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Subject: RE: [kuali] Kuali Community Strategy Sessions - Planning for Kuali's Second Decade

Dear Kuali Colleagues,

As you know, the Kuali Foundation has always welcomed members in good standing connecting with the community at large about various topics. And, our current topic is a very important one as we move to Kuali 2.0.

I regret to inform you that Moderas was terminated today as a member of the Kuali Foundation for a lack of payment for very past due current year membership dues. These are the dues that all universities and Kuali Commercial Affiliates pay each year. This was not an outcome I desired, and I spent many emails over the past 8 months with Chris Thompson asking them for payment of their dues including an email conversation yesterday afternoon, but to no avail. I wish Moderas well and believe they will continue to work with Kuali Coeus customers, but not as a Kuali Commercial Affiliate member of the community.

I also want to remind you that anyone could attend the two Community Strategy meetings this summer. We had many KCAs who attended one or both of these rigorous discussion sessions, and they provided excellent input and guidance. Moderas chose not to attend either session even though I personally reached out to them twice to encourage their attendance.

There has been extensive, ongoing dialogue through the Kualo Project boards, sessions at EDUCAUSE last week, campus visits, information documents, blogs, and many calls. I wish to continue our good dialog about Kualo's second decade and the addition of KualoCo, and I ask that you continue to call or send your questions to us. This is a very valuable community, and we want to maintain that value as we move to enhance and accelerate Kualo's open source software.

I also want to encourage everyone to attend Kualo Days and encourage your teams to attend. This will be a very special Kualo Days this year and we want all our "old faces" and "new faces" there!

Please let me know of any questions or concerns you have about this or any issue with Kualo.

Sincerely,

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Fellow Kuali Enthusiasts,

The recent announcement that Kuali is adding a commercial entity and that they were changing the licensing to enhance the long term viability of the Foundation is an exciting one. Some seem enthusiastic, some concerned and others a little confused about what it all really means and what the future holds. The messages coming from the Foundation are all very positive; they've stated that they plan to continue to support a totally open source product for years to come which is welcome news to all of us who've invested so much into the community over the years. They also stated that everyone will be able to access Kuali without restriction if you're planning to install it locally which again is wonderful.

Recent developments have seen a bit of a shift to that original statement as I'm sure they're still working out the details. On October 2nd the Foundation announced at Educause that they plan to limit some functionality to their commercial software from being available to all, at this point it's just the ability for what's call multi-tenancy, an infrastructure that allows multiple institutions to be in a single environment. This isn't really an alarming change as this is something that only the very largest research institutions might be interested in taking advantage of but it is a shift from the original message.

It's only a month or so later and this recent change indicates that the story is still evolving which is fair, it's a big shift in direction. Many of us are not sure what the overall direction is to be so the question of what might be next seems a reasonable one. We've requested the Foundation to open its Blog to public comments to allow for all of us to have a dialog on this as right now there are independent blogs like this point of view that are really adding to the confusion.

Moderas is very excited about this new change in direction and we hope you are too. We're in agreement with the Foundation that it eliminates some of the burdens that the old model carried and allows for all kinds of new possibilities. Will Kualu diverge into multiple commercial products? Will someone (or a group of institutions) decide to continue to support Kualu under the current open source license? Will the cost of implementations drop? Will the expense of hosting, training, and support decrease because of increased competition? I think the answer to all these questions is a resounding yes!

We've put together a quick survey to get feedback on the new direction of the Foundation as there hasn't yet been an avenue for community members to share their thoughts. The results of the survey will be shared with all as well as with the Foundation in the hopes of encouraging open dialogue.

Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NT2JFOS>

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Subject: Today's email from the Foundation

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A concerned community member sent us a copy of the email distributed by the Foundation today about our "termination" as a Kuali Commercial Affiliate. I'd like to clarify that we withdrew our support, termination was a decision made after we elected to no longer be affiliated, a distinction I feel is worth sharing.

We're trying to stay very positive about the Foundations new direction so even writing this email is against my nature to be supportive but unfortunately I felt some clarification was necessary. We received an email from the Foundation yesterday asking us to try and come to a resolution about dues in arrears and that they would very much like for us to continue to be commercial affiliates. I feel it's inappropriate to discuss the details related to why we withheld these dues but suffice it to say that it's not inaccurate to say that we did so. We responded that while we support their decision to create a commercial entity it's not something we're comfortable contributing to or being affiliated with. We totally understand that our position may be in the minority and that others may not share our concerns but it was a matter of principle, not a business decision to end our relationship with the Foundation.

We will continue to support Kuali products and the Kuali Community and wish the Kuali Foundation and KualiCo much success!

Best regards,
Chris Thompson

President - Moderas