

Internal Communications

Final Report & Recommendations

Appendix

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Background

Appendix One: Project Charter

As of 3/7/2014

UW Madison Internal Communications		
e Chancellor Darrell Bazzell, Vice Chancellor Vince Sweeney		
nmunicating effectively with our students, faculty and staff is a challenging position at UW-Madison. The decentralized nature of the schools and eges contributes to the complexities of the issue, as does the diversity of liences and communication tools available to those audiences. ess to and cost to utilize certain communication vehicles is also a tributing factors. For instance, not all employees have access to computers I emails, and employees work different shifts across campus. Formation related to work life on campus including announcements, status lates, policies, procedures and new initiatives isn't always heard or lerstood by the intended audience. Poloyees are sometimes frustrated by not knowing where to find information. In times, important announcements related to changes in procedures and licies are missed entirely. Inough a variety of communication vehicles are employed across campus, are is no single communications method that serves all audiences. For mple: Mass emails to faculty and staff are costly, as much as several hundred dollars per message, and they are often overlooked simply because of the volume of email a typical employee receives in a day. Mass emails can become an irritant or are ignored if they are sent too frequently, or if the receiver is not the intended recipient. Campus news to faculty/staff delivered via Inside UW-Madison or posted on the home page of wisc.edu is generally focused on non-administrative news. Websites are dependent on employees seeking out the information rather than being recipients of a "pushed" message.		
The importance of having strong internal communications can't be overemphasized. A clear internal communications strategy can offer: • Increased productivity.		
Higher probability of achieving organizational goals.		
 Ability to approach situations, problems or crises proactively. 		

	 More effective, empowered and engaged work force. A better workplace understanding of organizational values and purpose. Smarter decision-making on all levels, reducing the need for micromanaging. Reduced day-to-day conflict between team members. Higher employee retention rates. In fact, effective communication is a key organizational success factor. 		
Goal	Present to the Executive Sponsors proposed set of improvements that will create dependable avenues for university faculty and staff to post, receive and retrieve work-related information.		
Scope / Boundaries	In Scope: All internal communications including announcements, updates and information related to administration, policies, procedures and new initiatives. Gathering input from a variety of campus stakeholders prior to recommending solutions. Investigating possible technical solutions and presenting recommendations to the Executive Sponsors. Special needs associated with the office of the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration, second and third shift employees, employees with little or no computer access, and non-native English speaking employees. Out-of-Scope: All communications associated with external audiences All communications associated with students except as members of the university community or as employees. All emergency communications Solution implementation		
Potential Team Members Identified	Team Role Home Organization		
Alice Gustafson John Lucas Lisa Hull Janet DesChenes Scott Hildebrand Don Schutt Dennis Chaptman Greg Bump	Team Co-Leader Team Co-Leader Team Member	Administrative Process Redesign University Communications Office of the Vice Chancellor for Univ Relations Administrative Process Redesign Office of the VCFA Office of Human Resources University Communications University Communications	
Brian Rust Tara Vasby	Team Member Team Member	DoIT Communications Business Services	

Brendon Dybdahl	Team Member	University Housing	
Liz Hammen	Team Member	FP&M	
Alisa Santiesteban	Team Member	University Health Services	
Dan Koetke	Project Manager	APR/OQI	
Additional Subject	Area of Expertise	Home Organization	
Matter Experts			
Marc Lovicott		UW Police	
Mark Walters		OHR	
Sarah Artz		Wisconsin Union	
Project Timeline	Charter approved by Exe	cutive Sponsors	Feb 28, 2014
	Project Team kickoff mee	eting	March 14
	Identify related initiative	s underway	March 28
	Employee needs assessm	ent	March 31
	Develop criteria for meas	suring success	April 7
	Identify a variety of possi	ible solutions	April 18
	Narrow down to recommended solution(s) May 2		
	Final report and / or presentation drafted May 23		
	Present recommendations to Executive Sponsors: June 6		
Support Required	Team Members will be expected to regularly attend and fully participate during		
	weekly 1-2 hour meetings, and have sufficient time to complete assigned tasks		
	between meetings.		
	Team Leaders will be expected to contribute significantly more time than Team		
	Members. In addition to leading the weekly 1-2 hour meetings, Team Leaders		
	will partner with the Proj	ect Manager to complete activities su	ich as team
	meeting preparation, pro	pject planning, drafting communication	n materials
	(presentations, announce	ements, reports, etc) and leading pre	esentations to
	Project Sponsors and other campus stakeholders.		
Document Revisions		the confirmation of several team me	-
	March 6, 2014 (corrections to name and home location of team members)		
	March 7, 2014 (added new team member – Alisa Santiesteban)		
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Date(s) Approved by	February 28, 2014		
Executive Sponsors			

