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- **American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers**

- **Student and Exchange Visitor Program**

- **2008**

Agenda

- **Statistics**

- **SEVP's Fee Rule Initiatives**

- **Preparation for Recertification**

- **Policy and Outreach Updates**

- **Question and Answer Session**

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Current Trends
As of February 1, 2008

- **DHS Certified Schools**   9,268

- **DoS Designated Sponsors** 1,433

- **Active Participants:**
  - Active Students (F & M) 702,124
  - Active Exchange Visitors (J) 185,294
  - Active Dependents (F, M & J) 125,985
  - Total   1,013,403

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Future Initiatives

- **Fee Rule**

- **SEVIS II**

- **Recertification resources**

- **Additional Full-Time Employees**

SEVP Fee Rule

- **Mandated by law to be reviewed every two years**

- **Drafted and in final steps from the Office of Management and Budget review**

- **Provides resources for:**
  - Liaisons to Academic Institutions
  - Additional Compliance Enforcement Unit (CEU) Full-Time Employees
  - SEVIS II developments
  - Recertification

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Liaisons to Academic Institutions

- **64 staff members nationwide**
- **Selected locations**
- **Focused on Assistance to Academic Institutions**
  - SEVIS II Transition
  - Recertification Preparations
  - Daily Questions & Answers

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Compliance Enforcement Unit (CEU)

- **What is The Compliance Enforcement Unit?**
  - The CEU, an investigative component of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), is charged with tracking and pursuing foreign students, exchange visitors and other non-immigrant visitors who violate their immigration status.

- **How do CEU and SEVP work together?**
  - Under the Office of Investigations (OI), the CEU uses SEVIS to identify foreign students and exchange visitors who fail to enroll or maintain status at their schools.

- **Currently, SEVP funds CEU that address approximately 50% of high risk leads**

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SEVIS II Development

- **Increasing & changing requirements**
- **SEVIS I was paper-centric; SEVIS II will be people-centric**
- **SEVIS Feasibility Study**
- **SEVIS II Development**
- **Functional Requirement Workshops**
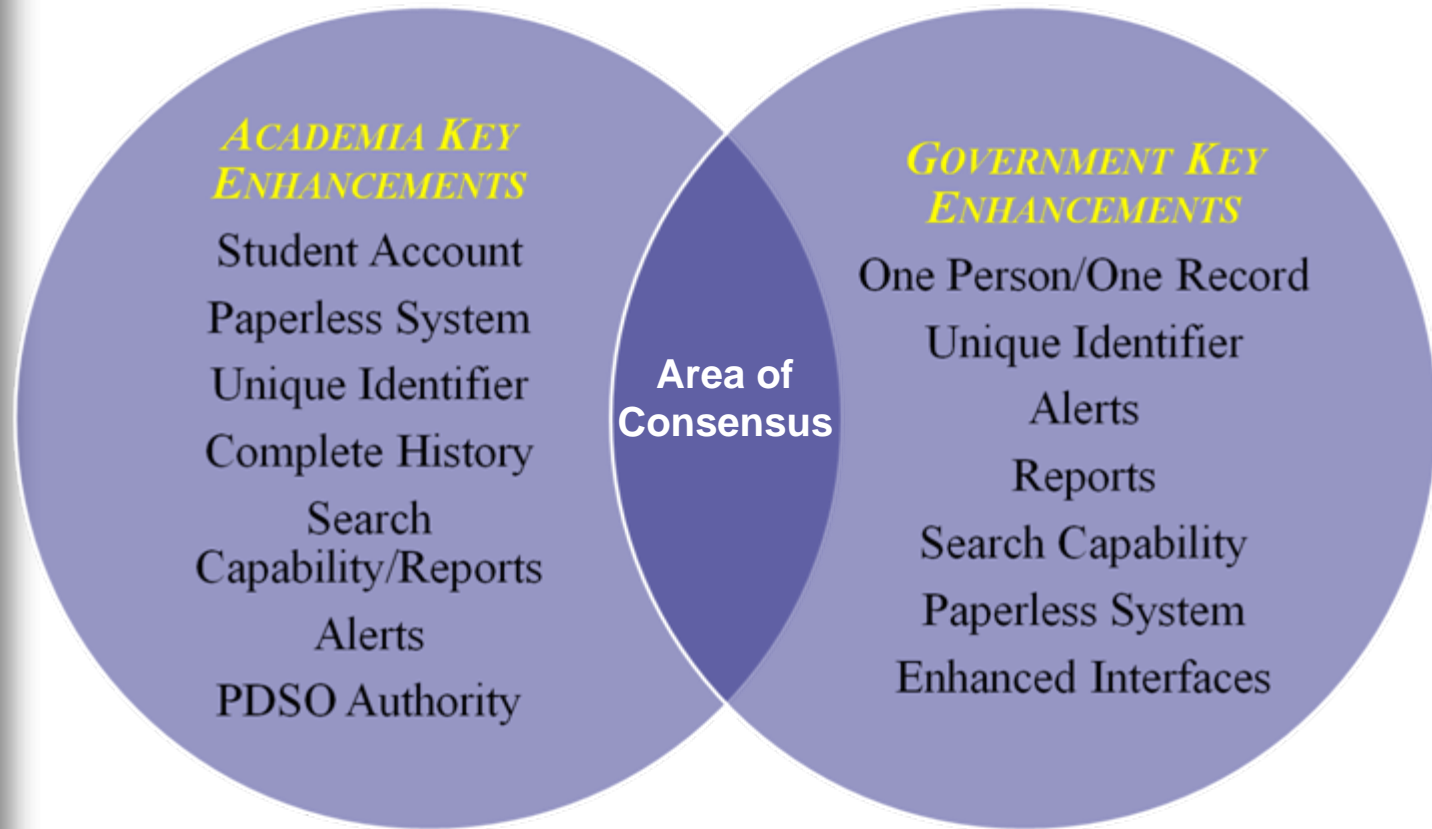- **Business Case Development**
- **September 2009 Deployment**

