

Houston Public Media (H0277, H0018, H0436, H0619, H0572)

Baseline StandardsFY 2015

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.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Updating the Baseline Standards Form.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
FINANCIAL REPORTING - COST CENTER VERIFICATIONS			
1	Preparing cost center verifications.	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Reviewing cost center verifications.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
3	Approving cost center verifications.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
4	Ensuring all cost centers are verified/approved on a timely basis.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
FINANCIAL REPORTING - EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS			
1	Ensuring valid authorization of purchase documents.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Ensuring the validity of travel and expense reimbursements.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
3	Ensuring that goods and services are received and that timely payment is made.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
4	Ensuring correct account coding on purchases documents.	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3
5	Primary contact for inquiries to expenditure transactions.	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3
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.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Ensuring all monthly leave is recorded accurately and approved before the deadlines set by Payroll.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
3	Ensuring all TRAM high level exceptions are corrected in a timely manner prior to Payroll deadlines.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
4	Ensuring all Time Reporters (new employees and transfers) are assigned to Time Approvers in TRAM.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
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.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
6	Completing termination ePAR's within 24 hours of termination and completing the termination clearance form.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
7	Ensuring terminated employees are no longer charged to departmental cost centers.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
8	Maintaining departmental personnel files.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
9	Consistent and efficient responses to inquiries.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
10	Hire ePAR's should be processed at least 1 week prior to start date.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
11	Ensure all security access requests and training courses are completed 48 hours prior to necessary access changes.	Christy Pennington, HR/Payroll Coordinator	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance

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CASH HANDLING			
1	Collecting cash, checks, etc.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
2	Reconciling cash, checks, etc. to receipts.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
3	Preparing deposits.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
4	Preparing Journal Entries.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
5	Verifying deposits posted correctly in the Finance System.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
6	Adequacy of physical safeguards.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
7	Transporting deposits to Student Financial Services.	UH Police	
8	Ensuring deposits are made timely.	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance
9	Ensuring all employees who handle cash have completed Cash Security Procedures or Cash Deposit and Security Procedures training.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
10	Updating Cash Handling Procedures as needed.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
11	Distribution of Cash Handling Procedures to employees who handle cash.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
12	Consistent and efficient responses to inquiries.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
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.	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT			
1	Performing the annual inventory.	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3
2	Ensuring the annual inventory was completed correctly.	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3
3	Tagging equipment.	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2	Stephen Zavala, Accountant 3
4	Approving requests for removal of equipment from campus.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance

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DISCLOSURE FORMS			
1	Ensuring all employees with purchasing influence complete the annual Related Party disclosure statement online.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Ensuring all full time, benefits eligible, exempt faculty and staff complete the Consulting disclosure statement online.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
3	Ensuring that all Principal and Co-Principal Investigators complete the annual Conflict of Interest disclosure statement for the Division of Research.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
1	Extending of credit.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Billing.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
3	Collection.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
4	Recording.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
5	Monitoring credit extended.	Steven Canales, Accounts Receivable Specialist	Simone Maxwell, Accounts Receivable Specialist
6	Approving write-offs.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
NEGATIVE BALANCES			
1	Ensuring that all fund groups for each Dept. ID have positive fund equity at year-end.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
2	Ensuring that research expenditures are covered by funds from sponsors.	Christina Ordonez-Campos, CPA, Director of Finance	Jewel Gill, Assistant Director of Finance
DEPARTMENTAL COMPUTING			
1	Management of the departments' information technology resources.	Josh Adams, Dir., HPM Technol & Operations	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2
2	Ensuring that critical data back up occurs.	Josh Adams, Dir., HPM Technol & Operations	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2
3	Ensuring that procedures such as password controls are followed.	Josh Adams, Dir., HPM Technol & Operations	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2
4	Reporting of suspected security violations.	Josh Adams, Dir., HPM Technol & Operations	Sidney Knight, Mgr., Coll/Div Info Svcs 2