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CUNYfirst is Live! - HR, General Ledger, Line Item Budgeting, Course Catalog

- ***CUNYfirst at the 8th Annual CUNY Financial Management Conference***

CUNYfirst had a very large presence at this week's Financial Management Conference, hosted by Vice Chancellor Ernesto Malave. Project Leader Brian Cohen, the University's Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer, kicked off the day with a status report of CUNYfirst – what we've implemented and what's next. Three sessions were held later, focused on Human Resources, Financial Aid and the upcoming Procurement module. Each session was full of attendees.

The Procurement session started off the day with an overview of the mission and goals of a new University-wide Procurement system from Sharon Russell, the Associate Controller for Procurement. That was followed by an overview of the Procurement project so far by Project Leads Joanne Sagherian (Purchasing) and Nancy Cruz (Accounts Payable) and the challenges that come with interfacing with state and city systems. They then demonstrated the lifespan of a transaction from purchase to payment. Ron Helaire from Oracle closed the session by explaining what steps will be taken by the Project and college experts to get us to the planned summer 2010 launch.

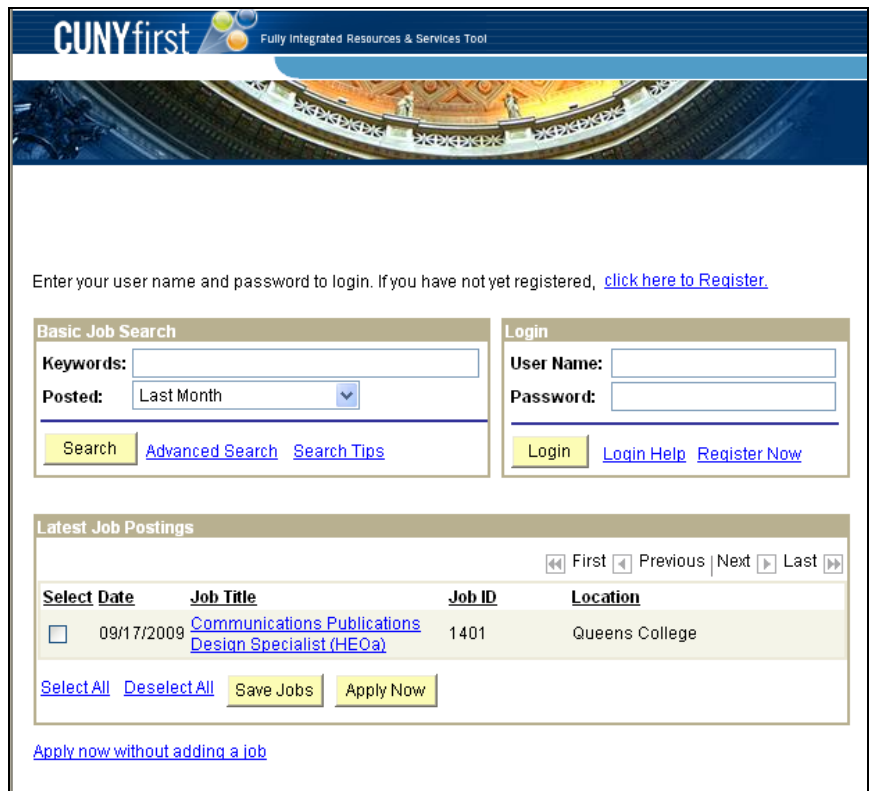
At the Human Resources session, Vice Chancellor Gloriana Waters took a look back at the launch of the Human Capital Management (HCM) applications, what we learned, what we'd do differently if we could, and what are the next systems to be added. She took feedback from the HR and Budget leaders in attendance, as well as asked them about what took place on their campus. Her session was followed by a live demonstration of the new Manager Self Service module by CUNYfirst HR Architect Robert McGarry, showing what managers will do when working in HCM in terms of employee management and for recruiting.

