Agile methodologies have invaded most IT organizations but finding the right fit is a challenge. The Web and Application Services unit within UC, Office of the President struggled to find balance between development initiatives and maintenance activities and therefore have taken a blended approach to applying the appropriate Agile methodology.

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Tips for Blending Agile Methodologies

- The appropriate Agile framework is chosen by the impacted team - not by management

  Agile methodologies will fail if forced. Management may not ignore explicit policies set by the team.

- Manage the maintenance and development activities on one board

  One board provides visibility for all participants to view team activities - Analysts, Developers, QA, and Management regardless of work stream.

- Communication is key

  Team members who are assigned development Sprint activities know which tickets to pull based on a specific naming convention while other members pull independent maintenance tickets.

- Set explicit policies that apply to both maintenance and development work

  Team members have consistency in process regardless of work stream.

- Sprint Planning continues to be a core activity

  Sprint planning, stand-ups, and retrospectives are applied to development projects in parallel with maintenance activities.