Going Paperless:

A Case Study from Wright State University



Introductions



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In the Beginning...



- 7 File Cabinets
- 4200 files
- 2 inch thick files



• WHAT A MESS!!

Forms



- Request forms
 - Travel
 - Certification letters
 - Lost I-20
 - Lost I-94
 - Transfer
 - COM
 - Work authorization
 - CPT
 - OPT
 - RCL
 - Transfer

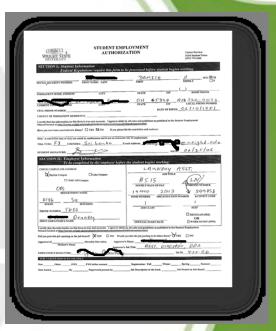
EVERYTHING WAS KEPT

- Copies of requests
- Email correspondence
- Copies of printouts from SIS system

Old Work Authorization

- 2 pieces of paper in and saved in file
 - Work Authorization Request Form





Copy of Student Employment
 Authorization Form

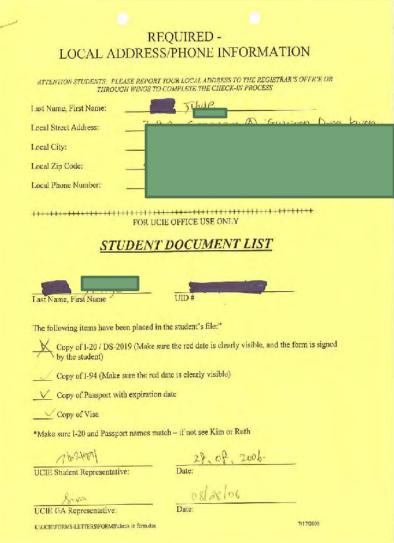
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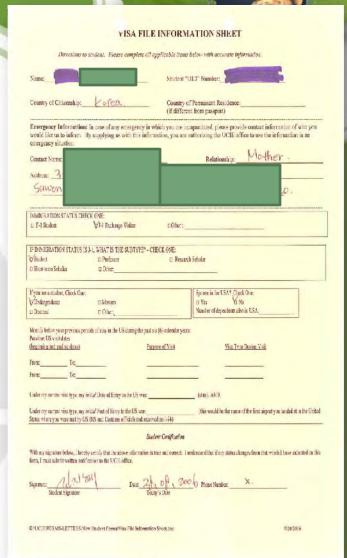
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 - Gold Form

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WSU DS 2019			Form I-94

- Student Information
 - Students local address
 - Check of materials submitted



- Visa File Information
 Sheet
 - Captures visa information





- Certification of Understanding
 - Make sure student sees/reads responsibilities

Wright State University

University Center for International Education

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UCIE International Student Certificate of Understanding

Directions: This form is intended to help you by providing you with a record of things you need to do in order to maintain your legal F-1 or J-1 student visa status in the United States while studying at Wright State University (WSU). By signing below, you agree to the following:

