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July 3, 2008

❖ *The New CUNYfirst General Ledger*

This week's headline is the launch of the new CUNYfirst General Ledger. Again thanks go to everyone around the university who contributed to its design, tests and implementation. The Controller's Office will issue follow-up communication on the input of financial data, and our Finance team will be readying users who will take the second phase of training in August to work with interfaces, budgets and reporting tasks.

University Deputy Controller Christina Seglem (pictured below with Thomas Zhou from the Controller's Office) initiated the CUNYfirst General Ledger on our target date, July 1, 2008, by entering and posting the *first* journal entry. Thomas Zhou loaded the *first* spreadsheet to launch the CUNYfirst General Ledger.

Upon launch, users who took the three required training courses for access successfully changed their password and were able to work within the system. Our thanks to the Help Desks around CUNY for supporting users who contacted them for assistance.

❖ *General Ledger Training*

Targeted General Ledger users who have not taken or completed the suite of classes for access to GL can sign up via the Enterprise Learning Management (ELM) system. Classes will be offered at various dates through the month of July so check the calendar within ELM for dates, times and availabilities.

❖ *Human Resources (Human Capital Management)*

Our Human Resources team has successfully completed three weeks of sessions evaluating CUNYfirst processes in four major areas of HR work – Position Management, Recruiting, Workforce Administration and Labor Administration. These workshops for our HR Subject Matter Experts demonstrated how things work now in our current business processes and legacy systems such as CUPS (City University Personnel System) and how they will be different in CUNYfirst.

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Our team is now in preparation for two sessions on July 15 and 16 at the Graduate Center where Human Resource professionals from around the university will see a demonstration of new CUNYfirst HR processes. Attendance is for our HR community only because of limited space. Please contact Jeanne Blazina (jeanne.blazina@mail.cuny.edu) to RSVP.

Sessions focused on our Base Benefits begin Monday, July 7. These meetings will validate the designed system and use it to evaluate current CUNY policies and procedures; develop step-by-step procedures and develop test scripts and scenarios for the CUNYfirst Benefits module. The University Benefits Office, Benefits Officers and other professionals are participating in these sessions. These sessions will last for two weeks.

It's been a very important week. Have a great holiday weekend