Appendix Two: High-Level Project Scope

High Level Process Flowchart: Enterprise-Level Internal Communications

Project scope is within these boundaries Determine the Select the best Evaluate Identified need to Determine the method(s) to Deliver the effectiveness of the appropriate right internal communicate message(s) and reach the message(s) communication information audience audience effort timing Completed communication Communication activities out of project scope:

- Communication within one unit, department, division, etc...
- Intranet sites, unless at the UW-Madison level
- Emergency communications
- Most communications with students (see charter)
- Communications with non- UW-Madison employees
- All communications associated with external audiences

Customer Needs Assessment

Appendix Three: Campus Engagement Schedule

Internal Communications Customer Needs Assessment - Campus Engagement Schedule

Updated 5.21.2014

Activity	Task	Who	Customer	Timeline
	Refine questions for script	Sub team	Recipients - general	Done
	Approve questions for script	Full team	Recipients - general	Done
	Assign teams Dan K Rec		Recipients - general	Done
Recipient	Establish timeline	Team Co-Leads	Recipients - general	Done
Interviews	Assign / determine interviewees	Full team	Recipients - general	Done
interviews	Schedule interviews	Interview Teams	Recipients - general	Done
	80% of Interviews completed	Full team	Recipients - general	Done
	Team check-in	Full team	Recipients - general	Done
	Initial data analysis	Dan K	Recipients - general	Done
		bold type = coordinator		
	Housing / Dining Services	Brendon & Dan (Brenda Krueger)	Recipients - 2nd / 3rd shift	Done
Recipient Focus	FP&M	Janet & Liz (Shoko Miyagi)	Recipients - no computer access	Done
Group	Housing	Brendon & Alisa (Brenda Krueger)	Recipients - English 2nd language	Done
	WI Union	Janet (Tom Hogan)	Recipients - classified staff	Done
	FP&M	Alice & John(Barb Brante, Carmen Romero)	Recipients - Spanish speaking, 2nd 3rd shift	Done
	Campus Poll/Survey development	Janet/Lisa	Recipients	Done
Recipient Opinion	Proof and approve poll	Full team	Recipients	Done
Poll	Distribute poll to campus	John	Recipients	Done
Poli	Distribute poll via campus email?	John	Recipients	Done
	Begin to analyze qualitative data	Janet / Lisa	Recipients	Done
	Internal Communications Team	All	Content Owners	Done
	Administrative Council	Alice & Scott (George Watson)	Content Owners	Done
Content Owner	CSEC	John (John Lease)	Content Owners	Done
Data Collection	ASEC	John & Alice (Heather Daniels)	Content Owners	Done
	Distributed HR Reps	Janet (Mark Walters)	Content Owners	on hold
	University Committee	Alice (Darrell Bazzell)	Content Owners	Done

