

CCB Meeting Decision Summary

Thurs., June 3, 2004
9:00 a.m.
Rockledge 1
Fifth Floor Conference Room

Items Covered

	Submitted By	Area Affected	Type of Request	User Impact	Document Title
01	Linda Katzper	Training Activities	Emergency Requirement Change (CQ 17980)	Very High / Critical	CCB_6_3_2004_item1
02	Sophonia Simms	Committee Management	Minor Enhancement	n/a	CCB_6_3_2004_item2
03	Sophonia Simms	Committee Management	Enhancement	N/A	CCB_5_27_2004_item1

Request and Decision Summary

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	Linda Katzper	Training Activities	Emergency Requirement Change (CQ 17980)	Very High / Critical	CCB_6_3_2004_item1
01	<p>Request: In the last deployment of Trainee Activities, a bug was introduced that results in the bypass of post-doc trainees in the calculation of payback balance and status calculation. The software involved is TA2000, Nightly Payback Process, and TA2100, Payback Status and Balance Recalculation Procedure.</p> <p>Although the problem was reported soon after the September deployment, due to various circumstances, no action was taken to correct. The specific problems and solutions are as follows:</p> <p>(1) In most cases, when payback status is "1/NA," the payback button on TA COM1100 screen is non operable, i.e., it indicates that the payback summary record does not exist. Users believe that a payback record should be available, at least for those recipients who have, or will possibly eventually have an obligation. The proposal is to have a payback record created for all post-docs, whether or not they will eventually have a payback obligation, a change to TA2100. With the change, when TA2100 executes, it will create a payback summary record for all new post doc records. (There will also be a data sweep of existing post doc records without a payback summary record. However, the sweep does not require CCB approval as Mike Cox will perform through routine SQAIB data integrity action.)</p> <p>The following are related problems: For many records, payback status as shown on TA COM1100 screen is incorrect as determined by evaluating the NRSA appointment and termination information. In many post-doc cases, the payback status does not update as expected when changing the appointment and termination data. Also, some debtors have multiple APAC records on file for the same time period (e.g., Person ID 1882263). There could be as many as 99 records for the same time period for a debtor. It has been determined that these problems are occurring because for the last deployment, changes were made to the daily process (TA2100), but not to the nightly process (TA2000). Therefore it is requested that the changes made to TA2100 during the last deployment be made to TA2100 now.</p> <p>(2) Included in this request is minor enhancement to automatically gather Loan Repayment Dates from APPLS table, rather than rely on separate (i.e. redundant) user entry or SQAIB data loads. Storing LRP dates in payback records was previously implemented (i.e. 2002) as eRA's first requirement to accommodate LRPs. However, subsequent eRA enhancements to include LRPs in APPLS have created cumbersome situation for maintenance of the dates in Payback. This enhancement is recommended at this time because it requires maintenance of the TA2100 database procedure, and also because LRP applications are caught-up in the overall defect problem as described above.</p> <p>Michael Cox will do the development and integration testing. Linda Katzper will perform acceptance testing. Allan Wei, of operations, who is familiar with the development of this area, will provide Mike with needed information. Mike Cox will perform a data sweep to create payback summary records for exiting records that do not have them, but he does not</p>				

	<p>need approval for this task.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Notes: This problem was a result of another change that went through in October 2003. The problem was approved to be fixed at that time but it did not get fixed on the contract that was in place at that time. Recently, in response to input from the Training Activities Advocates, Mike Cox and Allan Wei reanalyzed the problem and determined the fix. They decided that it could be done immediately.</p> <p>Inspection of the code is complete and the fix has been implemented in test. The team is asking for the completion of integration testing, and, if it passes, to move the fix to production as soon as possible.</p> <p>When the fix is in production, they will do a sweep to correct the miscalculation of more than 2,000 paybacks.</p> <p>In the future, the forms will need to be changed (as a maintenance item), but this fix can be done without them being changed.</p> <p>There are no integration issues with other applications.</p>				
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	Sophonia Simms	Committee Management	Minor Enhancement	n/a	CCB_6_3_2004_item2
02	<p>Request: Since the implementation of NBRSS (Oct 2003), travel costs have not populating in CM. Previously, CM used to pull travel order/voucher data from ADB for all SGE members (Councils, Program Advisory Committee, and Boards of Scientific Counselors, staff serving on IRGs, and SRAs traveling for meetings). CM uses this data to calculate the committee costs for the Annual Comprehensive Review (required by law). This is travel data for approximately 850 members (around 1500 to 2400 vouchers a year).</p> <p>We have researched this problem and discovered that our job ends whenever an invalid voucher id is encountered. The job should process each record in the NBRSS file and print an error whenever an invalid voucher id is read.</p> <p>Decision: Approved</p> <p>Notes: It will take 30 hours to resolve this issue. The group agreed to approve this item and put it in the queue. Scheduling will be done at a later date.</p>				

Issue from last week

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	Sophonia Simms	Committee Management	Enhancement	N/A	CCB_5_27_2004_item1
03	<p>Request: The Center for Scientific research (CSR) requests an automated interface allowing the upload of Financial Operating Plan (FOP) travel expense data into IMPAC II/Committee Management. The upload of data will originate from CSR's SQL Server database, FOP Operational Data Store (FODS). The purpose is to eliminate a series of time consuming manual processing steps surrounding the creation of the FOP. Currently a lead Grant Technical Assistant (GTA) generates a roster for a particular study section or SEP using the Committee Management report feature. This roster is saved in PDF format and e-mailed to the World Travel Services (WTS) for processing. WTS then sends CSR Travel a weekly report in Microsoft Word and/or Microsoft Excel containing travel expense data. The final step involves CSR Travel manually entering the travel expenses into Committee Management where the FOP is generated. With the implementation of this new interface, travel expense data will be automatically uploaded into IMPAC II/Committee Management, the primary tool for producing the FOP.</p> <p>Decision: Approved with the proviso that it may not be done by September 1.</p> <p>Notes: Sophonia was asked to provide Donna with the response from Anna Snouffer (CM Advocate) regarding the possibility of failure to have this ready for September 1. If we can't guarantee the deadline, does she still want it to go ahead for the next possible release?</p> <p>Today's discussion In response to Sophonia's inquiries as to whether CSR wants this done whether or not the deadline of September 1 can be</p>				

met, CSR said that it definitely wants it ready by the Fall Council round. It offered to develop and pay for the interface itself.

The CCB agreed that we're funded for developing this and that CSR's development and funding of it won't change the integration test schedule or whether or not the September 1 date will be met.

This will be put in the queue with the promise to try to meet the September deadline.