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Project Leadership Meeting Summaries & Decisions

At the last College Implementation (CIT) leadership meeting a number of issues and activities were discussed. Colleges are preparing for the delivery of SIS “end-to-end” demonstrations where the functionality of the system - student recruitment through graduation - will be highlighted as well as presenting the new features in version 8.9. The CIT lead team is also close to finalizing the criteria that will be used to determine common business practices. Increasing common business practices will create a more student friendly SIS environment as well as make it easier to align SIS functionality with actual business practices across the district. Finally, new reports and protocols have been established to complete the data cleansing process. College level leadership has been exhibited on all three of these project activities.

On Wednesday, May 17, approximately 100 project stakeholders spent the morning at Mesa Community College reviewing the SIS Project Plan. Each of the phases was reviewed and additional feedback was received. Responses to all of the questions generated will be posted on the SIS web site soon. <>

As you may have noticed on the header of this update the project has a new logo and tag line – “Maricopa Connecting for Success.” The project leadership is appreciative of the design work of Sam Fraulino of PVCC who created the new look. Thanks Sam!

Overall Project Status

As was shared last week, attached is the latest Bi-Weekly Project Status – our “dashboard” tracking planned versus completed tasks. You will note that the fit-gap of version 8.9 has been completed. This is a crucial milestone for the continued process to move from the 8.0 to the 8.9 environment.

Issues Report

One of the issues facing the project at this time is to align the College level implementation plans with the overall project plan. While significant work had been done in anticipation of the 8.0 implementation, new College Plans will need to be developed to address the conversion to 8.9. To address this issue in an efficient manner, a master college plan template will be developed so each college can “dial in” their specific college implementation parameters.

Learning Bin

This issues Learning Bin feature will address the revised training strategy. It is important to note that the training aspect is “dialed in” throughout the project plan so that there will be plenty of preparation for the “just in time” training that will occur closer to the implementation date. A new training product “User Productivity Kit” will be purchased to accelerate the development of end user training materials. The product includes training guides, job specific aides, and web based training tools. The materials are generated in MS Word which will allow MCCD to edit for our purposes. The earliest materials will be available for review by the college trainers in September with the “train-the-trainer” process to begin in February.

Project Questions

If you have any questions about this project, feel free to contact:

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