Appendix Four: Voice of the Customer Interview Schedule

Interview Team	Name	Division / Dept	Role / Title or Recipient Category	Date of Interview	Done?
Liz, John	Sean Leary	FPM-Carpenter Shops	FP&M supervisors (grounds, custodial)	4/9/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Marla Ostby	FPM-Business Ofc	FP&M supervisors (grounds, custodial)	4/9/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Dennis Benson	FPM-Machine Shop	FP&M supervisors (grounds, custodial)	4/9/2014	Y
Liz, John	Josh Weber	L&S / Physics	Research Assistant / TA	5/1/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Laura Peterson	FPM- Grounds	FP&M supervisors (grounds, custodial)	4/10/2014	Y
Liz, John	Kim Corcoran	FPM- Stores	FP&M supervisors (grounds, custodial)	4/14/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Katie Hermsen	Campus and Visitor Relations	student employee 1	4/11/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Kelsey Koss	Campus and Visitor Relations	Tour Supervisor	4/11/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Molly Trerotola	Campus and Visitor Relations	student employee 3	4/11/2014	Υ
Liz, John	Heather Melcher	Campus and Visitor Relations	student employee 4	4/11/2014	Υ
Greg, Janet	Kevin Cherek	AIMS	Manager / Supervisor	4/15/2014	Y
Greg, Janet	Jennifer Klippel	Budget Office	Budget Analyst	4/15/2014	Υ
Greg, Janet	Katie Culver	L&S, Journalism	Assistant Professor	4/14/2014	Υ
Greg, Janet	Michelle Young	Enrollment Mgmt	Administrator	4/8/2014	Y
Don, Brendon	Shawn Dunn	Housing	2nd / 3rd shift employee	4/17/2014	Y
Don, Brendon	Shay Dicken	Housing	2nd / 3rd shift employee	4/14/2014	Y
Don, Brendon	Lauren Hill	Housing	employee without computer access	4/15/2014	Y
Don, Brendon	Gabriel Javier	Student Life	Student Life, academic staff	4/25/2014	Υ
Don, Brendon	Susan Fenton	L&S, Religious Studies	Academic Staff, Program Manager	4/15/2014	Υ
Brian, Scott	Annette Stratman-Durrer	DoIT	Academic Staff	Done	Υ
Brian, Scott	George Watson	OQI	Academic Staff, Individual contributor	Done	Y
Brian, Scott	Terry Warfield	School of Business	Professor, Department Chair	Done	Y
Brian, Scott	Josh Olson	DoIT	roressor, peparament enam	Done	Y
Dennis, Tara	Josh Cutler	Law School	Admin	Done	Υ
Dennis, Tara	Tammy Kuhn-Martin	Engineering	Aumin	Done	Y
Dennis, Tara	Kathy Cramer-Walsh	Political Science	Faculty	4/22/2014	Y
Dennis, Tara	Amy Smith	Wisconsin Union	Hourly employee	Done	Y
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Alice, Alisa	Justin Gay	RSP	Administration	4/15/2014	Y
Alice, Alisa	Tammy Starr	HR	OHR Training Officer	4/8/2014	Υ
Alice, Alisa	Mike Matschull	Business Services - Purchasing	IS BUS AUTO SPEC	Done	Υ
Alice, Alisa	Brian Hutchinson	Business Services - Purchasing	PURCH AGENT MGMT SUPV	Done	Y
Alice, Alisa	Michelle Hoppmann	Financial Specialist	1.100	4/14/2014	Y
Alice, Alisa	Bradley Thomas	Business Services	MDS	4/7/2014	Y
Alice, Alisa	Jesse Winters	So Education	Building Manager	4/10/2014	Y
Lisa, Dan	Liz Reznicheck	University Relations	Student Employee	4/4/2014	Y
Janet, Dan	Kevin Galles	SMPH	Sr Research Spec	5/2/2014	Υ
Lisa, Dan	Terry Ruzicka	Enrollment Management	Administration	Done	Υ
Lisa, Dan	Todd Finkelmeyer	Education, Administration	ASSOC UNIV REL SPEC	4/11/2014	Υ
Lisa, Dan	Megan Costello	L&S, Administration	Outreach Specialist	4/11/2014	Υ

Benchmarking

Appendix Five: Benchmarking Survey Results - Private Industry

Survey participants were not required to indicate the name of their institution. Of the 6 survey responses received, only 2 opted to self-identify:

- Aurora Health Care
- Roundy's Supermarkets

Initial Report

Last Modified: 05/20/2014

 $1. \ \ What are the primary sources where you currently get information regarding policies, systems, administrative processes or initiatives for employees? (Select up to 3)$

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Department emails/e-newsletter		3	50%
2	Staff Meetings		3	50%
3	From my supervisor		1	17%
4	Intranet		5	83%
5	Paper mailings/no tices		2	33%
6	Emails from CEO or Board		2	33%
7	I have to seek out information when I need it		0	0%
8	Other		1	17%

Other	
Accounting	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	6

$2. \ \ \text{How is this type of information delivered to you? (Select up to 3)}$

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	E-news or similar type format		2	33%
2	Email		5	83%
3	Staff meetings		1	17%
4	From my supervisor		1	17%
5	Paper mailings/notices		2	33%
6	Text messages		0	0%
7	Twitter		0	0%
8	Email from CEO or Board		1	17%
9	Intranet		3	50%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	6

$3. \ \ \text{How is "high priority" information delivered to you? (Select up to 3)}$

