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Part I:

For our project delivery approach, I think it would be best if we chose traditional project management. “Traditional project management focuses on the planning stage of the project more, other than agile project management, and that would be more beneficial for our situation” (Boogaard, 2022). With us being in different locations, time zones will be a factor in meetings communication, so planning around that will strengthen our project. With this project management we can also manage to have meetings, with each team at a time, or if we can if it’s not too inconvenient a time when everyone is available, but we know that will be difficult at times. Traditional project management also makes the project process more manageable and more predictable, with it being easy to track and manage, and gives a clear sense of direction to head to, because of everything being pre-planned.

For our product and deliverables would benefit from traditional project management, by having everything pre-planned. It also makes the products and deliverables more defined, because we will have a better handle on the situation between them, so our team can work on them more efficiently. With the longer period of planning that comes with the traditional project management compared it will allow us to plan out and get a better understanding of how to manage our products and our deliverables, which is important with different teams being in different locations.

Our project team my be heavily affected by the different time zone locations, but we can make up for that by using the traditional project management approach, by having a good outline plan for the project, and making it clear and understandable so there are no complications. Since our teams are skilled and specialized in their area they will need less direction, and knowledge, and with that added on to the traditional project management approach everything will be preplanned so meeting up will really just be checking on them, or announcing changes. Even though having this approach may lack in collaboration with the skill sets our employees have it will make up for it, and we will also have more control over the project if it includes risk or problems. “This allows for a more controlled and predictable outcome, as the manager or supervisor can make decisions and solve problems on behalf of the team.” (Narasimman, 2023)We the teams or just an individual is hard to reach the head of the project will make the decision, because of the pervious planning.

Culture in traditional project management I think will be respected, and needs to be very well thought of, because of our users being in the United Kingdom. Since everyone is in their own region, we will have to be cautious about different cultures. Going back to our customers we will have to make sure that we make it to where we are connected with them in that matter. “One of the main causes of project failure is that the organizational culture is not supportive of projects” (Hoole & Du Plessis, 2002), so we will have to study their culture and incorporate it into the product.

Part II:

The person who should receive the manger or managers in charge of the project, so that he/she will spread the information whether if it’s from the stakeholders, about making a change, or whether it’s from an employee discussing the current status or a problem they have ran into. The manager should be in charge of spreading the information to the people it will need to be addressed to. I think the information can be sent anytime through email. I don’t think that will cause any harm, but the email should be responded to asap when you are working or on the clock unless busy with a task. For example, since the Wales, United Kingdom is 9 hours ahead of Colorado, United States and Ljubljana, Slovenia being ahead 8 hours ahead of Colorado, United States, it will be best for users just to reply during work hours when they are available to the manager and the manager will distribute the information. The manager can also assign meetings in the morning, for example 7 a.m. in Colorado, while it is 3 p.m. in Ljubljana. “Traditional project management uses organized teams, where team members have a transparent chain of command and report to a manager or supervisor.” (Narasimman, 2023) And I think that way will be very productive and adaptable for the project, so that communication is spread efficiently.

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