



Project BEST Update

November 1, 2024

Where We've Been (FY24 - October)

1. **Implementation Phase Kickoff** – Launched design and implementation effort by organizing team members around an approach, high-level architecture, and implementation milestones.
 2. **Requirements & Design Sessions** – Facilitated sessions with campus budget offices to discuss individual campus needs and solution preferences. Organizing discussion notes into requirements documentation.
 3. **Technical Workstream** – Documented key responsibilities for pre and post go-live. Began documenting requirements for accessibility and access management.
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What's Next (November)

1. **Requirements Review & Signoff** – Providing documentation and scheduling reviews with campus budget offices to finalize requirements during November and December. There will be three sets of documents: one for Amherst, one for Chan, and one for other campuses/PO.
 2. **Pre-Implementation Considerations** – Documenting key decisions regarding revenue and expense categories and fund groupings.
 3. **Technical Workstream** – Finalizing approach to accessibility and access management
Developing an integration approach with SUMMIT.
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More on the Horizon (Winter/Spring)

1. **Iterative Development** - After requirements and design conclude, the project team will implement the system incrementally and share components as they become available.
2. **Change Discussions** – Early consideration toward training and support options will be discussed with campus teams following the requirements and design sessions.
3. **Peer Oracle Demonstrations** – Scheduling learning sessions and system walk-throughs with other institutions using Oracle EPM to inform our rollout.

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