

What's New?

1. **Tutoring Configuration Changes:** Julia and I have been working closely with other SAGE team members to streamline the way we have DAE Tutoring in SAGE. In the new configuration, tutors are linked to only the courses for which they tutor, and students have to be enrolled in that course to see the tutor. This will cut down on students scheduling tutoring sessions with a tutor who does not tutor for their specific course. This is also streamlining the service calendar for DAE Tutoring. Now, when students open the Services page and look to schedule, they will only see tutors for the course in which they are enrolled! Please encourage your students to use this feature and utilize tutoring through DAE and the new and improved way to schedule!
2. **Footer on “Students” and “Tracking” pages:** Hobson’s just released a new feature: a footer on the “Students” and “Tracking” pages! This prevents users from needing to scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the count for things; now, counts will be displayed as a footer at the bottom of the screen. The footer allows your list to move behind it, so the count is always visible. This feature should create a better experience when using these pages. Check it out!

Coming Soon!

1. **Tracking Item Descriptions:** The Office of Academic Advising is looking to re-vamp the descriptions that go along with our tracking items. Following a recommendation from our SAGE consulting team, we are planning on making the descriptions more detailed by giving information on what happens when a tracking item is placed on a student and which offices are notified.
2. **Message Template Streamlining:** We have been working closely with the new communications director in OVPI to streamline our messaging to students in SAGE. This streamlining will include more universal language and give clear and concise messaging to students. We are also looking to provide advisors and advising offices with a template to help guide you when creating a message you want to be put into SAGE. We are also looking to use our new major organizations and cohorts in SAGE to customize messages that students receive based on their school/college/major!
3. **Major Organizations in SAGE:** Another exciting change we have coming is creating Major Organizations in SAGE. This change will allow advisors to accurately filter their students by major so they can create notes, assign tracking items, etc. in bulk. Our IT team is working hard on configuring this and we have been testing this in the Test Tenant. We are working through some small details at the moment but are looking to have it implemented in SAGE by the end of February!

REMINDERS FROM LAST MONTH:

1. **Re-Implementation and Optimization in SAGE:** Our SAGE team is currently going through a re-implementation and optimization of SAGE. We are working closely with our new project team at Hobson’s to make sure we are using SAGE in the best possible and most effective way. Julia and I are in constant communication with our Project Coordinator to work through different features and how we can best

use SAGE for UGA. This process will hopefully improve the user experience for SAGE users and students, help us optimize the way we are using the product to get the most useful data, and ultimately support our institutional goals for supporting students. Stay tuned for exciting updates that we will share along the way as well as campus partners that will be joining us in SAGE to continue to open the lines of communication for our students. NOTE: Each school/college/unit has a representative on our SAGE Users Group, so if you have ideas, comments, or questions related to this process, please feel free to send those through your unit's SAGE Users Group rep!

2. **Compass Account:** In order to stay up to date on SAGE as well as have input on Feature Requests and suggestions, you will need a Compass Account. This is an account that Hobson's uses to communicate with Starfish (SAGE) users. This is where all feature requests are housed and where you can "up vote" them so that the production team will be able to take a look and consider the implementation. To find more information on a Compass Account and how to obtain one, please visit our [FAQ page](#) on the SAGE landing page.
3. **Changing your title in SAGE:** With the help of our SAGE/Starfish consultant, Michelle, we have found out that you are able to change your own title in SAGE. This is the title a student sees when you are in their success network. This is a very very helpful feature and we STRONGLY encourage you to change your visible title to something that will make the most sense to your students! For example, if your current title is the same as your SAGE role (i.e., "Primary Advisor") but you actually advise for a specific major(s), you may consider changing it to "(Major) Academic Advisor", etc.

To change your title in SAGE, please follow these steps:

1. Open SAGE and click on the three horizontal lines in the upper left-hand corner
2. Click on the down arrow by your name
3. Click on Institutional Profile
4. Type your preferred title in the Title section right under "log