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**INTRODUCTION**

**Purpose of Plan**

The T.A. Solutions Project Management Plan will provide a definition of the project, including the project’s goals and objectives. The Project Management Plan is an agreement amongst the project team members and the project supervisor. This plan represents a common understanding of the project for the facilitating communication between the project supervisor and the team to set authorities and limits for the project manager along with the team. The Project Management Plan includes everything relating to the project to business objectives, and defining the boundaries of the project like the approach, deliverables, milestones, and budget.

**Background Information**

Currently, the Code Samurai tutoring program at Kean University use a combination of Google Sheets and signatures on a paper as a check in/out method for Students and Tutors. Professor Wang, the Program Coordinator, has explained that these logs are important for monitoring the growth of the program, subjects in need of more tutors, and determine the amount funding the program will receive.

The logs on Google Sheets requires the tutor to note the date, session time start/end, and ask the student for the class name and ID number. Normally, this process takes students a few minutes for the student to look up this information in their papers or online resources, while they simultaneously inform the tutor about their current gripes. At times the student may even get frustrated finding this information and were seeking more immediate assistance.

T.A. Solutions seeks provide administrators of tutoring programs a means to easily monitor their program by digitally logging sessions, automated flagging, and data analytics, while also streamlining the sign-in process for both Student and Tutor through mobile and web-based systems. As a result, T.A. Solutions will aid administrative decision making by informing users of issues within the program and predicting program growth.

**Project Approach**

This section gives outline of the phases we will go through to get this project until it’s deliverable. We will be following Agile Development method to develop this mobile application using mostly HTML and JavaScript with the help of a tool called PhoneGap. Kean E-Directory (KED) will help students and visitors find a way to get to where their destination is without wondering around or getting lost. Students and visitors will be able to search by staff name, department or building to get basic information as well as the exact location.

**Overall Project Schedule:** From 01/25/17 to 05/10/17

**Break down of the Schedule:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Phase** | **Start Date** | **Due Date** | **Description** |
| Phase 1 | 02/01/17 | 02/22/17 | Basic app with Google map of Campus and User’s Location  Project Management Plan (PMP) and System Design Document (SDD) |
| Phase 2 | 02/23/17 | 03/15/17 | Test Case and Test Plan  Building as markers on the map |
| Phase 3 | 03/16/17 | 04/05/17 | Linking information about buildings, departments, and Staff with App |
| Phase 4 | 04/06/17 | 04/26/17 | Searching for buildings or staff name |
| Phase 5 | 04/27/17 | 05/10/17 | Fix and clean up Code to make it deliverable  Do the Show Case |

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Accomplish project business goals and objectives within this project’s budget and time limit. Goal and objective is to make a mobile app which will enable users to search for staff members, departments, and buildings and get basic information as well as the exact location.

Kean E-Directory (KED) is implemented to achieve the goals as below:

* To deliver a mobile application which will allow users to search by staff members, departments, and buildings.
* When the user search, the search will go through the database to identify whether the search item is in database or not.
* The result of the user’s search from the database will give user the basic information as well as the exact location where user will be able to be directed to get direction.
* Work with public relations so that after the deployment, more users will be able to use this mobile application.

Kean E-Directory (KED) is implemented to achieve the objectives as below:

* Decrease in numbers of students and visitors who wander around or get lost on campus

**SCOPE**

**Scope Definition**

Project Scope is part of project planning involves determination and documentation of specific project goals, deliverables, tasks, costs and deadlines. By end of the timeline, Mobile Application should be tested successfully to deploy where users will be able to search for staff names, departments, or buildings to get basic information as well as the exact location.

Search

Campus Map

Search Search Result

Search by Staff Name Map

Search

Choose Department

Choose Building

Direction

**Department** Map

Building

Phone #

E-mail

Choose Staff Direction

See Map

Direction

**Building**  Map

Picture

Departments

Closest Parking Lot

Handicap Parking

See Map

Direction

**Items Beyond Scope**

The project does not include the following:

* This mobile application will not let users search outside of Kean University
* If database isn’t updated, user’s search might not give correct information

**Projected Budget**

There is no need for project budget but there is cost estimation for this mobile application as we are planning to use the Google Maps API an excessive amount. The first 1,000 calls a day are free, above that there may be some small fees. We do not foresee this happening during our development stage but potentially after release if there is a large user base. Another potential cost could be how we implement the app getting information on staff, departments, and building numbers. If we can use Kean database there should be no cost, but if we need to use an online service there may be a cost.

**Risk Assessment**

Initial Risk Assessment attempts to identify, characterize, prioritize and document a mitigation approach relative to those risks which can be identified prior to the start of the project.

Risk Assessment will be monitored continuously and updated throughout the project with weekly assessments which will be included in the weekly progress report.

Project Manager can possibly make any adjustments and recommendation to the team members weekly, if not more frequently as conditions may vary.