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	E-news or similar type format		0	0%
2	Email		4	67%
3	Staff Meetings		2	33%
4	From my supervisor		3	50%
5	Paper mailings/notices		2	33%
6	Text messages		0	0%
7	Twitter		0	0%
8	Email from CEO or Board		2	33%
9	Intranet		2	33%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	9
Total Responses	6

4. How often is this type of information delivered to you?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Daily		1	17%
2	Weekly		0	0%
3	Monthly		0	0%
4	Quarterly		0	0%
5	As needed (Other)		5	83%
	Total		6	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	4.33
Variance	2.67
Standard Deviation	1.63
Total Responses	6

$5. \quad \text{Are you satisfied with how your organization communicates internal policy and administrative employment related info?} \\$

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes		5	83%
2	No		1	17%
	Total		6	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.17
Variance	0.17
Standard Deviation	0.41
Total Responses	6

$6. \quad \text{If no, what, in your opinion, can your organization do better?} \\$

Text Response

Work is being done to streamline and improve communications. Too many emails make it difficult to find information.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

$7. \ \$ If you are comfortable doing so, please include an archived version of an internal communication (newsletter or other) OR a screen-shot of your Intranet page.

File Upload	File Type	File Size
Example Aurora Physician Newsletter 05132014.png	image/png	76.7KB
Statistic	Value	
Total Responses	1	

$8. \ \ \text{Which organization do you represent? (Optional)}$

Text Response		
Aurora Health Care		
Roundy's		

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

Appendix Six: Benchmarking Survey Results - Peer Institutions

Survey participants were not required to indicate the name of their institution. Of the 14 survey responses received, the following 10 opted to self-identify:

- University of Notre Dame
- Duke University
- University of Minnesota
- Seattle Pacific University
- University of Kansas
- University of Waterloo
- Clemson University
- Harper College
- University of California Berkeley
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Initial Report

Last Modified: 05/13/2014

1. What are the primary vehicles you currently use to distribute information regarding policies, benefits, administrative processes or campus initiatives that impact employees? (select up to 3)

#	Answer Bar	ır	Response	%
1	Department emails/e-newsletter		4	29%
2	Staff meetings		4	29%
3	Campus-wide enews or email		12	86%
4	Distribute to other groups or departments for dissemination		3	21%
5	Intranet		2	14%
6	Paper mailings/notices		5	36%
7	Email from campus leadership		6	43%
8	Other:		2	14%

Other: We use all of the above plus other means like town hall mtgs but only selected 3 per instructions. We also plan to incorporate Twitter as a new internal comms tool in the very near future. Staff and faculty pathway pages

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	8
Total Responses	14

2. What are your primary methods for delivering this information to employees who have limited or no computer access?

Text Response

Posting notices near time clocks. For most major policy or process changes we have open meetings as well.

To managers electronically in a communications brief format that they can copy/distribute or speak to at meetings/walk-arounds. Every employee has an email address. We know there are some who don't check it, but they do receive notices electronically too. We also conduct a special evening session of our town hall meetings for night shift staff. (Two town hall meetings each year with HR VP, EVP and President. President does not attend evening session -- EVP and HR VP cover it.)

We print and distribute a 16-page news magazine/newsletter six times a year. It is delivered to the employee boxes on campus. We also sent out biweekly emails to manager to keep their employees informed.

campus mail or verbal messages from supervisors

Face to face meetings

All staff members and employees have computer access, even though they may not have a dedicated computer or work in an office.

Staff meetings, paper notices posted on bulletin boards, distributed via supervisors

Mass emails include directives for supervisors to post hard copies in locations for employees with limited access to email.

Depend on supervisors to pass info to their direct reports.

Department meetings and posters by time clocks.

Ask supervisors to print and post.

Departmental HR reps

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	12

 $3. \;\;$ Does staff from schools/units have access to post or include information in your primary campus wide vehicles?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes, they can freely post		2	14%
2	Yes, they can request inclusion via an editor		9	64%
3	No, all content is generated centrally		3	21%
	Total		14	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.07
Variance	0.38
Standard Deviation	0.62
Total Responses	14

4. Have you conducted any research or received input from employees on the success of your communications of this type of information? If yes, please briefly describe.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	_	1	7%
2	No		8	57%
3	Comment:		5	36%
	Total		14	

Comment:

We conduct surveys and focus groups to solicit feedback

We 2 readership surveys/year for the print publication. We have also done broader internal communication benchmark surveys.

