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**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Chief Business Officers

FROM: Usha Ramachandran, Interim Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs  
Tom Maier, Vice Chancellor for Information and Instructional Technology

We have received valuable feedback from each of you over the last month regarding the upgrade to the new version of the PeopleSoft® Financial ERP. Your main concerns centered on the fact that the major upgrades were scheduled to occur in close proximity to the FY '08 Year-End Close Process and the FY '09 Budget Development Process, and the attendant risk of not being able to complete the financial reports in a timely and accurate manner. You also expressed a desire for increased functionality related to on-line financial reports.

We have discussed your concerns and desires and believe that we can provide a solution that meets your needs while minimizing the risks and costs associated with a change in the project schedule.

The GaFIRST project team has proposed the following:

- Change the actual cutover dates to **September and October of 2008;**
- Complete the other activities in the upgrade process using the current project schedule through March, such as user acceptance testing;
- Add functionality related to on-line reporting; and
- Assess, minimize and manage the attendant risks and costs related to this schedule change and added reporting functionality.

You will experience significant improvements upon completion of the upgrade including the self-service modules eProcurement and Expenses and enhanced on-line reporting capabilities. This change will also have a cost impact on the FY '09 PeopleSoft® campus support fees but we will do everything we can to minimize this impact.

We have asked PSFIN Upgrade Team Leader Sharon Logan to develop a detailed timeline that incorporates the above cited changes cited. We will share this timeline with you for comments and suggestions. As always, we appreciate your feedback and support as we move forward to a new and enhanced PeopleSoft® environment.

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