MANAGING THE LIFECYCLE OF THE RESEARCH STUDENT WITH PEOPLESOFT CAMPUS SOLUTIONS

Universities that offer graduate programs know that the lifecycle of a student pursuing an advanced degree with a focus on research differs significantly from the lifecycle of a student enrolled in undergraduate or professional development programs. PeopleSoft Campus Solutions provides research institutions with efficient, flexible solutions to manage graduate students from the time of application through association with the supporting committees—including tracking progress milestones, monitoring time-to-completion and thesis evaluation.

Overview
PeopleSoft Campus Solutions partners with higher education industry leaders around the globe to deliver the most modern technology solutions designed specifically for higher education. Oracle’s commitment to innovation and its leadership role in higher education is evidenced by its ongoing investment to make Campus Solutions the most complete, flexible student system available.

What this commitment from Oracle means for research universities is a continued investment in extending and enhancing the features and functionality they need to efficiently manage the research student lifecycle. An evaluation management system that supports the ability to track and assess the progress of a graduate candidate’s evaluation is just one of the innovative new technologies and flexible frameworks delivered that specifically benefits research institutions.

Flexible frameworks empower Oracle customers to innovate and extend functionality as needed to support the mission of the research universities and the constituents they serve. This document outlines some of the newest and most effective features delivered in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions for its research university customers.

Candidate Management
Higher education institutions are striving to better manage administrative resources, increase efficiencies, and reduce costs while meeting higher expectations for accountability and the continuing release of new regulations. These demands, however, are an even greater challenge for research institutions in an increasingly regulated and competitive environment. PeopleSoft Campus Solutions has expanded its student administration system to help research institutions centralize and manage information about an advanced degree candidate and the research program or multiple programs they choose to pursue.
Candidate management features include:

- Creation of a central source for a research candidate’s information during the admissions application process that allows for automatic activation and efficient management when a research-eligible academic program is selected
- Easy progress-tracking of the candidate’s topic selection and approval, progress toward thesis completion, and consumption and submission dates
- Ability to track other assignments the candidate may receive from supervisors that are not a direct requirement of the thesis or program
- Extendable feature to manage and track research supervisors, their qualifications, participation, availability and assignments

Thesis Management and Evaluation

One of the foremost challenges faced by researchers, faculty and students in research institutions is the amount of time required to manage administrative tasks—time that takes individuals away from the actual research. This new release from PeopleSoft Campus Solutions includes enhancements that automate the thesis management and evaluation processes.

Thesis management and evaluation features include the ability to:

- Track multiple thesis submissions and monitor real-time progress and each activity or transaction related to a thesis
- Submit and view evaluation results and final approval with the list of final tasks associated with completion of a thesis
- Automatically link thesis data and evaluation with the candidate’s record
Service Requests and Student and Administrator Self-Service

Graduate-level students and the research institution need flexibility in the management of advanced research programs. A student may need to take a leave of absence or notify a supervisor that a new thesis submission has been made or changed. The service request feature allows the graduate student to make a self-service request to the administrator with all the information, communications, and transactions between the student and administrator captured in the system.

The institution can define what requests can be made through this tool, knowing that all comments and approvals are being tracked. The tool also supports documents and other attachments as needed or required by the institution.

While the service request feature allows a student to make a request to be acted upon by a supervisor or administrator, both the student and the administrator need access to view and monitor progress, make comments, and see status and approvals. Administrators also need dashboard views of all their candidates’ service requests and statuses.
View of all service requests from graduate students assigned to that administrator

The new service request features in PeopleSoft Campus Solutions for research institutions include:

- Automated workflow between the student and administrator when the student makes or updates a service request
- Ability to make and track all comments by the student and administrator
- Administrator service request dashboards that include information on requests by status, type, student name or other criteria with the ability to click through to details

Conclusion

Oracle, in partnership with its higher education research institution customers, continues to deliver flexible solutions on the most modern technology so customers can manage the unique requirements and processes of their academic and research programs. The newest release of additional features to the Campus Solutions suite of products were specifically built to enable research institutions more agility and greater efficiencies in how they manage their research and graduate student programs.

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