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Hyperion Project Update

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There is a lot happening with the Hyperion project over the next 6 months. The UM System Budget Office and the UM Data Warehouse and Reporting teams are working on an upgrade from Hyperion version 11.1.2.1 to 11.1.2.3 as well as upgrades to the host servers. The pressing need for this upgrade is not only for the improvements to the software, but soon the currently implemented version of the tool and servers will go out of vendor support.

There will be some immediate benefits. The most obvious benefit for many users and their desktop support staff will be broader browser support. Browser testing is underway and it appears that Internet Explorer 9 (IE9) and Firefox 24 ESR may be supported. Additional testing will be completed for other browser versions as well. We will continue efforts to find the best resolution for this issue. With the new software, user interaction through the screens will be enhanced. The team is re-engineering the position budgeting application by changing from Human Capital Planning (HCP) to an application called Salary Planning (SAL PLN) built in the tools more like the Finance Budgeting (FIN) application. This change will allow us to reduce the number of nested forms that users must interact with, infer much of the routine information such as dates, benefit and tax rates, improve budgeting for additional earnings, stream line data feeds from PeopleSoft HR, and update from SAL PLN to FIN at more frequent intervals. There will only be minor changes to the FIN application and there are no planned changes to the Long Range Planning (LRP used by the MU campus) application.

Currently, the UM Budget Office and the UMDW Reporting teams are rolling out new Cognos budget versus actual variance reports at the position budgeting level and updating training materials. Please watch for emails announcing these report additions. Cognos and Smart View report training is being planned for October.

We appreciate the valuable sharing during the Focus meetings with Hyperion users in June. We hope to preview the new software with campus budget officers in September and then other budget users early this fall.

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