



**APRIL 2016**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Academic and Administrative Departments

**From:** Finance

**Re:** Year End Schedule June 30, 2016 (highlights indicate changes from prior year memo)

The purpose of this Year End Schedule is to coordinate the closing of the University's financial records for fiscal 2016. Departments should evaluate and plan for remaining expenditures as early as possible.

Continuing the same processes as last year, it is important that all expenditures relating to goods received and work performed by June 30, 2016 be charged to fiscal 2016 and that all activities occurring after June 30, 2016 (i.e. airfare, conference fees) be charged to the fiscal 2017. This is one of many tests that our external auditors, KPMG, perform when they come to campus for the annual audit; the purpose of which is to attest to the accuracy of the year end financial statements.

The following procedures are also designed to increase year end efficiency, provide a more accurate representation of balances and ensure charges are within the available budget. There have been no significant changes in procedures from last year.

*Please follow the monthly newsletter and carefully review other correspondence from Finance for updates throughout year end.*

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## 1. Budget Control

As we quickly approach June 30 it is important for all departments to review expenses to ensure approved budget totals are not exceeded. It is expected that WFS Inquiry Smartkey/ Account Summary or the Budget vs. Actual reports are utilized, to view the most current balances as they are changing on a daily basis.

Planning and budgeting at year end must take into account, and leave room for, transactions that are in progress and have not yet hit the budget. This can include, but is not limited to:

- Payroll
- Physical Plant Labor
- Pcard transactions
- WB Mason
- Events
- Color Copies

Please account for these charges associated with activity occurring right up through June 30. Many of these charges will be done more frequently during the month of June but, nevertheless, some charges will not take place until the first two weeks of July and may not go through workflow. Keep in mind the balance on June 30 is not final.

Departments are responsible for clearing existing or anticipated deficits in their operating smartkeys.

## 2. Workflow

It is very important that all WFS smartdocs in workflow be processed by June 30. Therefore, users should monitor the workflow status of documents that they have created and follow up on outstanding issues. All approvers should act on all documents in their inbox in a timely manner and set a proxy if out of the office, especially towards the end of the year.

If a document has been denied, it must still be acted upon by either fixing the reason for the denial or requesting from [wfshelp@wesleyan.edu](mailto:wfshelp@wesleyan.edu) that the document be deleted.

Please see Year End Seminar Powerpoint Presentation at [www.wesleyan.edu/finance](http://www.wesleyan.edu/finance) for Screen Prints on how to search for outstanding Smartdocs.

### 3. Journal Entries

Journal entries for fiscal 2016 must be approved via workflow no later than June 30. Please allow sufficient time for approval because an entry will not be completed until it is approved.

### 4. Accounts Payable Vouchers

An expenditure must be charged in the year in which the service was performed or the goods were received. The following are guidelines to help you determine which year the expense belongs and, therefore, the subsequent procedures to pay:

**Accounts Payable Vouchers  
Determining the Fiscal Year**

<u><i>What it IS</i></u>	<u><i>What it is NOT</i></u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The work is performed</li> <li>• The goods are received</li> <li>• The travel occurs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Order date</li><li>• Payment date</li><li>• Invoice date</li><li>• Budget funds available</li></ul>

#### Expenditures incurred through May 31, 2016

All vouchers for goods received, work performed, or travel through May 31 should be received by Accounts Payable no later than Wednesday, June 8 at 3:00 pm. Please contact vendors with whom you have outstanding invoices to request billing.

### Expenditures incurred during June 2016

Vouchers for goods received, work performed, or travel during the month of June must be approved by Thursday, June 30 at 3:00 pm. Again, it is expected that June expenses are minimal and necessary for that time period. Please contact vendors and request accelerated billing during this time period.

**Expenditures for goods received, work performed, or travel taken in Fiscal 2016 that remain unbilled as of June 30 must be accrued.** Accrual requests must be submitted to Susan Pavis by Friday, July 15 at 10:00 am. Final documentation for accruals is due to Susan by July 29. See #14 for additional information on accruals.

## 5. Purchase Orders

Except for grants, open purchase orders will not be carried forward to the next fiscal year. As such, the fiscal year will default to 2016/17 on Monday, June 27. Please review any outstanding purchase orders, including those that have not yet been dispatched or that have been denied, to be sure the encumbrances are accurate for the remainder of the fiscal year. If the PO is no longer applicable, request that it be closed via email to [wfshelp@wesleyan.edu](mailto:wfshelp@wesleyan.edu). Remaining encumbrances at June 30 will fall to the University bottom line.

If you need a purchase order closed or cancelled to release the encumbrance please email the PO number to [wfshelp@wesleyan.edu](mailto:wfshelp@wesleyan.edu).