Our Financial Aid session focused on the steps needed to make the transition from our current system to a CUNYfirst FA system. That was followed by a live demonstration of the aid award lifecycle in the new system. The session was led by Ed Lobley the CUNYfirst Student Financials Lead, Ali Morgan, the

CUNYfirst Financial Aid Lead, Elaine Pimentel and Gitu Singh from the CUNY Controller's Office, and Alice Murphey, the CUNY Director of Financial Aid Management. Stu Schaffer, the Student Lead for the Project was also on hand, running the live presentation and adding comments and answering questions. Ms. Murphey Alice presented on preparation of the FISAP report – current system (hard - going to many different data sources and then reconciling each to the other) vs CUNYfirst FA (easy - one click to submit done and done right) CUNYfirst Project Director Suman Taneja joined the session to explain that the new FA system will go into effect for Queens College and Queensborough Community College in early 2011, about a year after they launch their student systems. The following rollout schedules for Financial Aid is under review.

- **Talent Acquisition Management (TAM)**

Another first! The initial job posting using TAM functionality is now on the CUNY Careers website. The opening (shown below) for a Communications Publications Design Specialist (HEOa) was created by the Queens College HR team. So now, an applicant for the position can create a profile, sign in, apply for the position, and be notified about their status all electronically. By next week, we will have our third wave of colleges begin working in TAM. Soon we'll be posting most of our open positions via CUNYfirst to the Careers website.



- **Users Acceptance Testing (UAT)**

Users Acceptance Testing is in full swing for the second rollout of HCM tools and the new processes for calculating Faculty Workload. The testing continues next week.

- **Faculty Workload**

Hostos Community College was given a demonstration Friday of the key changes that will occur with new CUNYfirst Faculty Workload applications. It included a description of roles in the new system, the process work flow, how updates will be done, and the next project steps. That demonstration will be given at other colleges as well starting with Queens College on September 29th.

- **Meet Avi Duvdevani**



We welcomed to the Project a few months back a new leader with an strong background of merging technological and organization change. Avi Duvdevani is the CUNYfirst Delivery Manager and Senior Advisor to the University CIO (Brian Cohen).

Avi will focus his efforts on working with our teams and our implementation partners to ensure that all delivered functionality meets CUNY standards. Avi oversees our Project Management Office (PMO) as well as technical efforts, including CEMLI development and Users Acceptance Testing (UAT). He has more than 30 years experience in IT planning, management and project delivery. He started his career in CUNY at Baruch College, spent 28 years as an IT professional in New York City government and participated in the creation of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT), where he ultimately worked with Executive Vice Chancellor Allan Dobrin and Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Information Officer Brian Cohen, and recently returned to CUNY after serving seven years as CIO of the New York City Housing Authority.

Many members of our community have already met Avi, so we wanted to make sure you did too. Welcome.

Have a good weekend!

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- Meetings Next Week**

HR Rollout 2 Users Acceptance Testing Hostos CC - B Building, Rm. B115	Mon, Sep 21 to Thu, Sep 24	9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
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Faculty Workload UAT - Course Catalog City College - 160 Convent Avenue - North Academic Center - 5th Floor, Room 212	Tue, Sep 22 to Wed, Sep 23	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Faculty Workload UAT – HCM Hostos CC - B Building, Rm. B 115	Tue, Sep 22 to Thu, Sep 24	9:30 AM – 12:00 AM
Procurement - CRP2 - Strategic Sourcing 230 W. 41st - Manhattan - 10th Floor Conf Room		10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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Admissions UAT (Users Acceptance Testing) Meeting CUNY Office of the University Controller, 230 West 41st Street, Room 535	Wed, Sep 23	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Procurement - CRP2 - Strategic Sourcing 230 W. 41st - Manhattan - 10th Floor Conf Room		10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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Procurement - CRP2 - Sourcing to Agreement 230 W. 41st - Manhattan - 10th Floor Conf Room	Thu, Sep 24	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
CS Super User Monthly Meeting Phone and Webex		1:00 PM – 2:00 PM