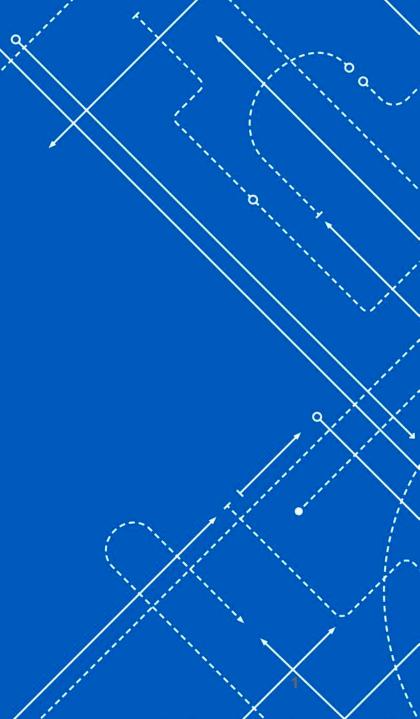


HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT CONCUR IN YOUR DEPARTMENT

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CAMPUS IMPLEMENTATION

- November 2017 March 2018
 - Hosted 2-3 training sessions per week

Currently host monthly training and lab sessions



REASONS TO CONTINUE TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTING CONCUR

- New employees and travelers
- Infrequent travelers
- Provide refresher and updates



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SUCCESSFUL CONCUR IMPLEMENTATION

Who? What? When? Why? How?

- Who? everyone
- What? Town Hall and function focused training meetings
- When? identify timeline
- How? review system functionality and what existing process it will replace
- Why? provide explanation of the change, its importance and benefits



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CONCUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Pre-implementation:

- Identified key liaisons for implementation "super-users"
- Organized 1-hour group training meetings (5-6) to expose staff to the system and discuss forthcoming changes
- Communicated resources available on UB EDGE and the Administrative Services Gateway



CONCUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Implementation:

- Business office staff provided support for creating reports and re-educating employees on travel rules
- With approval from the employee, business office staff were given delegate responsibility to provide better support over the phone
- Business office staff called UB Concur support if they did not know and would pass information along to employees



CONCUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

On-going:

- Continuing education on travel rules, Concur system, Concur mobile applications
- Troubleshooting and one-on-one support for new and current staff
- Buy-in on the new process



CONCUR EXPENSE REPORT PROCESS

Travel

- ~100 employees travel at least once a year
- ~50 employees travel 5+ times a year (conference or recruiting)

Create Report

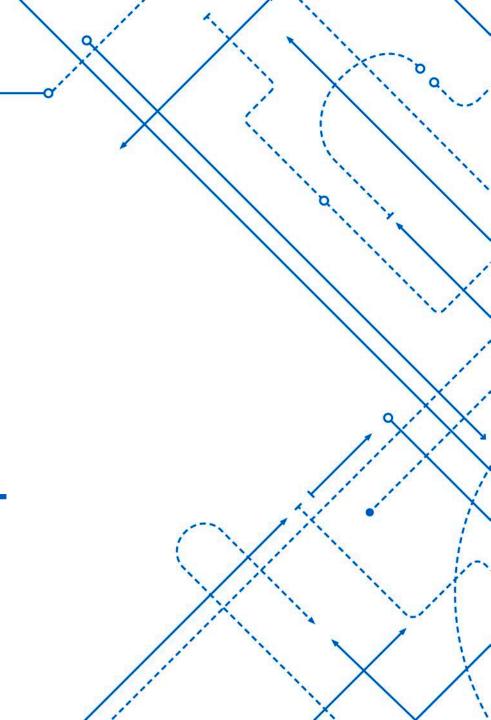
- 35 employees have a delegate prepare their expense report (high volume travelers)
 - "Preparers" are primarily 3 employees
- All other employees prepare their own report (1:1 support)

Approve Report

- Communication with supervisors was critical to approve reports on time
- Centralized business office supports all employees in creating expense reports and is the cost approver

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OVERVIEW – CONCUR IMPLEMENTATION

- Pilot Group
- Roll-out
- Challenges and Solutions
- Results
- Questions



PILOT GROUP

Learning Phase

- Submitted expense reports with faculty and staff and learned:
 - How to use the system
 - Identified areas that would create challenges (e.g. field mileage)

Workflow

- Identified how expense reports move through the system
- Identified routing procedures (e.g. "grants")



ROLL-OUT

Training Guide

- Created step-by-step instructions for travelers and approvers
- Several sets of instructions for different traveling scenarios

Training Sessions

- Held multiple training sessions for faculty and staff
- Completed group examples

One-on-One Meetings

- Met with individuals as requested
- Had individuals prepare their own reports



CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

Challenges	Solutions
Impact Most SSW employees would need to use Concur.	Communication and Resources Group meetings, individual meetings, tools, etc.
Workflow Coordination Ensure supervisors sent reports correctly.	Communication and Resources Directly emailed, called, or met with supervisors and provided access to tools.
Infrequent Travelers Infrequent Concur users could easily forget processes developed.	Communication and Resources Directly emailed, called, or met with travelers and provided access to tools. Sent school-wide emails if multiple individuals needed clarification.

RESULTS

Encouraged By the Outcome

- No longer require group training sessions
- Reduced one-on-one meetings



TRAVEL AND EXPENSE SYSTEM TRAINING

- Sign Up for a Travel Training Session
 - Go to buffalo.edu/business-travel
- Review Tip Sheets and Videos
 - Go to <u>buffalo.edu/travel-expense-system</u>
- Attend a Concur Training Class
 - 2 hour class
 - Overview of travel and expense system
 - Sign up in UB EDGE
- Attend a Concur Lab Session
 - 1 hour session
 - Bring your questions and expense documents
 - Sign up in UB EDGE



TRAVEL AND EXPENSE SYSTEM SUPPORT

- 1. Contact Your Department Liaisons
 - Your liaisons are familiar with your department processes and can assist you
 - Ask your unit business office who your liaisons are
- 2. Review Tip Sheets and Videos
 - Go to <u>buffalo.edu/travel-expense-system</u>
- 3. Contact Business Services Customer Support
 - Email: <u>ubs-travel-expense-support@buffalo.edu</u>
 - Call: 716-645-4500, press 2 for travel and expense system
 - Live Chat: go to buffalo.edu/travel-expense-system and click the Live Chat button

THANK YOU!