Development Partners with Benefits

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Introduction

• The purpose of this presentation is to explain the benefits the University of Illinois got from being on the Development Partner Group for the Finance Purchase Requisition and Budget Availability as well as being beta testers for Finance Forms Transformations

• Benefits of attending this sessions:
  • 45 minutes closer to the big party
  • Get other institutions to volunteer
University of Illinois

- Three campuses (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, Springfield)  [www.uillinois.edu]
  
  - Urbana-Champaign – 46K students
  - Chicago – 29K students
  - Springfield – 5 K students

- Production Banner database 1.6 TB

- 5.8 million spriden recs
Why did we do this?

• Banner is our ERP
• Need to hear what our users are saying
• Need to get their voice heard with Ellucian
• Want to hear what other schools are saying and doing
• Want to see what direction the product is going
How did we get involved

• Had to get the ok for the involvement from our campuses
• Volunteered with Ellucian
• Set up and coordinate meetings with Business Manager Group on all three campuses.
• Went to other group meetings on campuses to ask for participants
• Set up meetings with users from all campuses to gather feedback
How did we get involved (cont.)

• Gather all the feedback and then work through it to categorizes it
• Bring feedback to meetings with Ellucian and other institutions
How much work is involved

• Depends on what you want to put into it
• Twice a week meetings with Ellucian and other schools
• Meetings with groups from your own school(s) to gather more feedback or to let them know what we are hearing
• Gathering all the input/data and then organizing it into something beneficial
• Beta Testing
Benefits to Participating

- Get what your users are saying out in front of other institutions and Ellucian during design phase.
- Hearing what other institutions are saying
- Have Ellucian ears
- Getting to see the product before most other institutions
- Getting to test early
Benefits to Participating (cont.)

- Ability to provide feedback on what you see and having it heard.
- Having support from Ellucian while installing
Summary

• Get involved

• Listen to your users and keep them involved

• No idea is a bad idea

• Have fun
Questions & Answers

Be sure to leave about 10–15 minutes for questions from your audience
Thank you!

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