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**Dawn’s Point of View**

We are now half way into our first round of integration testing which is progressing nicely. Thank you to those who are traveling for our co-locations to the ARDC. I think we have all found those extremely valuable within our testing efforts.

Please don’t forget that upon leaving the co-location more campus testing must happen at your respective campuses. Please work with your project managers to ensure all testing requirements are met.

In addition to integration testing, campuses are pulling together access control requirements for production. We will begin to set up production access control next month. We are also finalizing plans for load testing, disaster recovery, and parallel testing. There is much to be done for our go-live and we greatly appreciate everyone’s cooperation!

**Conversion**

**FMS**

- Vendor Conversion: Some updates have been made to the conversion

- The next major milestone for the FMS conversion is the reconciliation of the data for the 2012/2013 fiscal year-end between the legacy system(s) and PeopleSoft FMS. Campuses will need to re-engage and complete the G/L conversions through August, provide updated files for grants, projects, assets, etc., and reconcile the data between the two systems. The goal will be to complete this reconciliation before Round 2 of Integration Testing. **The target date to receive updated FMS files from the campuses is 10/11/13.** More details to follow within the week.

**HCM**

- The HCM conversion was recently run with August data. Campuses will be able to verify data cleanup tasks from the past few months. IDP is expected to be ready and accessible by campuses by Monday, 9/23 and we will let you know when it is ready.

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Interface/Reports/Customization Sign-Off – What does this mean?

This past week we have heard from some of our team members that they would like more clarification on the “sign-off” process.

Development and testing are iterative processes as there are many levels of testing and each level may uncover issues that need to be resolved prior to moving to full
production. Testing and sign off is required at each level so we can progress and move our development (of reports, interfaces, configuration or customizations) through to production to have it available at go-live.

The testing process is as follows:

Through the unit- and system-testing processes we seek to ensure that our specified requirements are what we expected with staged data. This means that staged data is processing correctly as requested in our specification process. Throughout testing, if requirements are not met, we ask that there is clarification on the requirement and that it be returned to development and retested.

If it appears that the requirements are met, we ask that the campus “sign off” to confirm that the testing indicates the development is working and move to the next level. What this means is, that to the best of our knowledge, the development is functioning as expected and indicates a readiness to use for Integration Testing.

During Integration Business Process (IBP) testing, we will have additional opportunities to confirm requirements are met and to make any necessary adjustments. Issues reported during testing will be resolved using our issue resolution process. If new functionality or enhancements are requested, the change request process will need to be completed.

If you have questions about the difference between resolving issues in an approved development and when a change requested is required, please do not hesitate to ask me.

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