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Workday's Approach to Financial Accounting

Workday offers several key benefits to financial accounting. Below is an overview of some of the upcoming financial accounting changes coming with Workday.

What's Changing?

- Closing Schedule Currently, there is a manual closing schedule with an external process; not systemic and involves tracking via spreadsheets.
 - Workday Enhancement: Systemic closing in Workday through inbox notifications. Workday's period close introduces a structured schedule, replacing manual tracking.
 - Impact: All institutions will benefit from a streamlined closing process.
- System of Record and Source System Currently, the legacy system serves as the system of record and source system.
 - Workday Enhancement: Workday becomes the sole system of record and source system. Workday being the sole system of record is a benefit due to its real-time data and reporting capabilities.
 - Impact: Affects multiple functional areas across all institutions.
- USM Policy Compliance and Reporting With the current process, USM policyrelated reports are produced from the legacy system and spreadsheets.
 - Workday Enhancement: Reports will now run and be created within Workday, aligning with USM policy requirements for semi-annual financial statement reports. This involves a procedural change that may be facilitated through knowledge transfer.
 - Impact: This procedural shift will affect all institutions.
- Accounting Journal Processing Workflow Changes: Currently, FSU and BSU lack approvers in accounting journal processing workflows, while CSU has approvers.
 - Workday Enhancement: In Workday, FSU and BSU will align processes to include approvers for accounting journal processing workflows. This impacts approval processes, requiring all schools to adopt this modification.
- Standardization of Recording F&A (Facilities & Administrative) Revenue Currently, there are varied practices in recording F&A revenue.
 - Workday Enhancement: All schools, including BSU and CSU that are not already following this process, will standardize recording F&A revenue as a contra expense. Year-end true-up journal entries will consolidate this process.
 - Impact: Adoption is required for BSU and CSU to enhance consistency.
- Introduction of Allocations Functionality Allocations functionality is new for most institutions besides FSU who already has this in the current state.
 - Workday Enhancement: Workday introduces allocations functionality for all institutions (excluding FSU). This marks a new practice that requires training and implementation.
 - Impact: This change affects all institutions, except FSU.

- Implementation of Internal Service Delivery (ISD) Process: Internal Service Delivery is a novel process for all institutions.
 - Workday Enhancement: Workday introduces the Internal Service Delivery process, necessitating training for all institutions. This marks a significant departure from current practices.
 - Impact: This change affects all institutions. Service Providers will be responsible for entering their ISD Transactions



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