We are now approaching the mid-point of the email/calendar conversion project, here is a summary of project status:

Current status

Next target conversion - DA/FH employees (Mangement, classified)
DA-1344
FH- 622
Total 1966
History converted: 1600
Percentage converted: 81%
The decision is made to convert DA on June 22 and FH on June 29. Delay FH for a week to convert to the new system.

Central Services conversion is complete, all 174 users are in exchange 2010. we do not have any reported issues this morning from users converted to the new system.

Challenges

We are still spending a lot of time to move the delta differences over, the performance of the process needs improvement, project team will start to focus on the 2007 Exchange performance Monday to see if we can speed up the conversion. This appears to be a bottleneck and most critical issue to achieve next objective.

Production server experienced a brief outage Saturday at 4:15 pm, it eventually recovered by itself, but the root cause is still unknown at this stage, we need to look into this issue.
Server load testing/stress test is still not done, the system appears to be able to handle the load at current moment, but we need further validation.
Several policy decisions pending regarding Exchange calendaring especially in the area of meeting room moderators, setting up email invitation lists, allowing employees to opt in and out still need to be in place before cut over to live status.
Staff training and ability to monitor and maintain the VM email platform.

Positives

We are on target and on schedule thus far, the conversion process seems to be solid and brought all user data over to Exchange from sendmail with minimum problems.
System performance is good so far with both conversion and live users actively using the system.
Disk space utilization is below the original estimation.

Looking ahead

1. Complete the June 22, go live schedule of DA/FH group.
2. Bring up the additional 50% capacity on line by deploying load balancer.
3. Clean up critical go live issue list
4. Prepare for cut over to Sharon's team for phase II of the project on July 9, 2012.
5. Purchase backup appliance solution.