SPECIAL NOTE: Thank you to all who have shared with us the value of receiving these updates. As you’ll be receiving a lot more direct communications once integration testing begins, we plan to adjust the distribution schedule for Straight Talk to every two weeks. We hope this adjustment helps you manage the volume of communications you’ll be receiving during integration testing. Please look for our next issue of Straight Talk on Tuesday, September 3, 2013.

Dawn’s Point of View
We are in the final week of the security validation efforts in preparation for integration testing and our teams continue to do a great job. Additionally, the payroll team has been meeting in Fort Worth to finalize and test the plethora of interfaces for that group. I admire and appreciate this team’s focus and dedication.

There is one more week to go before we formally enter integration testing. Entrance criteria for integration testing is being reviewed on an on-going basis. There are still several outstanding exceptions to be resolved prior to entering integration testing over the next two weeks. Please keep the communication lines open and continue to test and provide feedback on development efforts as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Turnaround time is critical for us to meet our dates. We will continue to evaluate our readiness on a daily basis to understand and minimize any exceptions to ensure we are fully prepared to enter integration testing. We currently expect that there will be few exceptions that will need to be addressed.

The PMO is working on finalizing the integration testing IBP team co-location schedule. There have been some requested changes due to end of year processing, so we will make these tweaks and get out the final schedule as soon as possible.

Keep up the great work everyone! We are seeing the results of your dedication and it is very impressive.

Conversion
FMS/HCM Maintenance (CNV and IDP)
This is a reminder that the FMS and HCM conversion environments (IDP and CNV) will be undergoing maintenance starting Monday of next week, 8/26 and continuing for approximately two weeks. The environments will not be available while maintenance is applied. This involves a PeopleTools upgrade and application of the bundles (previously applied to DEV, TST, etc).

As each environment is completed, a system notification will be distributed by DBA Team. Following this notification, the conversion team will distribute a specific communication regarding upcoming activities and schedules for both HCM and FMS
planned for Sept and coming months.

For additional information, please contact Derinda Williams (Derinda@uta.edu).

**Interfaces**

Interface development efforts continue to focus on resolving remaining issues/bugs discovered through testing.

- A master interface inventory detailing key data for testing (and eventually production deployment) is being prepared with help from our BA and CCI resources,
- Interfaces will be manually run throughout integration testing to capture information required to set up automation in Control-M. A workshop with BAs and CCI resources is planned for next week to review Control-M automation capabilities that will help guide eventual automation efforts of interface items.
- The specification for the Student Vendor Maintenance interface moved to development at the end of last week. I expect an update soon on a development completion date.

For additional information, please contact Marcos Veloz (mveloz@utsystem.edu).

**Readiness for Integration Testing**

- The PMO and EC reviewed the Entrance Criteria and current status in meeting these pre-requisites. The plan to start integration testing next week on Aug 26th was approved both PMO and EC members.

**Link** to the document and details: Shared Services HCM and FMS > Integration Testing > Integration Testing Schedule

- **Reminder:** An Orientation Webinar has been planned for Wednesday, 8/21 from 2:00 – 3:00. Webinar/Call details are being distributed via the Campus PMs.

**Intended Audience:** Campus Project Team members, PM’s and others as appropriate on campus.

For additional information, please contact Derinda Williams (Derinda@uta.edu).

**Project Town Hall Meetings**

Beginning in September, we will offer Project Town Hall meetings led by Dawn Stoyanoff and Derinda Williams. These will be hosted via either video or web conference and give you, our project team members, direct access to our project leaders. We anticipate these events will promote a consistent flow of information and allow you to ask questions directly to Dawn, Derinda, or other project leaders. Please look for a schedule and more information in the next few weeks.

For additional information, please contact Susan Franzen (sfranzen@utsystem.edu).