CAMS® Enterprise Update Release 12.2.3

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Important Update Notices

Financial Aid
Clients who are at CAMS version 12.2.1 or earlier and plan to update to 12.2.3 must ensure that any COD response files already received, resulting from a COD Export done in your current version of CAMS, are imported using your current version of CAMS COD Import prior to updating. You may then update CAMS to 12.2.3 and continue COD exports and imports as you normally would.

Portals
Although it is always important to keep your portals up-to-date and at the same version as CAMS Enterprise, due to recent grade book changes in the Faculty Portal, in order to maintain grade book functionality when updating CAMS, you also must update your portals to the same version of CAMS Enterprise. Failure to do this will cause the grade book functionality in the Faculty Portal to be inaccurate. For example, if your CAMS Enterprise is version 12.2.2 you MUST update your portals to the 12.2.2 version. Regression files provided for these pages in prior releases will not function properly.

This document describes the items that are being deployed in the 12.2.3 CAMS Enterprise Update Release. Enhancements, modifications, and system corrections are included and are categorized primarily by module. Those items needing CAMS Manager attention have been noted as such. For additional, detailed information and instructions on the functionality additions and changes, refer to the online help files located directly in the CAMS Enterprise application and/or the updated PDF manuals which can be downloaded from the CAMS Community Website. Note that portal updates are not automatically installed on your site and must be applied by your institution.

General

1. Document Tracking Reports displayed an error in the report window when selecting criteria radio buttons Yes or No for the “Internal” criteria. All criteria options now work correctly.

Admissions

1. Using the Change Address function, clicking the Copy button in the detail window did not return the user to the Change Address window. Users are now returned to the Change Address grid after copying an address.

Registration

1. Degree Audit Setup now saves all items to the database upon clicking Update in each detail window. Previously changes were written to the database upon closing the Degree Audit Setup window to save. This will prevent potential errors while making multiple changes within setup.

2. The Grade Entry “paging” calculation was incorrect when more than 40 students were registered in a course. This caused students to be duplicated on the last “page”.

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3. Using the Change Address function, clicking the Copy button in the detail window did not return the user to the Change Address window. Users are now returned to the Change Address grid after copying an address.

4. Selecting a student’s Contact address to display on a Transcript report caused an error and the contact could not be selected. Student Contacts can now be selected for Transcripts.

5. Update 12.2.2 introduced an issue where Attendance Date Range Entry caused an error upon entering a Term and clicking Find. Date Range Entry no longer causes an error upon clicking Find.

6. Enhanced Offering Maintenance by adding paging and an additional filter. The number of courses displayed in the data grid will be limited by the number set in CAMS Configuration. If your Offering list exceeds that number you will be able to click to the next page or enter a page number to go to that page. An additional filter, Access Campus, has been added allowing you to display only courses for the selected Access Campus.

7. In Master Courses, when using Course Type filter criteria in combination with any other filter criteria an error occurred. All criteria will now filter correctly without error.

**Billing**

1. The Student Ledger Transaction Description field will now populate after the user selects a TransDoc and tabs off the TransDoc field. This is consistent with other transaction entry in CAMS.

2. Update 12.2.2 introduced an issue where the Billing Batch Refresh function caused an error. This has been corrected; refreshing the Billing Batch window no longer causes an error.

3. Using the Change Address function, clicking the Copy button in the detail window did not return the user to the Change Address window. Users are now returned to the Change Address grid after copying an address.

**Financial Aid**

1. Locked awards can now be opened/modified from Financial Aid Maintenance without the need to unlock the award first.

2. Increased two numeric fields in the Financial_PGMR SQL table to accommodate Pell Multiple Reporting Records to be imported via the COD Message Import.

3. The Financial Aid BYOR Summary by Award Type and Detail by Award Type reports were not pulling Yearly Max data correctly from Yearly Setup. Both reports now include information from the Yearly Setup for both Academic Year Max and Financial Aid Year Max. Miscellaneous cosmetic clean up has been done on the remaining reports.

4. Enhanced Prioritized Packaging so that with a repackaged award “Student Accepted” and “Student Accepted Time” fields in Financial Aid Maintenance are reset to NULL. This occurs for inserts and updates to awards where the award amount has changed. This will allow the student to Accept or Decline the changed award from the Student Portal.

5. Semaphore locks were being set when users with Read Only access to Financial Aid Maintenance accessed a student record which caused users with Full Access to have Read Only access to the same student record. When users with Read Only access open a Financial Aid Maintenance window, a semaphore will no longer be set allowing users with Full Access to modify the record.
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Development

1. For students transferred to Development, the degree transferred with a preceding “zz”. This was due to the recent move of Degree Name from Glossary categories to Reference tables. Degrees for students transferred to Development will now retain the correct name.

Faculty

1. The Ethnic Origin list on the BYOR Criteria tab was incorrectly using the Origins glossary category thus affecting reports when using Ethnic Origin as criteria. Ethnic Origin now points to the Faculty Ethnicity Types reference table.

CAMS Manager

1. An issue was introduced in update 12.2.0 where adding or modifying records in the Rooms Lookup Table, if the Room Type selected was not set to the lowest value in the drop-down, CAMS would set the value to the “blank” record upon saving or updating. In addition, Rooms entries could be saved with required fields left blank. All values in the Rooms table can now be set and saved correctly. If any required values are left blank, a pop-up displays indicating the fields that have not been populated.
2. A new configuration option has been added to Configuration >Registration tab. This option will allow the CAMS Manager to set the number of rows to display in the grids for Master Courses, Master Course Equivalents details, and Offering Maintenance.

Tools

1. A consistency check enhancement has been added to COD Export. This check can help prevent exporting awards for a Program Year that is different than the Program Year for previously exported awards. It can also be used to change the Program Year for previously exported awards that were exported with an incorrect Program Year.
2. Enhanced the COD Export to support multiple Financial Aid Years; this enables our clients to export all awards for an Academic Year in one export.
3. The COD Import process has been improved. The Academic Year and Financial Aid Year criteria have been removed as they are no longer necessary for the import. CAMS will locate imported awards in the database using information within the import file.
4. Enhanced the COD Import process so that disbursement sequence numbers are now automatically incremented upon parsing the import file. Users no longer need to remember to increment the sequence numbers on the Reports tab.
5. Enhanced the COD Import and Export windows by the addition of paging on tabs limiting the grid rows to 200 lines. This will greatly improve loading speed.
6. Enhanced COD Message Import by adding the ability to import CODRFBOP message class (COD Rebuild files). COD Message viewer at Financial Aid >COD can then be used to view or report on these files and link awards that are on record at COD but are not in CAMS or have never been exported. See the Financial Aid Processes document for details to link unmatched awards.
7. Enhanced COD Export to display disbursements that have suspect Disbursement Numbers in the grid with a teal color. This will make the records that need corrections easier to identify. Incorrect disbursement numbers can occur if the previous disbursement was exported via another software package with subsequent exports done through CAMS during the same Award Year.
8. The COD Export has been enhanced by adding “Process Zero Amounts”. This is used, for example, to submit an award that has been originated but has since been zeroed out due to a student withdrawal.

9. An enhancement for New York State SIRIS reporting has been added. This reporting produces the XML files required by State University of New York (SUNY) to report student demographic, Term and course, and faculty information. Please see the help file located at Tools > Export > New York State Reports > NYS SIRIS for information on set up and use of this reporting.