

Live CUNYfirst Applications – HCM/TAM, General Ledger, Line Item Budgeting, Course Catalog, and NEW applications for Faculty Workload, Mass Salary Update, Daily Transaction Report and Course Catalog.

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CUNY students return to classes next week.

The following is an update of the CUNYfirst Project. Please share with colleagues you believe will be interested in its content.

- ***Human Resources – Human Capital Management (HCM) and Talent Acquisition Management (TAM)***

The schedule for Users Acceptance Testing (UAT) was announced this week for the Mass Reappointment application, scheduled to go live in March. Mass reappointment functions allow Human Resources staff to work with managers and supervisors to reappoint large numbers of staff members, such as college assistants or adjunct faculty. This automated function would speed up the time of these appointments and minimize or eliminate any delays in keeping records current. UAT will begin February 3 running through March 4, with testing occurring on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are currently confirming the names of CUNY people who originally signed up to be testers.

The HCM Super Users group met for its first 2010 meeting this week and covered several topics and set a new direction for 2010. Hope Berte of the College of Staten Island shared her college's approach to rolling out Employee Self Service (ESS) to their campus employees. In addition, Jim Russell of CUNYfirst and Raj Singh, senior university director for CUNY Human Resources Operations & Systems, explained recent enhancements to the Talent Acquisition Management (TAM) module. Linda Shatzer, who has been leading the HCM Super User group, also announced that, going forward, Raj will assume leadership of the group. And a monthly meeting schedule was announced for the rest of 2010.

At today's Training Liaison meeting, Training Manager Adante Harvey asked for an assessment of Manager Self-Service (MSS) training at CUNY colleges and the Central Office. The goal was to provide assistance for colleges that need it, and to understand concerns, roadblocks and successes in bringing managers and supervisors onto CUNYfirst for manager functions. There was also an explanation about how Employee Self-Service (ESS) training will be managed to make sure all employees who attend classes get credit for their attendance.

- ***Campus Solutions (Student Administration) – Testing and Student Marketing***

Systems Integration Testing (SIT) continues on the numerous applications and interfaces that will manage the legacy and CUNYfirst systems supporting our students at Queens College and Queensborough Community College (and other colleges in the future). The CUNYfirst Project leadership is communicating with these two college team leaders to explain and discuss the resolution

of defects and issues identified during SIT. Users Acceptance Testing (UAT), which will involve dozens of members of our University community, including students and faculty, will start when SIT is completed and all issues are resolved.

Our student marketing teams come back to campus next week and they will continue to develop strategies and materials that will focus on introducing new processes to their classmates. Key to that is explaining how the system works for students (they have had access to a sandbox with some of their data), the differences between how they register and manage their finances in SIMS now and what they'll do in CUNYfirst, and what features they have identified that provides advanced benefits in terms of registering for classes and managing their schedules.

- ***Other Applications***

Work continues in all of our Student, Finance and HR teams for upcoming CUNYfirst applications on the books to launch this year, including Advanced Budgeting, Procurement, and Payroll interfaces with New York City and State.

Best wishes,

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