

Implementing u.select A Statewide Transfer Solution:

THE SITUATION

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system licensed both DARwin and u.select (formerly CAS) within a few months time in late 1999 and early 2000. u.select in particular was offered as a solution to Legislative concern about transfer among public institutions in Minnesota. This concern was echoed by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees, who mandated that all of our institutions would fully implement DARS and u.select.

THE SOLUTION

Legislators and trustees expected a solution that made transfer information both transparent and readily available. u.select offers a 24/7 web based transfer information system using DARwin data that is used to graduate students on all of our campuses. Students are assured of receiving consistent and up-to-date transfer equivalency and applicability information. Many of our institutions maintained static transfer equivalency tables prior to u.select as well, and the electronic nature of DARwin and u.select allows for considerably less labor intensive and more constant updating as additional transfer equivalencies are established by faculty and registrars offices.

THE RESULT

Because the two public higher education systems in Minnesota (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the University of Minnesota) are both DARwin clients, we were able to approach u.select implementation as a statewide effort, resulting in a unified message and appearance to our prospective transfer students and other constituent groups.

