic Progress is new to the Campus Solutions product with Release 8.9, only a few schools are even using the delivered functionality; most schools have either modified the program or created a custom process.

The designed use of Statuses and Actions in the Satisfactory Academic Progress calculations evaluates at a macro level. However, calculations and overrides occur at the

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student level. Rules which govern maximum attempted units, minimum cumulative grade point averages, and cumulative earned units cannot accommodate the flexibility necessary for monitoring this federal requirement.

Cloning the existing pages to modify the delivered programming to use the Status and Actions configuration as displayed (Previous SAP Status, Calc SAP Status, Final SAP Status) and leverage the Override SAP Status (used to document overrides based on appeal approvals), is required to improve the efficiency of the process and eliminate the need for numerous superficial mass changes to the Override SAP Status. This modification is being made to fix the PeopleSoft design problem and will be removed when PeopleSoft corrects their design.