PROPOSED SEVIS Release 4.8 System Changes

Planned Release Date: December 31, 2003

The following list details the functionality proposed for this release for all users:

Department of State Interface

- The system will be modified to send all data changes, not just status changes, to the Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs (Consolidated Consular Database).

The following list details the functionality proposed for this release for F/M school users:

Certification

- The school code will include the 3-digit campus code (e.g., WAS214F99999001, WAS214F99999002) when displayed on the student detail screen.
- Display and printing of changes to officials will be corrected.
- Users will be able to view I-17 updates that are awaiting adjudication. Users will also be able to view saved I-17 updates.

Student Creation Reasons

- The following issue reasons will be removed: "Continued Attendance," Transfer from a Non-SEVIS school, "Reinstatement Requested" and "Other".

Search and Sorting

- Users will be able to search for students who have a pending reinstatement request.
- All school lists, student lists, search results and status reminders will be sorted by name, e.g., school/campus or student name.

Alerts and Lists

- The alert "Students terminated due to change of status approved" will not include students with an approved change of status to F-1.
- The alert "Active Students Requiring Registration" will not show students that are in post-completion OPT.
- The alert "Active Students Requiring Status Verification" will only display students that have not had a status update in the past 6 months.

- The alert "Students With Change of Status Requests" will display only students with change of status requests.
- The alert "Students Nearing Employment Authorization End Date" will display only students within 30 days of their OPT/CPT end date.

Events and History

- Users will be able to enter CPT sessions that overlap; users will also be able to add more than two CPT sessions.
- For OPT requests, the system will display the rules associated with OPT, provide to the user a listing of the student's previously requested OPT (pending and approved), and provide the option to add an additional OPT segment.
- The student's I-20 will display the student's current authorizations separately from the student's event history. This information will print on page 3 of the student's I-20.
- A student's current employment authorizations, authorizations to drop below full course, registration dates and transfer information will be displayed on the student view screen. A separate link will allow the user to view pending requests for OPT, CPT, Off-Campus Employment, Extensions, Authorize to Drop Below, and Disciplinary Action.

Student Updates

- Updates to a student's US address will be correctly saved.
- Users will be able to enter remarks for the student and for the dependent. Student's remarks will print on the student's I-20, and the dependent's remarks will print on the dependent's I-20.
- Batch processing will be modified to allow updates to a student record that has been transferred.

Student Transfer

- Users will have the option to select a specific school code when transferring a student to another school.
- The transfer-in request will be added to the student view screen at the transfer-in school.
- When a student transfers, CPT or OPT employment will be cancelled if the employment start date is in the future. If the employment start date is in the past, but is not completed, the employment end date will be set to the registration date at the new school.
- For transferred students, additional data (Driver License number, Driver License Issue State, Social Security Number, Individual Taxpayer ID, Foreign Address, Visa number, Visa Issuance Post Code, Passport number) will carry over to the new school.

The following list details the functionality proposed for this release for J Program Sponsors:

Designation

- In the event an RO leaves the program, an ARO will be able to enter a proposed RO.
- An RO/ARO who is assigned to more than one program will be able to use SEVIS Batch at each program using the same User ID.

Allotment

- The calculation used to display the number of DS-2019 forms remaining will be corrected.
- Batch processing will be modified to prevent the creation of draft records if the form allotment for the program has been exceeded.

Exchange Visitor Issue Reasons

- The following issue reasons will be removed from both RTI and Batch: Continuing Exchange Visitor and Transfer-in from Non-SEVIS program.

Search and Sorting

- All exchange visitor lists, search results and status reminders will be sorted by name, e.g., program or exchange visitor name.

Exchange Visitor Updates

- An RO/ARO will be able to update biographic data for exchange visitors in INITIAL status prior to visa issuance.
- An RO/ARO will be able to cancel an INITIAL status DS-2019 by flagging it as "Invalid - Form Canceled. The allotment of available DS-2019s for the program will automatically be incremented for each DS-2019 marked as invalid in this manner.
- An RO/ARO will be able to enter a future termination or completion date instead of terminating or completing the EV record on the date the action is entered.
- An RO/ARO will be able to change the program begin date or program end date ONLY if the exchange visitor record is in INITIAL status.
- The erroneous error message that displays when a user enters "Other - International Organization" and enters a dollar amount without entering remarks will be removed.
- An RO/ARO will be able to view all sites of activity for an exchange visitor from the profile screen. After a reinstatement has been approved, the RO/ARO will be able to see both the old and new program end dates for the exchange visitor.
- Batch processing will be modified to allow updates to an exchange visitor record that has been transferred.

Duration of Stay

- An RO/ARO will be able to submit a DS-2019 authorizing a 24-month duration for flight training for a new program for an exchange visitor.
- An RO/ARO will be able to extend the program duration for a Research Scholar and Professor from the current 3 year maximum to a 42 month maximum.
- An RO/ARO will be able to create a 42-month program or extend the program duration for a Research Scholar and Professor from the current 3-year maximum to a 42-month maximum.
- The correct extension start date will be set when an RO/ARO enters an extension.
- A program duration of less than 3 weeks for G-1, G-2 and G-3 program sponsors will be accepted through SEVIS Batch.

Exchange Visitor Transfer

- The system will be modified to correct a problem where dependent records are marked as "Transferred" when the principal's transfer request is entered