Banner 8 Technical Meeting – March 30, 2010

Attendees: Alex Garcia, Mrinal Virnave, Jesus Hernandez, Bruce Schaa, Kim Montoya, Scott Archer, Liz Archer, Rich Chavez, Bruce Ernst, John Roberts, Paul Berver, Linda Moreno, Crystal Wang, John D., Mark Hammersmith, Dudley Moore, Pam Jeffries, Olga Conter, and Laura Ramirez

- This will be our last meeting together for Banner 8

- Open Issues

  - Workflow – Crystal
    - Something happened on Friday afternoon, about 2 pm with Workflow not working
    - Crystal's been monitoring and it is working just fine now
    - Crystal believes that maybe it had to do with the server being bounced and affecting Workflow
    - Mrinal thinks that the Workflow timeout or the fact that it was down for an extended time, could have been what was causing problems
    - Bruce E. will check a parameter on a script to see if this was the cause

  - Graduation Online Application – Jesus
    - The specs were received from Kim Eiland and Enrique's working on this
    - This is needed by next week, before alpha registration begins
    - Per Jesus, the changes are all on the SSB side

  - Recompile of Variables for Letters – Jesus
    - Lupe has been asked to retest, however is on leave this week
    - Jesus feels that this may just be user error as to what Lupe is testing and reporting are two different things
    - Letters have been running fine and have no issues, so we should be okay with this per Jesus and Kim

  - Barnes & Noble Feed and DIM – Mrinal/Jesus
    - There are two feeds with Barnes & Noble; one we receive and one we sent out
    - Mark's waiting on AUX on the feed that comes to us
    - The other feed is running in Appworx and has run fine per Liz and Olga
    - Enrique's NMSU install is not ready yet and John D. was asked to please contact the users to begin testing

- Upcoming Upgrades – Laura
  - There are 8.3 versions of General, HR, Student, and Posnctl coming up
  - Tentative schedule is DBAN-April 14, UBAN-May 5, PBAN-May 23, after grading is done

- o Laura to send the list of upgrades and dates to EAS group
  - o Q: (Pam) Is the 8.3 version requiring great effort with perhaps Adobe Flex? A: (Jesus) No, it does not require Adobe Flex
  - o Per Pam, UNM would like more training with money left over from the Consortium
  - o Per Mrinal, send the list of upgrades to EAS and staff is asked to review the release guides on the upcoming upgrades

- FSA Atlas – Jesus
  - o There are issues with this in the way the addresses and/or zip codes are coming across
  - o Mrinal and Rich will look into this

- Banner 8 Instances – Paul
  - o Currently getting SBAN on Banner 8
  - o There will be nothing done to DBN8 and UBN8 for now
  - o Next step is to convert UBAN to a Banner 8 instance
  - o PBAN7 will be turned off, but preserved for awhile
  - o DBAN is a clone of PBAN before the conversion
  - o Paul's requesting that developer schemas are brought over and we don't need to redo each time we do a clone. There will be a separate meeting to discuss this per Mrinal
  - o The HR emergency patch is going into all Banner 8 development instances, except DBAN as Paul needs to fix something
  - o Q: (Jesus) So, will DBAN/UBAN/PBAN be identical? Will the code trees and the instances be all the same? A: (Paul) Yes, they will be the same once UBAN is converted to Banner 8
  - o A clone is needed from PBAN to UBAN sometime before April 15th
  - o Q: (Scott) So should I plan to do the UC4DEVL upgrade on April 28th? A: (Mrinal) Yes, that would be fine

  - o DBAN Availability
    - Q: (Crystal) Is there a reason why I don't have INB access on DBAN? A: (Paul) It was part of the upgrade to copy the security from PBAN and remained the same within DBAN
    - Per Mrinal, access to the developers must be given for DBAN to continue with their development efforts
    - Q: (Paul) Do you want us to copy the data back to DBAN prior to the changes during Go-Live (Friday morning state)? A: (Mrinal) We want it right before we released the instance to the Clients
    - Q: (Mrinal) Actually, can we just do it from today or yesterday to capture any changes done during Go-Live? A: (Paul) Yes, that can be arranged
    - DBAN will be down today for the rebuild by Paul and Dudley
    - Gurjobs, sleepwake, and pipes are not working as of yet per Paul

- - Matyas can use the schema from UBAN to do the upgrade for Workflow per Mrinal
  - Q: (Jesus) Do we need to do a copy of the code tree? There was recompiling of forms since then. Do we need to these again? A: (Paul) Yes, we can recompile all of that again
  - Per Mrinal, make sure that upgrades are applied in DBAN before applying in UBAN

- o Application of NMSU Mods - Crystal
  - Q: (Crystal) When can we begin applying NMSU mods? I have a request from Abdulmalik to make changes to NMSU E-HIRE
  - Q: (Laura) So what instance are we having the users test in?
  - It was the intention of DBA to have a stable environment first, before we start applying new installs per Bruce E.
  - Per Mrinal, developers can use DBAN and UBN8 for now as UBN8 is connected to Appworx
  - New installs or upgrades will be applied after April 15 per Mrinal with the exception of emergency patches

- o Name vs. Number – Scott/Bruce E.
  - Q: (Scott) Why are the development instances being renamed to the old names?
  - A: (Bruce E.) Because it takes time and effort for DBA to rename the instances
  - Q: (Bruce E.) Why do we have so many development instances?
  - A: (Mrinal) We need to have 2 development instances because we need to allow the users to test in UBAN and other times we don't have enough licenses for like say DARS. At times, we need to develop in UBAN, which is rarely the case, but we may have a need when we can't touch the data within a certain instance

- o Development Instances Plan - Mrinal
  - April 8th: DBAN ➔ wf-DBAN ➔ UC4DEVL ➔ Lum-portal-d ➔ Bansecr (no ODS needed, already connected)
  - April 15th: same as above with addition of UBAN ➔ wf-UBAN ➔ UC4DEVL ➔ Security (Bansecr and more) ➔ DARS ➔ UODS ➔ Lum-portal-u
  - Stop using DBN8/UBN8 instances at this time

- Listserves – Alex
  - o We need to decide on whether or not we will remove the listserves and when this will happen
  - o Q: (Mrinal) Did we find the ban8tech listserve useful for our internal purposes? Should we get rid of it? A: (Scott) I think it's a good idea to keep the ban8tech listserve for our purposes

- o Per Mrinal, we will keep ban8tech and perhaps just rename it at a later date
  - o The banner8 listserve will be removed after April 19th or shortly thereafter per Mrinal

- Exit Interviews – Alex
  - o PMs conducting interviews with the Clients as we did prior to the start of the project
  - o Would like to meet with the Technical staff as well to get their input
  - o Laura has already sent an e-mail to schedule exit interviews with each group
  - o PMs will be sending a list of questions to assist with this effort
  - o The questions can be submitted via e-mail or printed and submitted anonymously
  - o PMs to publish the results received for the questions