**Initial Project Risk Assessment**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Risk** | **Priority** | **Risk Level** **L/M/H** | **Likelihood of Event** | **Mitigation Strategy** |
| Get up to date information from OCIS | **1** | **M** | **Somewhat likely** | Contact the person who oversees the database to get up to date information of staffs, buildings, and department |
| Get access to Kean directory too late | **1** | **M** | **Somewhat likely** | Contact the person who oversees the database and give her the deadline of when we need to know whether we can get access to Kean directory or not. |
| Google Map API | **2** | **M** | **Somewhat likely** | Use the existing Google Map API since it can’t be changed but can only hope that everything that is needed for this project is there |

**ASSUMPTIONS**

**Project Assumptions**

The following assumptions were made in preparing the Project Plan:

* Get access to a database to get professor, department and building information from Kean University OCIS
* Get information regarding coordinates of different buildings from Dr. Huang

**CONSTRAINTS**

**Project Constraints**

The following represent known project constraints:

* Lack of commitment from the team members
* Lack of skilled resources
* Poor communication amongst team members

**Critical Project Barriers**

Unlike risks, critical project barriers are intractable issues that can be critical to a project’s initiative. In this project, the following are possible critical barriers:

* Unable to get access to the database of Kean Directory

Should any of these events occur, then Kean E-Directory (KED) would not be deliverable.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT APPROACH**

**Project Timeline**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Phase** | **Start Date** | **End Date** | **Duration** | **Resources** |
| Phase 1 | 2/01/2017 | 2/22/2017 | 3 Weeks | Myles McHugh  Oluwasegun Olaosebikan  SarahJang  Dharvi N Shah |
| Phase 2 | 2/23/2014 | 3/15/2014 | 3 Weeks | Myles McHugh  Oluwasegun Olaosebikan  SarahJang  Dharvi N Shah |
| Phase 3 | 3/16/2014 | 4/05/2017 | 3 Weeks | Myles McHugh  Oluwasegun Olaosebikan  SarahJang  Dharvi N Shah |
| Phase 4 | 4/06/2014 | 4/26/2017 | 3 Weeks | Myles McHugh  Oluwasegun Olaosebikan  SarahJang  Dharvi N Shah |
| Phase 5 | 4/27/2014 | 5/10/2017 | 3 Weeks | Myles McHugh  Oluwasegun Olaosebikan  SarahJang  Dharvi N Shah |

**Project Roles and Responsibilities**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Role(s)** | **Responsibilities** | **Participant(s)** |
| Project Stakeholders | * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Review some project elements * Lend expertise and guidance as needed | OCIS and Public Relation |
| Project Supervisor | * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Review some project elements * Lend expertise and guidance as needed | Dr. Jing-Chiou Liou |
| Project Manager | * Manage project to proceed as accordingly to project plan * Serve as liaison to the Project Supervisor * Supervise team members * Provide overall project direction * Direct/lead team members toward project objectives * Handle problem resolution * Coordinates participation of work groups, individuals * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Help identify and remove project barriers * Assure quality of products that will meet the project goals and objectives * Identify risks and issues and help in resolutions * Lend expertise and guidance as needed * Project Management Plan (PMP) | Sarah Jang |
| Project Developer | * Understand user needs and business processes of their area * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Lend expertise and guidance as needed * Software Design Document (SDD) * Develop working product * Develops the product based on requirements | Myles McHugh |
| Project Assistant Developer | * Understand user needs and business processes of their area * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Lend expertise and guidance as needed * Software Design Document (SDD) * Assist develop working product * Assist develop the product based on requirements | Oluwasegun Olaosebikan |
| Project  Tester | * Understand user needs and business processes of their area * Provide knowledge and recommendations * Lend expertise and guidance as needed * Test Case and Test Plan * Test the mobile application * Using user stories | Dharvi N Shah |

**Issue Management**

There is always the possibility of making any changes in the Project Management Plan as the project progresses. When those changes do occur, it is important to note any changes to the Project Plan so the team knows what kind of impact those changes will bring.

The decision to make any modifications to the Project Plan should be coordinated using the following process:

**Step 1:** As soon as a change occurs which will impact project scope, schedule, staffing or spending is identified, the Project Manager will document the issue.

**Step 2:** Project Manager will review changes to determine what kind of impact this will have on the project. Any issues along with any recommendations will be forwarded to Product team members.

**Step 3:** Product Supervisor will be notified of any changes that were made.

**Communications Plan**

Project members should know the status of the project and if there are any changes, how they are affected. The more people know about the progress of the project, better their input will be to support each other. Involvement will increase the participation and that will create more support for all the team members.

This plan provides how everyone in the team will get informed, involved, and obtained from all team members throughout the duration of the project.

**Communications Methodology**

Communication Methodology is used to research, create, and execute a communication plan for a project that targets key audience groups.

The Communication Methodology is:

* **Scalable:** The methods and templates apply to communication efforts big and small, internal and external.
* **Widespread:** Nearly every communication effort includes these components.
* **Iterative:** Communication planning is an iterative process. Completion of components is not always sequential.

**Audience**

This communication plan is for the following audiences:

* Project Stakeholder
* OCIS
* Public Relation
* Project Supervisor
* Project Manager
* Project Team Members

**Communications Outreach**

The following is a list of communication events that are established for this project:

**Weekly Status Reports:**

The Project Manager will provide weekly written status reports which will include the following information:

* Summary of tasks completed in previous week
* Summary of tasks scheduled for completion in following week
* Summary of issue status and resolutions

**Weekly Project Team Status Meeting:**

These status meetings are held every week on Wednesdays where all the members of this project team are invited to participate. Project Manager will share the status report prior to the meeting on google drive which every team members have access to so that everyone can review in advance. Additionally, all the documentations will be uploaded on google drive which can be accessed by all team members. In between the weekly meetings, team members communicate through slack to discuss if there is any problem or concerns about the project.

**ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES**

***Appendices/Attachments may be included in a hardcopy form***

* Project High-Level Description (HLD) Document
* Business Case
* Project Charter
* Project Description
* Statement of Work

**APPROVALS**

**Sign-off Sheet**

***I have read the above Project Plan and will abide by its terms and conditions and pledge my full commitment and support for the Project Plan.***

**Project Manager: Sarah Jang**

Signature Date