- 1 will make every effort to maintain full-time continuous encollment (minimum 8 hours for graduate and 12 hours for undergraduate students) and a satisfactory grade point average during my entire stay at WSU. If I need a reduced course load or am faced with academic difficulties, I will complete the Reduced Course Load Form (www.wright.edu/ucie/applications/fonas/reduced course load.pdf) and consult with a UCIE advisor.
- If I wish to transfer to another school, I must contact the UCIE to request a transfer.
- I will inform the Registrar's Office immediately of any change of personal data (name, address, SSN number, marital status, etc.).
 I am aware of my obligation to inform the Registrar's Office of a change of address within 10 days by updating WINGS EXPRESS - http://luminist.aw.ight.edu/cp/funes/logid
- I will take responsibility to insure that my visa status-related documents (1-20 or DS-2019, and passport) remain un-expired and will apply for extensions and renewals of these documents in a timety fashion. I understand that passports must be renewed at least 6 months in advance of the expiration date and 1-20 or DS-2019 forms must be renewed a minimum of 30 days before their expiration date.
- I will manage my funds carefully, in order to be able to pay all tultion and living expenses in a timely fashion. I will pay registration, health insurance and other school fees when due. If an unavoidable problem exists where a payment delay is necessary, I will meet with the UCE advisor in a timely fashion to review my options.
- ✓ I will work no more than a total of 20 hours per week during fall, winter, and spring quarters.
- I will not work on or off-campus without first obtaining written authorization from the UCIE. I understand that to do otherwise will violate my F-1/3-1 student status and will make me incligible for any kind of employment in the U.S. or program extension, and/or could ultimately jeoperative my stay in the U.S. I acknowledge the minimum period for on-campus week authorization processing is 3 business days, and off campus work authorization processing times range from 10 days to 3 months. I will make my applications in a timely manner considering those processing periods and acknowledge that I lose eligibility for any work authorization upon completion of my degree requirements or through lock of enrollment.
- I will maintain continuous WSU health insurance coverage for myself and my dependents on my I-20 or DS-2019. A waiver of the required WSU health insurance pian will be approved only for students who have U.S. based insurance coverage through the employer of a spouse or perent. The waiver request must include proof of Medical Evacuation and Repetitation coverage and be received by the UCIS office prior to the start of the quanter. The Insurance Weiver form is available at the UCIE front desk.
- I will bring requests to the UCIE office in a timely manner realizing that I must give UCIE a minimum of 3-5 business days for requests to be processed and completed.

Student Signature	Date
Name:	U.I.D.#:

KAUCIE-FORMS-LETTERS/FORMS/Cert of Undersidg studo:

Last printed on: 10/26/2009

- Acquire copies of
 - Visa
 - -1-94
 - Passport
 - Stamped I-20
- MINIMUM OF 7 SHEETS OF PAPER
 TO START A FILE!!



Think about the Information you are collecting on paper forms

- Is this information I need?
- Can I collect it electronically?
 - If so- How
- Can this information be scanned
- Instead of using paper, can I use the university system or the international student software system

Paperless Spectrum



Fileless

Paperless

Eliminate Paper in the UCIE



- All forms no longer printed in UCIE
- All request forms are available online
- Request Forms are scanned at the front desk to a staff member
 - No paper is accepted into the UCIE unless it has to be sent to USCIS
 - OPT, I-102, COS

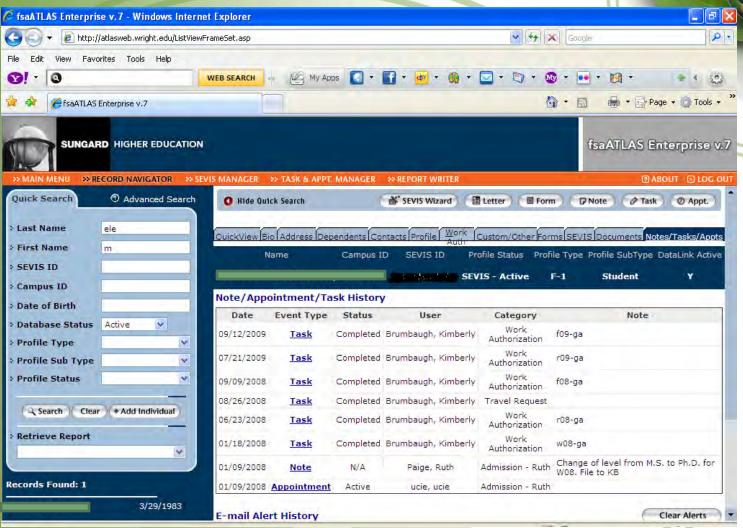
Scanning



- WSU purchased All-in-One copier, printer, scanners with email for all departments
- Each request is scanned in with a canned code and student's name and sent to a staff email
 - Example:
 - wrk, chiobi
 - rcl, dossa



