DRAFT MINUTES
FUG Conference Call 04/04/07

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The Steamvalve Issues listed below were discussed. No additions or revisions at this time.

1. Performance testing and analysis - This issue relates to system performance and is being addressed with one or more of the 10 recommendations offered by Bonnie and Randall. New hardware, movement from a Microsoft to Oracle database are a few of the recommendations being considered, some of which are already being implemented.

2. Functional SAP for financial aid - A 100% accurate satisfactory academic progress function is needed to be in compliance with federal financial aid regulations. Much work has been done; however, issues related to this are still outstanding and need more attention.

3. Functioning effort reporting in grants and contracts - As with item 2, much has been done and work continues to ensure that those using the grants module are in full compliance with federal regulations.

4. Examine Security alternatives - One of the 10 recommendations made by Bonnie and Randall asks for funds to hire a consultant to complete a security analysis of the ConnectND system. The consultants would examine the ConnectND system and make recommendations on how the system could be configured to protect confidential data from intrusion by unauthorized users.

5. Validate set-up - Many of the institutions are still unclear whether the initial set-up in all modules was done correctly. There have been attempts to assist some of the institutions with their set up; however most institutions feel more needs to be done.

6. Improved portal functioning and branding - Changes to the portal to make it more user friendly, branding to make the portal look and feel like it is part of the institution rather vanilla system wide, and changes to require students to update addresses on a periodic basis.
7. Expanded reports and queries - All institutions continue to look for queries and reports that will assist them with their daily tasks. In order to accomplish this, specific requests for the types of information will be needed.

8. Resolve academic integrity issues - We believe this encompasses two components; first, at least one institution had conversion problems with the wrong year and we believe this has been resolved. Second, in PeopleSoft when a course is repeated and a new grade has been earned, the grade point average of the term in which the course was originally taken changes as well. This is how PeopleSoft functions but there is some discussion of looking for alternatives.

9. Expanding training and documentation - All institutions want and need up-to-date operating manuals in all modules, especially needed by new employees when turnover occurs. Additionally, ongoing and ad hoc training are important as well. FU Group would like the development of a database for remedy tickets that could be searched by date or topic

Campus Community Functional Users Group is being created. Since this module crosses so many other modules, two volunteers from SFA FUG are requested. Laurie Weber is interested and will check with Dale, Robin will ask Rohit if he is interested.

Dennis discussed Packaging Equations and reminded the group that these equations are global and unless your school code is in the name, revisions shouldn’t be made without group discussion. After discussion it was decided to remove setup accessibility and limit setup to HECN Staff.

Several requests for changes to verification letters were discussed. Mary Gerardy and Sandy Klein will compile the requests and forward to the group for review/approval.

The Collaborative Student Draft Procedure was reviewed. Sandy will update requested changes and forward to Laura Glatt. It was noted there are still some concerns about bookstore charging but was left out of policy to enable institutional flexibility.
A request for SSN# added to NDU_0098 and selected by highest tran ID, approved for High Priority.

Sandy requested a discussion on current issues in congress, not an issue in ND, per a conversation Jeanne had with Julie Kubisiak. Suggest bringing the issue up at NDASFAA Business Meeting. A Legislative Update is also scheduled.

Peggy indicated possible increases in State Grant, ND Scholars, and ND Indian Grant and will update the group as soon as possible.