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Functionality released Quarter 3 2019 to date

Theme: Proposal Management

This theme addresses enhancements to the user experience of proposal development and management in CourseLoop Lifecycle.

Proposal Bundling

Previously in CourseLoop, there was a one to one relationship between a proposal and an academic item. The Proposal Bundling feature enables multiple academic items to be submitted for review as part of a single proposal. For example, a Faculty can submit a change to a Course and multiple associated Subjects under a single proposal so that a governing body can review/consider the change as a whole. The feature delivers:

- A foundational change to the data model to manage academic items and proposals independently
- A Proposal Landing page for the purpose of showing proposal related information
- Ability to associate multiple academic items with a proposal, including the ability to create new academic items from the proposal page and revise existing academic items
- Workflows and Proposal Documents are driven by the Primary Academic Item (i.e. the first academic item associated with the proposal).

Theme: Academic Item Management

This theme addresses enhancements to the way academic items are managed in CourseLoop Lifecycle.

Condition Sets

Some clients will know this feature as ‘wildcard container’. It is an enhancement to the Curriculum Structure Builder which allows the definition of a set of conditions for Academic Items that are valid to be selected in a container, rather than having to specifically select individual Academic Items. This is useful when students needs to be offered a choice from a (lengthy) list of items which are best identified based on characteristics rather than specifically selected, the choices can change from time to time, and are dynamically assessed at a given time. A typical use case would be a list of permitted elective subjects.

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The Condition Set feature delivers the

- Ability to define the Vertical Groupings for which a Condition Set is allowed
- Ability to configure the fields that can be selected in a Condition Set (per Academic Item subclass) - fields must be selected from those available
- Ability to build a set of conditions within a container in the Curriculum Structure
- The ability to Preview the Academic Items that meet the requirements of the Condition Set.

Functionality under development in Quarter 3 2019

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Version Relationships

CourseLoop has powerful version control capability, and maintains a natural connection between versions of the same academic item. However, when relationships are created, as in the creation of a curriculum structure, the version displayed is always that which was selected for inclusion in the first instance and does not update when related items are up-versioned. Because the version number is displayed in multiple contexts within Lifecycle, this causes confusion for users, and becomes a more material issue when mapped relationships are also considered. This work will implement enhancements to address this issue.

Learning Outcome elements

This feature will create the ability to group learning outcomes under a parent outcome or theme.

Theme: Curriculum Mapping

This theme addresses the development of functionality to support the mapping of curriculum elements to each other. The primary development is as part of the first release of the CourseLoop Assurance application, although associated functionality is also being implemented as part of the CourseLoop Lifecycle application.

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Assurance Mapping Canvas

The new CourseLoop Assurance Mapping Canvas provides a dynamic mapping canvas upon which standards (AQF, Professional Accreditation, Graduate Attribute or other), learning outcomes (course and subject level), and assessments can be mapped. The Mapping Canvas draws on the academic items and curriculum structures built out in Lifecycle to present items for mapping. The Canvas layout and filter function facilitate both the creation and viewing of relationships. Learning outcome level can also be recorded, using a progression taxonomy configurable to client requirements (e.g. introduced, developed, mastered).

Assurance Insights Heatmap

The Insights Heatmap summarises the mapped relationships in a matrix format which allows actionable insight into learning outcome relationships between standards, courses and subjects, assessment coverage of learning outcomes, and assessment patterns across a course.

Assurance Progression Builder

The Progression Builder allows the creation of pathway templates suitable for different cohorts of students. The academic items and curriculum structures built out in Lifecycle are presented and can be dragged and dropped onto the template to build out progression pathways through the course.

Assurance Connector

This work will deliver a seamless user experience for users at clients utilising both CourseLoop Lifecycle and CourseLoop Assurance. It will support the viewing and mapping of relationships from within academic item templates in CourseLoop and the association of point-in-time curriculum maps with proposals.

Theme: Curriculum Publication

This theme addresses the publication of the information governed through CourseLoop Lifecycle.

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Publication modules
The suite of standard modules available for the publication of curriculum information held in CourseLoop Lifecycle is being extended. Configuration capability is also being streamlined to enhance the speed and flexibility of client Handbook implementations.

Roadmap Priorities for next Quarter(s)
(subject to scheduling)

Theme: Academic Item Management
This theme addresses enhancements to the way academic items are managed in CourseLoop Lifecycle.

Dynamic Double degrees
The ability to create and display double degree structures generated dynamically from a rule set.

Instance based structure
The ability to manage curriculum structure at the level of a Course Instance (delivery location).

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Lifecycle Curriculum Connector

The Curriculum Connector has been designed for clients who have a need to present a level of curriculum mapping as part of their governance and approval process, but not for the full extent of the CourseLoop Assurance functionality. It will support the viewing and mapping of relationships at the academic item level and the association of point-in-time curriculum maps with proposals.

Theme: Curriculum Marketing

This theme represents the extension of CourseLoop capability to support curriculum-specific marketing content.

Marketing description information

The ability to capture, manage and publish text-based marketing information associated with, but managed separately to, academic item data.

Marketing publication modules

The ability to manage and publish rich media and other supplementary information associated with, but managed separately to, academic item data.

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