



Workgroup on Extramural Training Systems (WETS)

Date: March 10, 2005
Time: 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
Location: Rockledge 1, Room 3502
Advocates: Rick Ikeda

Next Meeting: April 12, 2005, 10 a.m.–Noon, Rockledge 1, Room 3502

Action Items

1. (All) Let Rick know of volunteers for testing group.
2. (Rick Ikeda) Talk to DEAS staff to find out who is using payback system and get them to volunteer for testing.
3. (Linda Katzper) Schedule a meeting for Payback Center (PBC) data Status Updates.

Introduction

Rick Ikeda

Rick introduced Bonnie Bowie as the new payback specialist.

Rick also noted that Training is on the back burner for the moment as the J2EE conversion and other activities take precedence.

J2EE Conversion Update

Linda Katzper

Linda Katzper gave a brief update on the J2EE (Kumaran) Conversion process. The following events are tentatively scheduled:

- Analysis and Design for Training Activities (April 4)
- Initial Code Delivery (August 2)
- Integration Testing (August 10)
- Acceptance Testing (September 8)
- Target for Pilot Production (October 5)

These are preliminary dates that will probably shift as schedules move around.

Linda noted a need for volunteers to test converted applications. There are currently five volunteers. Linda Stecklein, Bonnie Bowie and Beverly Venable all agreed to volunteer. There should be a testing environment set up, so volunteers can spend about two hours testing the converted applications.

The question was asked if there was a representative from GTA. Rick said he still is looking for a representative from that group. If anyone knows someone who would be willing to volunteer, let Rick know.

Action: (All) Let Rick know of volunteers for testing group.

Rick also noted that a new policy decision allows DEAS staff to participate on committees that deal with their job areas. He will find out who is using the payback system and approach them directly about volunteering.

Action: (Rick Ikeda) Talk to DEAS staff to find out who is using payback system and get them to volunteer for testing.

TA Update

Linda Katzper

Linda provided a brief update on TA issues.

- A new release of TA should occur soon. It will include the following features:
 - LRP dates will be available in the Snapshot Report
 - The problem of support months not rounding to the nearest tenth will be corrected on the Snapshot Report.
 - DSF codes will be disabled Only FOT codes will be used
 - LRP dates can be entered only through data load.
 - FOT codes will be pre-populated on reappointments
 - The View Balance Worksheet is clearer
- CCB has approved the “13th month” calculation. It will go to development in May with an estimated development time of 200 hours. It has also approved the fix where the system does not recognize the LRP when it overlaps with the first appointment.
- Mike Goodman has taken the issue of the problem profile collapse to the CCB and it was approved. This fix will change the existing code so that the payback information is attached to the profile.
- Dan Hall is working on cleaning the profile data so that the existing payback information that is missing from the profile will be re-attached. A sweep will be run to correct the existing profiles.

Action: (Linda Katzper) Schedule a meeting with Jo Anne to inform her of status of TA updates of interest to the PBC

XTrain Demo for CWG

David Turner

David presented an X-Train Demo Web site, developed at the request of the Commons Working Group (CWG). The site has three purposes (from the site text):

1. To provide a draft user interface for the new version of X-Train that is now being developed. The UI walks users through the basic flow of the system and its functionality including: view projects, create appointments, amendments, re-appointments, and terminations.
2. To provide a way to send feedback on the draft user interface.

3. To provide a way for users to send their responses to questions originally posed at the CWG meeting.

General Discussion

- Users should use the included navigation bar rather than the “Forward” and “Back” buttons on the browser.
- Action buttons are at the top and bottom of pages, so users will not have to scroll to find them.
- The group suggested that termination notices include an E-mail notification.
- Termination notices should warn that termination is not final until the business office formally issues a notice.
- Summary reports will be sent to the program director.
- Status indicators will change and unnecessary buttons will be grayed-out in the final version.
- The group suggested that trainees be able to view the progression of their application through the system.
- The pilot will be available in a client/sever version. TA will only be shut down after the J2EE conversion is complete.

Attendees

Bowie, Bonnie	Khramkova, Tatiana (OER)	Turner, David
Freese, Michelle	Sprick, Carin (DEIS)	Venable, Beverly (OD)
Ikeda, Rick	Stecklein, Linda (OD)	
Katzper, Linda (OER)	Shah, Sachin (LTS/OD)	