DATE: October 12, 2017

TO: Administrators, Business Managers and Fiscal Operations Personnel

FROM: Chad Cleveland
Controller

In preparation for the University of Georgia’s business transformation through the OneSource Project, the following information is being provided early to assist with planning for the end of Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

As part of UGA’s OneSource Project to launch a new finance and human resources administration system that is integrated, efficient, modern, and supports a data-driven environment, a number of systems used by the UGA community will change. A list of the affected UGA systems, the upcoming changes to those systems, and the dates for these changes can be found on the OneSource website at https://onesource.uga.edu/resources/system_changes/. Information about these system changes is being shared early so users of the affected systems can begin to prepare for these changes.

Please use the following guidelines in planning and preparing to make all appropriate charges and encumbrances to your accounts for this fiscal year. Due to the conversion and transition to the new financial system near fiscal yearend, the following deadlines will be strictly adhered to this year. There will be no exceptions to these dates. Please plan accordingly.

**CASH RECEIPTS AND CREDIT CARD RECEIPTS**

All funds received that are to be credited to FY2018 must be received by the Bursar’s Office before the end of the working day June 26, 2018.

**NOTE#1:** For those departments that prepare deposits which are directly transported to the bank via armored car service through June 26, 2018, the deposits will be recorded as FY2018 cash receipts.

**NOTE#2:** Any credit card sales that occur on June 26, 2018, will be included in FY2018. Credit card transmittals for June 26, 2018 sales must be submitted to the Bursar’s Office no later than noon on June 27, 2018.
REQUESTS FOR UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TO BE RESERVED AND A/R REQUESTS TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS

Please refer to [http://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_faculty_staff/] under Accounts Receivable Information for instructions to complete requests to reserve or write off uncollectible accounts. **Departments should submit completed requests to the Accounts Receivable Department by April 20, 2018.**

TRAVEL

Travel authorities with airfare to be direct charged to the University on the 2017-18 budget must be in Travel and Encumbrances by **noon on June 27, 2018.** Departments that wish to have airfare direct charged to the University for the 2017-18 budget should ensure that the travel agency involved submits its invoice to Travel and Encumbrances **by the end of the working day June 25, 2018.**

Approved Travel Expense Statements to be charged to the 2017-18 budget must be submitted to Travel and Encumbrances by **noon, June 27, 2018.** **Any travel that concludes on or before Friday, June 22, 2018 has to be submitted for reimbursement prior to noon, June 27, 2018.**

While the eCheck and eTravel system will be available until noon on June 27, 2018, departments should not wait until then to submit requests. Requests should be submitted as early as possible due to year-end closeout and PeopleSoft conversion activities.

For this fiscal year-end, travel authorizations can still be encumbered for travel in the first quarter of the next fiscal year using FY18 funds. Trips should be concluded on or before September 30, 2018. Campus will not have the ability to choose FY19 funding sources if submitting a TA for first quarter travel in the eTravel system due to the conversion and transition to the PeopleSoft Financials system.

Only travel authorizations with travel between June 23, 2018 and September 30, 2018 will be converted in PeopleSoft to associate with the new PeopleSoft Expense Report.

OPERATING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT - May 1, 2018, with exceptions

To ensure that purchase requests are encumbered against the 2017-18 budget, it is necessary that requests be approved by Travel and Encumbrances by May 1, 2018, unless otherwise accepted below.

There is a greater likelihood this fiscal year that requests received after the established deadline dates cannot be processed in time to be charged against the 2017-18 budget. The department will be notified if it is determined that a request cannot be processed against the 2017-18 budget via the comments function of UGAmart.

**NOTE:** During previous fiscal year end periods, purchase requests for the next fiscal
year could be submitted by changing the accounting date in UGAmart to July 1 or greater. Due to the pending implementation of PeopleSoft, FY19 purchase requests will not be handled in this manner. If you have a purchasing need that will be funded from FY19 funds, please reach out to Annette Evans, Claire Boyd, Jessica Beri, or Christy Bailey in the Procurement Office.

**Exceptions to May 1 Purchase Request Date**

1) Vehicles - OPB issued a moratorium regarding motor vehicle purchases. This moratorium pertains to purchase and leasing of all vehicles. All vehicle purchase requests, with a letter which provides a compelling reason for requesting a waiver from the moratorium, should be in Travel and Encumbrances by **March 12, 2018**. Purchase requests for vehicles available under statewide contract should be in Travel and Encumbrances at the earliest possible date, as the manufacturers may impose a cutoff date prior to **March 12**.