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SEVIS II

Update

Desired Functional Requirements

ACADEMIA KEY ENHANCEMENTS

Student Account

Paperless System

Unique Identifier

Complete History

Search Capability/Reports

Alerts

PDSO Authority

Area of Consensus

GOVERNMENT KEY ENHANCEMENTS

One Person/One Record

Unique Identifier

Alerts

Reports

Search Capability

Paperless System

Enhanced Interfaces

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Two Key Areas of Consensus

- **One-Person/One-Record System**

- **End-User Utility**

One-Person/One-Record

- **Problem:**
  - Blind-Spot
  - Fraud (Multiple paper forms)
  - I-515 issuances at Ports of Entries
- **Solution:**
  - Account Set-up
  - Biometric Identifier
  - Paperless System

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SEVIS II

Update

End-User Utility

- **Problem:**
  - No Student History
  - Limited Search and Reporting
  - Limited Custom Reports and Alerts
  - Limited Sort Functions
- **Solution:**
  - Complete Student History
  - Enhanced/Custom Search and Reporting
  - Enhanced/Custom Reports and Alerts
  - Enhanced/Custom Sort Functions

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Recertification

- **No current resources**

- **Will begin once the Recertification Rule is final**
  - Anticipated date is October 2008
  - Schools will receive 180 day notice for filing once rule is enacted

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Preparing for Recertification

- Review your school and student files on a routine basis

- Submit petition updates to correct or update school records

Petition Updates

- **I-17 is a living document that requires constant review and update**
- **Part of a school's reporting requirements**
  - Once you submit the I-17 update, you will receive a request for the required documentation
  - Changes of location and ownership require a site visit prior to adjudication
    - You will receive a request for evidence for a site visit fee

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Recertification

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Petition Updates

- When done in a timely manner they prepare a school for recertification

- Look for the online training module on this topic later this fall

- See the job aid available at http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/i17_process.pdf

- Best Management Practice: Review your I-17 information concurrent with each registration cycle or sooner

Common Errors

- **Schools**
  - Issuing I-20s for programs that have not been approved
  - Not reporting changes in accreditation
  - Issuing the incorrect category of I-20s
- **Students**
  - Entering student information inconsistent with passport
  - Not providing a local address
  - Using a PO box, either local or foreign, as a local address

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Updates

For Initial Students

- **New initial students can transfer if they first report to your school and have been accepted by another SEVP-certified school. The student must be able to attend classes at the transfer-in school within 30 days of the arrival date.**

- **There is no regulatory requirement that a student attend a full term before transferring. You will need to register a student in SEVIS before transferring the record.**

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Updates

For Terminated Students
Can students with a terminated SEVIS record transfer?

- **DHS recently completed a review of transfer regulations**
- **Students with *Terminated* SEVIS records can now transfer**
- **Reinstatement application still filed with and adjudicated by USCIS**
- **F1 Tansfers FAQs has been updated on the Web site**

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Reporting vs. Enrolling

- **Term or session reporting**
  - Student must report by program start (initial) or next session start (continuing) date
  - School must update SEVIS record within 30 days of program start or next session start date
  - **Update** verifies that the student reported, **answers security concerns**

- **Enrollment in full-course of study**
  - Reported "by exception" (i.e., when a DSO is informed of or approves a student drop-below full-time study)
  - School must update SEVIS record within 21 days of occurrence

Outreach Efforts

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- **Our standard method of keeping in touch is through our website - www.ice.gov/sevis**

  – Quarterly newsletter/e-letter posted on website

  – Web-based training for DSOs

  – Frequently asked questions and fact sheets

  – I-17 petition information

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **New and recently updated FAQs on the SEVP Web site:**

    – F-1 Transfers

    – Becoming a Nonimmigrant Student

    – DHS Travel Redress Inquiry Program
    (DHS Trip)

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Fact Sheets

- **New and Recently Updated Fact Sheets on the SEVP Web site:**

    – Maintaining Student Status When an SEVP-Certified School Closes

    – DHS Travel Redress Inquiry Program (DHS Trip)

    – Who Can Study?

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Contact Information

- ## **General questions:**
  - − Email sevis.source@dhs.gov
    or call 1.800.561.5294 and press "0"

- ## **School certification questions:**
  - − Email schoolcert.SEVIS@dhs.gov
    or call 202.305.2346 or fax at 202.353.3723

- ## **Technical questions:**
  - − Call the SEVIS HelpDesk at 1.800.892.4829 between 8 AM and 8 PM, EST or email SEVIShelpdesk@eds.com
  - − Urgent, technical issues: Email Toolbox.SEVIS@dhs.gov

- ## **I-901 fee questions:**
  - − Check the web or email SEVP at fmjfee.SEVIS@dhs.gov
    or call the hotline at 785.330.1048 (Country code 001)

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