

# An Exception to Every Rule: Implementing Degree Works

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Session 4C

# Know your institution. Know your tech.

- Translating policies to logic based computer programs
- Session goal: solution sharing!
- Brief background on Bowdoin College and Ellucian products

# Challenges & Solutions

- Personnel Changes
  - “All scribe; all the time”
- Program Limitations
  - Ongoing discussions and experimentation with flexibility of scribe
- Data Quirks
  - Adjustments to data entry, scribe
  - Heavy reliance on exceptions
- Exceptions
  - Creation of Exception Form
- Training
  - Documentation, open sessions
  - Is less more?
- Reporting
  - Consultant
  - Write views (SQL) that make the data work with our reporting system

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