Survey about weekly internal newsletter. High marks for information content. Low marks for readability, which we are working on.

Conducted an employee communications survey last year and will conduct another in Q1 2015

Recently completed an internal communication survey to establish a baseline for communication effectiveness

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	2.29
Variance	0.37
Standard Deviation	0.61
Total Responses	14

 $5. \ \$ If you could change one aspect of communicating this type of information to campus, what would it be?

Text Response

The complexity of the information can be cumbersome at times.

We need a more well-defined channel for hourly/non-computer using employees. I would love to see the results from this survey. Thanks, John!

Establish more kiosks in work areas without regular online access.

We have tried to reduce campus wide emails because of low open rates and complaints of too much email. For info with more lead time we try to communicate through deans and depts and through our email newsletter. We also use social media such as faculty and staff twitter feed.

Wish we had an Intranet.

We are hoping to survey campus over the summer on the effectiveness of two of our primary vehicles for communications, KU Today and alternating Monday messages from the chancellor and provost. Even without having that information, the biggest change I would make is aggregating the campus wide e-mails that are sent in addition to KU Today.

I would increase the frequency of such communications.

I'd love to get away from the emails, but it's tought to get audiences to adopt new media and dissemination vehicles like Yammer.

We are about to launch an entirely revamped Intranet. As me this question in 6 months!

More granularity -- smaller buckets to target specific audience segments

Change the campus-wide email distribution tool to allow more attractive formatting and attachments

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11

6. Please share comments, ideas, do's and don'ts that we may not have asked about.

Text Response

We are looking to start an internal comm Twitter account to reach a population of employees who are not engaging with our traditional internal comms tools. Duke University has the most well-coordinated internal comms effort I've seen. If you're not familiar with their work, you can reach out to Paul Grantham there. He's a super nice guy and is a fountain of information.

Don't assume print is dead. It remains our most effective means of internal communication.

The weekly internal newsletter to faculty and staff has become the main vehicle for distributing campus information, thus reducing the amount of individual emails from departments and groups on campus. Here is the link to the email version http://spu.edu/newsletter/faculty-staff-bulletin/5-5-14?emailview=true

KU uses Microsoft Exchange for e-mail, and to manage its campuswide e-mail lists. Several schools and departments, though, use 3rd party software and/or maintain their own lists for additional communications. In addition, KU Today, our daily news and information digest, uses MailChimp. Over the summer we will be contacting vendors about a campuswide 3rd party solution. It would be interesting to know how other campuses have dealt with the issue of managing access to internal e-mails. Most recent edition of KU Today is at http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=be359a4205a0b6055c05aba4&id=5f66b72d89&e=2cea8e9bc4

The University of Waterloo doesn't have an Intranet but there is a publication called the Daily Bulletin - http://www.bulletin.uwaterloo.ca that performs many of the same functions

I have attached a screen shot of our Intranet that is currently under development. We are in the beta testing phase and expect to launch after Memorial Day. Once completed, I will overhaul our enewsletter. Current versions (a hybrid of a legacy email and a new format) are available here http://newsletter.harpercoilege.edu/enewsletter-archives/ with the caveat that I know they are too long, but need the new Intranet finalized before I rework it. Please use this for your reference only. It is not intended to be shared publicly (as you can see, I need to host articles on an external blog site until I get the new Intranet up and running). I would appreciate it if you would share the results of the survey with me: cmuci@harpercoilege.edu Thanks, Carolynn

People complain about getting too much email, but when asked how they want to know about new policies, etc., they always rank email very highly. There doesn't seem to be an easy solution.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	7

7. If you are comfortable doing so, please include a link to an archived version of an internal communication (newsletter or other) OR a screen-shot of your Intranet page.

File Upload		File Type	File Size
1	Click here to download all files.		
W@D April-May2014.pdf		application/pdf	2.7MB
Screen Shot 2014-05-07 at 10.54.51 AM.png		image/png	866.7KB
HIP Screen Shot 2014-05-07.jpg		image/jpeg	404KB

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

 $8.\,$ Which University or College do you represent? (optional)

Text Response
Notre Dame
Duke University
small (
University of Minnesota
Seattle Pacific University
University of Kansas
University of Waterloo.
Clemson University
Harper College, Carolynn Muci, cmuci@harpercollege.edu
UC Berkeley
UNC-Chapel Hill

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	11