

Budget Office
Baseline Standards
FY2015

Description of Responsibility		Responsible Person(s) (Name/Title)	
		Primary (Required)	Secondary (Optional)
DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES & PROCEDURES / BASELINE STANDARDS			
1	Ensuring the Departmental Policy and Procedures manual is current.	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director	Karen James, DBA
2	Updating the Baseline Standards Form.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
FINANCIAL REPORTING - COST CENTER VERIFICATIONS			
1	Preparing cost center verifications.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
2	Reviewing cost center verifications.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
3	Approving cost center verifications.	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director	
4	Ensuring all cost centers are verified/approved on a timely basis.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
FINANCIAL REPORTING - EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS			
1	Ensuring valid authorization of purchase documents.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
2	Ensuring the validity of travel and expense reimbursements.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
3	Ensuring that goods and services are received and that timely payment is made.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
4	Ensuring correct account coding on purchases documents.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
5	Primary contact for inquiries to expenditure transactions.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
PAYROLL / HUMAN RESOURCES			
1	Ensuring all bi-weekly reported time and leave are approved before the deadlines set by Payroll, so that the correct hours are recorded and paid on each bi-weekly paycheck.	NA	NA
2	Ensuring all monthly leave is recorded accurately and approved before the deadlines set by Payroll.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
3	Ensuring all TRAM high level exceptions are corrected in a timely manner prior to Payroll deadlines.	NA	NA
4	Ensuring all Time Reporters (new employees and transfers) are assigned to Time Approvers in TRAM.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
5	Reconciling approved reported time and leave (bi-weekly & monthly employees) and ePARs (biweekly & monthly employees) to the trial and final payroll verification reports and off-cycle payrolls.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
6	Completing termination ePAR's within 24 hours of termination and completing the termination clearance form.	Karen James, DBA	Nancy Palomo, DBA
7	Ensuring terminated employees are no longer charged to departmental cost centers.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
8	Maintaining departmental personnel files.	Karen James, DBA	Nancy Palomo, DBA
9	Consistent and efficient responses to inquiries.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
10	Hire ePAR's should be processed at least 1 week prior to start date.	Karen James, DBA	Nancy Palomo, DBA
11	Ensure all security access requests and training courses are completed 48 hours prior to necessary access changes.		
CASH HANDLING			
1	Collecting cash, checks, etc.	N/A	N/A
2	Reconciling cash, checks, etc. to receipts.	N/A	N/A

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3	Preparing deposits.	N/A	N/A
4	Preparing Journal Entries.	N/A	N/A
5	Verifying deposits posted correctly in the Finance System.	N/A	N/A
6	Adequacy of physical safeguards.	N/A	N/A
7	Transporting deposits to Student Financial Services.	N/A	N/A
8	Ensuring deposits are made timely.	N/A	N/A
9	Ensuring all employees who handle cash have completed Cash Security Procedures or Cash Deposit and Security Procedures training.	N/A	N/A
10	Updating Cash Handling Procedures as needed.	N/A	N/A
11	Distribution of Cash Handling Procedures to employees who handle cash.	N/A	N/A
12	Consistent and efficient responses to inquiries.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
PETTY CASH			
1	Preparing petty cash disbursements.	N/A	N/A
2	Ensuring petty cash disbursements are not for more than \$100.	N/A	N/A
3	Ensuring petty cash disbursements are made for only authorized purposes.	N/A	N/A
4	Approving petty cash disbursements.	N/A	N/A
5	Replenishing the petty cash fund timely.	N/A	N/A
6	Ensuring the petty cash fund is balanced after each disbursement.	N/A	N/A
CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION			
1	Ensuring departmental personnel comply with contract administration policies/procedures.	Luisa Gallegos, Fin Coord 2	Linda Garza, Dir Bus Svcs
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT			
1	Performing the annual inventory.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
2	Ensuring the annual inventory was completed correctly.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
3	Tagging equipment.	Karen James, DBA	Juanita Samuels, DBA
4	Approving requests for removal of equipment from campus.	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director	
DISCLOSURE FORMS			
1	Ensuring all employees with purchasing influence complete the annual Related Party disclosure statement online.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
2	Ensuring all full time, benefits eligible, exempt faculty and staff complete the Consulting disclosure statement online.	Karen James, DBA	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director
3	Ensuring that all Principal and Co-Principal Investigators complete the annual Conflict of Interest disclosure statement for the Division of Research.	N/A	N/A
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
1	Extending of credit.	N/A	N/A

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2	Billing.	N/A	N/A
3	Collection.	N/A	N/A
4	Recording.	N/A	N/A
5	Monitoring credit extended.	N/A	N/A
6	Approving write-offs.	N/A	N/A
NEGATIVE BALANCES			
1	Ensuring that all fund groups for each Dept ID have positive fund equity at year-end.	Margie Hattenbach, Exec. Director	Linda Garza, Div. Administrator
2	Ensuring that research expenditures are covered by funds from sponsors.	N/A	
DEPARTMENTAL COMPUTING			
1	Management of the departments' information technology resources.	Patrick McNiel/User Services Spec 3	Admin. Support Team
2	Ensuring that critical data back up occurs.	Patrick McNiel/User Services Spec 3	Admin. Support Team
3	Ensuring that procedures such as password controls are followed.	Patrick McNiel/User Services Spec 3	Admin. Support Team
4	Reporting of suspected security violations.	All Staff	