## 6. Travel

All travel ending prior to May 31, 2016 must be accounted for on a travel expense report attached to a voucher by June 8. **If travel ends before June 30, 2016, receipts must be turned in by July 15 (including PCard charges). If receipts cannot be turned in by that date, request an accrual outlined in #14.** If the travel begins in fiscal 2016 and ends in fiscal 2017 it will be charged to the year in which the majority of the trip occurs or other reasonable allocation methods as determined by Finance. Appropriate accruals should be requested.

The above deadlines also apply to travel expense reports which include a travel advance that is being cleared. Expense reports should be sent to Tami Sabo in Finance. For faculty research accounts, notify Joy Vodak in Academic Affairs about travel where an individual will not return prior to June 30.

## 7. Petty Cash

All petty cash funds are to be reconciled by July 1. Reconciliation is done by totaling the cash and receipts on hand. Cash on hand plus the total of receipts for business related purchases should equal the allowed petty cash fund. A

voucher with receipts can be submitted to replenish the fund. Contact Susan Pavis at x2839 with any questions related to petty cash.

**8. Payroll and Payroll Redistributions**

The following fiscal 2016 weekly payroll charges will not hit the financial system until on or after June 30, so budget accordingly:

<u>Pay Period Ending</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Payroll Distribution</u>	<u>Personnel Earnings Detail Updated in WFS</u>
June 26, 2016	July 1,2016	June 29, 2016	June 30, 2016
July 3, 2016	July 8,2016	July 6, 2016 (payroll for June 27-30 is in fiscal 2016)	July 7, 2016 (payroll for June 27-30 is in fiscal 2016)

It is important that Student and Temp charges also be reflected in the year in which the work was performed. Please be sure that all timesheets for work performed prior to June 30 are collected and submitted before July 1. Look for Payroll notices for processing deadlines.

**Payroll redistributions of transactions prior to May 31 must be requested by June 10 to be reflected in fiscal 2016. Redistributions for June activity must be requested by 12:00 pm on July 11 to be reflected in second close reports.**

**9. Deposit Transmittals**

To ensure that there is time for processing, please submit **cash** deposit transmittals by Wednesday, June 29 at 10:00 am. The final date for submitting **check** deposit transmittals for fiscal 2016 is Thursday, June 30, 10:00 am. This is the date and time that checks and final paperwork must be *received* in the Cashier's Office in North College. This may require you to hand deliver the items as sending through campus mail will not guarantee delivery by the deadlines.

Additional cashiering policies and procedures can be found at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/finance/paymentprocess/policies/cashreceipt.html>

\*\*\*\*The Deposit Transmittal Smartdoc will not be available at all after 10:00 am June 30. It will be back up at 9:00 am on July 1 for fiscal 2017 transactions.\*\*\*\*

**10. WB Mason Furniture and Supplies**

The last day to order furniture from WB Mason, and have it charged to fiscal 2016, is April 30. Office supplies ordered from WB Mason should be ordered by Friday, June 24. Please note that this date assumes delivery of the product by June 30 as billing is based on date of delivery. If a product is back ordered or if it is a furniture order, it cannot be charged to fiscal 2016 unless it is received prior to June 30.

WB Mason June charges will not be charged to the fiscal 2016 budget until the week of July 11 and, therefore, reflected in second close reports.

All fiscal 2016 office supplies should be ordered by June 24. Any supplies that are to be charged to fiscal 2017 should not be ordered until after July 1.

**11. PCard**

PCard vouchers will be created three times during the month of June to aid in the year-end budget balancing process. Please keep in mind the following voucher create dates.

Schedule of PCard Download Dates:

<u>Activity Post Date</u>	<u>Downloaded to Financial System</u>	<u>Voucher Due Date</u>
March 21, 2016 - April 20, 2016	April 22, 2016	May 20, 2016
April 21, 2016 - May 20, 2016	May 24, 2016	June 20, 2016
May 21, 2016 - June 8, 2016	June 10, 2016	June 30, 2016
June 9, 2016 - June 20, 2016	June 22, 2016	June 30, 2016
June 21, 2016 - June 30, 2016	July 6, 2016	July 13, 2016

It is important to review the final fiscal 2016 voucher carefully to be sure all the expected charges appear. Merchants do not always process the charge on the same day as the order. If it is determined that the goods were received prior to June 30 but the credit card has not yet been charged you should follow the accrual process outlined in #14.

All fiscal 2016 PCard vouchers should be submitted and approved by departments by July 13. Please ensure all fiscal 2016 vouchers have been

submitted and outstanding issues cleared. Contact Tami Sabo at x2958 with any questions.

