The meeting was held on the first Tuesday of the month, 7/03/07, from 1:30 - 2:30, at the Printing Services Building. The agenda was three-part, with the bulk of the meeting on PeopleSoft. Because of this, several departmental financial staff joined their technology colleagues.

1) Networking update
There was little to talk about here, other than OIT initiatives like wireless and a draft policy on the physical security of servers (sent by Bill Meyer to those areas still with server rooms). Most OIT networking issues are covered in the monthly OIT newsletter. Directions on how to subscribe to that were sent out earlier this month.

2) PMO update
Two tasks needed to be completed by Friday, 7/06/07. The first was for each IT manager to update January - April hours for PeopleSoft, if those had not been entered into MS Project. The second was for each IT manager to update who could log time against generic buckets in fiscal 2008. It looked like both of these items were either already finished or would be finished by Friday.

3) PeopleSoft
We gave a brief status of the five areas of our integration, introducing the programmers working on each area:

   1. JD Edwards--Paul Stanley, Anne Mansell, and Gary Pedersen
   2. PeopleSoft Document Interface--Scott Montgomery
   3. eStatement--Dave Coverston and William Palmer
   4. Downloads of central tables--Jeff Erdmann
   5. Departmental systems--to be determined

The first four items are already in prototyping, with Paul Stanley generating a weekly status after the Tuesday programmer meeting.

For the fifth item, departmental systems, we sent out diagrams last month on how we thought each area integrated with CUFS. Those got some corrections over the month, but the catalogue seemed pretty complete. Before we or other vendors could start development here however, each department needed to define what they want coded. To make these decisions simpler, we boiled them down into three paths:

   1) Code the full-blown chart of accounts into departmental order entry screens
   2) Code in a reduced chart of accounts, and draw on a notes field for exceptions
   3) Draw on an AS/400 solution (Paul Stanley's Magic Box), that we hope will include the functionality of the first option with the simplicity
of the second.

We recommended the first option to non-AS/400 systems that didn't sell a lot to grants (and so should have less variability in their customer chart of account strings). A good example would be Printing's PSI. Conversely, the second option might be best for non-AS/400 systems that do sell a lot to grants. An example here might be Univ Stores WDSII. The third option would only be available to those systems on the AS/400, or in theory those outside the AS/400 that could make a remote call (not easily done, if running a purchased package).

There are of course variations on these three themes, and departments didn't need to follow our recommendations. But they did need to make a decision, and we explained that we wanted that decision by the end of July.

This only covered departmental billings to other departments. The other four types of departmental sends to PeopleSoft would be charges to employees via PayrollDeduction, charges to students via StudentAccountsReceivable, payments to vendors via Accounts Payable, and payments to employees via Kronos feeds ofPayroll. Decisions here however were explained as considerably less variable, except for the two areas that feed vendor payments (WDSII and Ratex).

The next meeting will again be the first Tuesday of the month, so 8/07/07, 1:30 - 2:30, at the Printing Services Building.