2) Information Technology (IT) - This category includes computer equipment, software or services (CESS) audiovisual, and telecommunications. **See below for deadlines.**

Information Technology (IT) requests with an aggregate cost of $10,000 or more OR which include restricted or sensitive data handling or do not fully meet the UGA or USG standards or policies as outlined in the CESS guidelines at [http://eits.uga.edu/hardware_and_software/cess/](http://eits.uga.edu/hardware_and_software/cess/) require the following approvals:

- **A.** Up to $500,000 Computer Equipment/Software/Services (CESS) requires local approval from UGA VPIT
- **B.** Over $500,000 Computer Equipment/Software/Services (CESS) requires local approval from UGA VPIT and Vice Chancellor/Board of Regents CIO

To meet the established cutoff date for processing IT Purchase Requests, the following deadlines have been established by the Office of the VPIT for the required prior CESS approval processes:

**March 26, 2018** – Requests that require the approval of the Vice Chancellor of Information Technology/BOR CIO (items over $500,000) must be received in the Office of the VPIT no later than this date.

**April 20, 2018** – Requests that require local approval only ($10,000 to $500,000 and $0 to $500,000 if sensitive data is involved) and the items are NOT AVAILABLE on statewide or agency contract must be received in the Office of the VPIT no later than this date.

**May 8, 2018** – Requests that require local approval only ($10,000 to $500,000 and $0 to $500,000 if sensitive data is involved) and the items are available on statewide or agency contract must be received in the Office of the VPIT no later than this date.

After the appropriate approval is received as outlined above, the deadlines for receipt of IT purchase requests in Travel and Encumbrances are as follows:
OPERATING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT – May 1, 2018, with exceptions (Cont’d)

May 1, 2018 - IT purchase requests not on statewide or agency contract.

June 6, 2018 - IT purchases which are on statewide or agency contract. (Please note that the approved CESS number must be entered on the purchase request.)

3) Purchase Requests where the method of solicitation is a Request for Proposal (RFP) – February 23, 2018.

4) Purchase Requests totaling $24,999.99 or less must be in Travel and Encumbrances by June 6, 2018.

5) Purchase Requests for items available under Statewide Contract or Agency Contract, regardless of dollar value, must be in Travel and Encumbrances by June 6, 2018. Earlier deadlines apply to IT purchases as stated in section 2 above.

If you are not certain which category applies to your purchase request, please contact the Procurement Office, 706-542-2361.

Check requests with supporting documents (including Petty Cash reimbursement requests) to be charged against the 2017-18 budget must be in the Travel and Encumbrances Department by noon on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Requests for reimbursement from the Master Petty Cash Fund should be requested by the end of the working day Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Mail and Receiving Services’ cutoff date will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Postage fees will be charged to the 2017-18 year for all mail received at Mail & Receiving Services by the end of the working day on June 20, 2018. Bulldog Print + Design’s cutoff date will be Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Requests for printing and design services will be charged to the 2017-18 year, if the job can be completed by June 20, 2018.

All currently established and funded Facilities Management Division (FMD) work orders will be reviewed and departments advised by April 16, 2018, if the work cannot be completed and billed by June 22, 2018 and the remaining amount of funding which will not be expended during FY2018. Any additional work requested from Facilities Management for charges against the FY2018 budget will be accepted on a project-by-project basis. Each request will be reviewed to determine workforce and material availability. The requesting department will then be advised whether work can be accomplished by the end of the fiscal year. Any special requirements or problems should be brought to the attention of the Business Director for Facilities Management, Kathy Hines at (706) 542-7417 or kahines@uga.edu

Facilities Management warehouse will accept requests for issues to be charged against the FY2018 budget until 3:30pm on June 22, 2018. Issues beginning on Monday, June 25, 2018 will charge against the FY2019 budget.
The last day a state vehicle can be rented from the Automotive Center for charges to be posted to the FY2018 budget is **Thursday, June 21, 2018.** Any outstanding rentals that have not been returned by the 21st will be estimated for the remainder of the rental agreement period and those charges will be posted against the FY2018 budget. Beginning June 22, 2018, all new rentals will be charged against the FY2019 budget. **NOTE: Accounts with a June 30, 2018 expiration date cannot be used after June 22nd for vehicle rental charges.**

Fuel to be charged to the FY2018 budget can be purchased at the Automotive Center until **5:00pm on Friday, June 22, 2018.** Any fuel purchased after that time will be charged to the FY2019 budget. **NOTE: Accounts with a June 30, 2018 expiration date cannot be used after June 22nd for fuel charges.**

**NO additional charges, changes or corrections can be posted by Facilities Management after 5:00 pm, Monday, June 25, 2018 in order to accommodate the June 30, 2018 year-end date.** All remaining Facilities Management charges will be loaded to the IMS Financial Accounting system on the evening of Tuesday, June 26 and departments will be able to see all Facilities Management final charges for FY2018 on their accounts on Wednesday, June 27, 2018.