fsaATLAS documents erequests



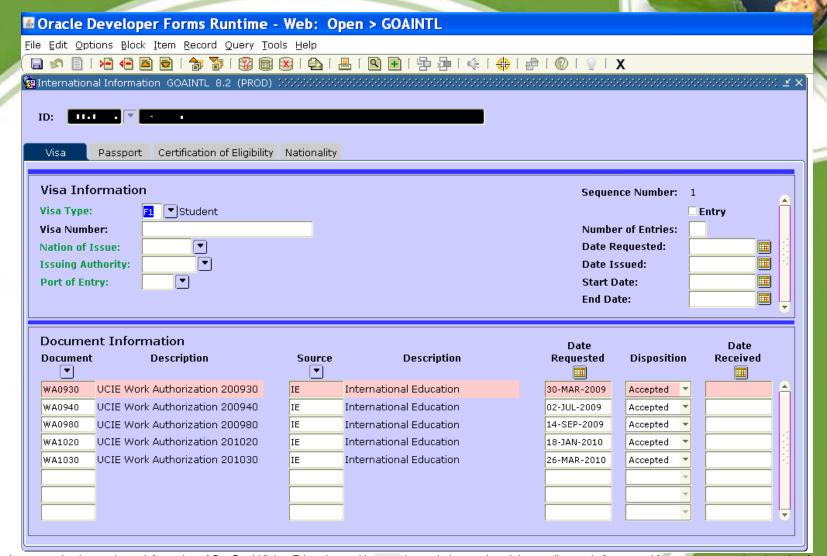
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Processing of E-requests



- This system allows us to process requests by type to be more efficient because all work authorizations have the same title – etc.
- I pull up the requests and process as normal
 - Example Work authorization
 - Check full-time
 - Employment verification
 - Check passport and I-20 validity
 - Log request in fsaATLAS using tasks
 - Log work authorization into Banner GOAINTL under Documents
 - Email student that request is done

Banner Work Authorization



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New Check in System



- Since we need the students signature on the Certificate of Understanding and Visa Information Sheet we must have them fill out that paperwork
- Both papers are then scanned along with the immigration documents to create the check in packet
 - 2 sheets of paper are recycled

Scanning of Current Student Files



 Went through all 620 current international student files

- Separated files into immigration documents and admission documents
 - Admission documents scanned into Banner
 - Immigration documents separated into type of request and scanned

Scanning of Old Files



 In the process of going through all inactive, graduated, and OPT files

- Separated files into immigration documents and admission documents
 - Admission documents scanned into Banner
 - Immigration documents scanned as one document

Future

Working with IT for online fill-able forms



 Student or adviser will fill out request form online and authenticate it

Request will be sent to my email





Challenges



SELLING THE IDEA & GETTING STARTED

- Going paperless is:
 - A worthy cause
 - Good for the environment
 - More efficient
 - Good for the office/dept. down the hall

My Recollected First Thoughts on the idea



Yes We Can!!!



Levels of Cooperation



(Or avoidance)



I can't do "paperless" until:

- Next semester
- Next year
 - Next century.....

Challenges



SELLING THE IDEA - with desired outcome

- Going paperless is:
 - A worthy cause
 - Good for the environment
 - More efficient
 - "A good idea and I'm glad I thought of it"

Impediments



Resistance to change procedures

Trusting the technology

Finding your comfort level



OPT/COS Examples

- Students <u>also</u> have a variety of "comfort levels"
- Make the forms easy to find on your web page
- Some students need the (paper) alternatives....

 (we keep a 6-page hard-copy describing the OPT application formalities "hand-out" at our Reception Desk)
- Navigating complex application requirements is not easy for non-natives

Students have issues also: a) "Resistance to change procedures", and b) Need to find "comfort level"

OPT (continued)



- Student completes application turns into office
- UCIE staff review appl. & prep OPT 1-20 (and obtain stu. Signature)
- Last we scan entire completed OPT appl. packet into UCIE record before mailing to DHS

- COS & Reinstatement appl's are handled virtually the same way as OPT's