PCard voucher activity may include transactions that are related to the next fiscal year. Examples might include:

- Goods paid for during fiscal 2016, but not received until fiscal 2017.
- Travel paid for during fiscal 2016, but will not occur until fiscal 2017 (airfare, conference fees).

If prepaid activity is identified, ad hoc Susan Pavis as an approver at the end of the voucher workflow and indicate the line # of the prepaid in the "Instruction for AP". Additional information on Prepaid expenses can be found in Section #13.

## 12. Financial Reports

WFS Inquiry reflects the smartkey status daily. The first year end close is scheduled for Thursday, June 30, at which time it is important that smartkeys and accounts be as close to final as possible. Second close will occur on Friday, July 15. The second close reports will reflect final fiscal 2016 departmental activity for most accounts. Subsequent account activity requires Cabinet member approval.

## 13. Prepaid Expenses

A prepaid expense occurs if a payment is to be made to a vendor prior to the goods received, work performed or travel incurred. It is important to recognize prepaid expenses at year end when the payment is due prior to June 30 but events occur after June 30.

All vouchers with requests for payment relating to fiscal 2017 are to be charged to the department smartkey and sent to Susan Pavis for approval by using the ad-hoc feature in workflow. Ad hoc Susan as an **approver** (NOT reviewer) after AP. **The ad hoc of Susan should be the final step prior to submission of the voucher. If a change is made to the voucher after the ad hoc, a new workflow is created and the ad hoc of Susan must be done again.**

The vendor will be paid out of the department smartkey in fiscal 2016. Susan will process a journal entry to credit the department in fiscal 2016 and charge the department smartkey in fiscal 2017. *If you receive a Budget Error on the voucher due to the Prepaid, please email the Voucher ID to Susan Pavis.*

Exceptions to prepaid expense procedures may be made if the expense is recurring in nature for a dollar amount that is generally consistent from year to

year. As a general rule, if you have twelve months of charges in a year then no prepaid is necessary.

#### 14. Accruals

Expenses incurred or products received prior to June 30 must be charged in fiscal 2016.

At times, an invoice to process a charge may not be available by the deadline or the merchant may not have processed the charge to the Pcard prior to June 30. Email Susan Pavis at [spavis@wesleyan.edu](mailto:spavis@wesleyan.edu) by 10:00 am on July 15. With appropriate approval and documentation, Susan will process a fiscal 2016 charge to the smartkey.

For invoices, when the actual invoice is received, complete an accounts payable voucher by July 31, charging the department smartkey, and ad hoc Susan Pavis into workflow as an **approver**, not reviewer, after the AP approval. For PCards, ad hoc Susan into workflow as an **approver**, not reviewer, of the Pcard voucher where the charge eventually appears with a note in "Instructions to AP" that references the line number of the accrual. **The ad hoc of Susan should be the final step prior to submission of the voucher. If a change is made to the voucher after the ad hoc, a new workflow is created and the ad hoc of Susan must be done again.**

Please note that an accrual is not the same as a budget carryforward. An accrual means that the expense actually happened in fiscal 2016. If the expense was not incurred or the product not received then an accrual is not necessary.

#### 15. Miscellaneous

Grant activity is subject to the deadlines detailed in this document regardless of the project term. Expenses charged to a grant are also reported in the annual financial report and must follow the accounting and auditing rules for year end financial reporting.

Wire payment requests for a fiscal 2016 expense must be submitted to Christine Rodrigue by Thursday, June 23.

Most centrally billed transactions, including physical plant labor, Wes Station, FEDEX, Computer Store, color copy charges and dining charges will be processed weekly during the month of June to facilitate budget analysis and reporting. However, some of these charges may also occur during the first two weeks of July so please manage the budget accordingly. One exception to the weekly processing is office supplies which will continue a monthly download.



## 16. Contact List

Questions regarding the Year End Schedule may be directed as follows:

A/P Vouchers	Tamara Harley	x2843
Budgets	Sun Chyung	x2249
Gifts/Grants	Kim Savinelli	x3683
Travel	Tami Sabo	x2958
PCard	Tami Sabo	x2958
Payroll	Payroll Department	x2670
Prepaid/Expense Accruals	Susan Pavis	x2839
Faculty Research Accounts	Joy Vodak	x2705
Miscellaneous	Valerie Nye	x3192
Fiscal Managers		
Academic Affairs	Sun Chyung	x2249
Admission	Eileen DeVille	x2978
Dean of the College	Rick Culliton	x2627
Finance and Administration	Sun Chyung	x2249
ITS	Prashanie Silva	x3153
Office of Equity and Inclusion	Patricia Gordon	x4771
University Relations	Deb Treister	x2935

## 17. Important Dates

Important Finance dates are now posted to a Finance shared Outlook calendar. Please follow the [attached](#) procedures to access the Finance calendar.