Please note that Facilities Management cannot encumber FY2018 funds against FMD labor at year-end. Any departmentally funded work orders that involve FMD labor must be completed by **Friday, June 22, 2018** for charges to post against FY2018. Any continuing FMD labor after Friday, June 22, 2018 for the on-going work order will be charged against the departments FY2019 budget.

Work requests for jobs to begin in FY2019 will not be accepted until **Tuesday, May 1, 2018.** You may call the FMD Work Control Desk at (706)542-7456 or email them at fmdwork@uga.edu. Please be sure to specify that the work is to be performed and billed against the FY2019 budget.

**Please contact any service organization not mentioned for its cutoff date**

**JOURNAL VOUCHER REQUESTS, TICKETS (ALSO KNOWN AS INTRA-UNIVERSITY CHARGES), PERSONNEL ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND ACCRUED PAYROLL**

Journal entry requests for **personal service items** must be in the Payroll Office by **noon on June 1, 2018.** All **non-personal services** journal entry requests and intra-departmental charges and credits (tickets) must be in the Accounting Department by **noon, June 27, 2018.**

Personnel Activity Reports are due in the Accounting Department by **noon on June 19, 2018.** A separate letter concerning the year-end procedure for processing of Personnel Activity Reports will be distributed at a later date. Accrued payroll work sheets for salaried bi-weekly and hourly bi-weekly payrolls are due in the Accounting Department by **noon on June 11, 2018.**
PAYROLL

Bi-weekly payrolls paid during July 2018 for days earned during fiscal year 2017-18 will be charged to the 2017-18 budget (not applicable to restricted accounts). The following payroll periods are affected by the year-end procedure:

(1) Salaried Bi-Weekly Payroll for Period June 14 - June 27

Time recorded for June 14-27 will be charged to the 2017-18 budget. These checks will be issued on July 5, 2018.

(2) Hourly Bi-Weekly Payroll for Period June 21 – July 4

Time recorded for June 21-30 will be charged to the 2017-18 budget. Time recorded for July 1 - July 4 will be charged to the 2018-19 budget. These checks will be issued on July 12, 2018.

(3) Salaried Bi-Weekly Payroll for Period June 28 – July 11

Time recorded for June 28-30 will be charged to the 2017-18 budget. Time recorded for July 1 - July 11 will be charged to the 2018-19 budget. These checks will be issued on July 19, 2018.

Deadline for compensatory time payout

Approved compensatory time is subject to a 240-hour maximum accumulation. Employees who have reached the compensatory maximum must receive a cash payment for any additional overtime. Additionally, all compensatory time balances on record as of May 31 must be paid out no later than the final bi-weekly pay period in June each fiscal year. Such payment will be at the employee’s regular earnings rate at the time the payment is made. Compensatory time earned in June will carry forward into the upcoming fiscal year.

The bi-weekly pay periods that should be used to pay out these compensatory balances for fiscal year 2017-18 are:

(1) Salaried bi-weekly payroll for period May 31 – June 13.

(2) Hourly bi-weekly payroll for period June 7 – June 20.

BUDGET TRANSACTIONS FOR REMAINDER OF FY2018

Units will need to project expenditures for the final months of FY2018. Budget amendments should be processed no later than March 12, 2018, to reflect the total projected budget for the current fiscal year. The University’s amended budget must be submitted for Board of Regents approval by March 16th. Savings from vacant positions and unused lump sum positions should be re-budgeted in the appropriate non-personal services category by the March 12th deadline. This deadline does not pertain to routine personnel
transactions that do not involve object transfers from personal services to non-personal services or vice versa. Please review memo located at the following link:


Budget transactions will not be updated to IMS after June 20, 2018. Electronic documents received at the Budget Office level after June 15, 2018 are not guaranteed to be updated to IMS for FY2018.

If you have any questions or need further information regarding these instructions, please contact the University Budget Office at 706-542-2802.

PURCHASING CARD (P-card)

The Accounting Department will download p-card charges from the Works Payment Manager on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. Only transactions transmitted by the vendor and posted to the bank by Friday, June 22, 2018 will be posted in FY2018. Please note that this will provide less time to complete the allocation in Works. If the vendor has not transmitted the charge to the bank in time to be posted to the Works Payment Manager by Friday, June 22, 2018, the p-card transaction will be charged to the FY2019 budget.

DEPARTMENTAL SALES AND SERVICES

Each school, college and unit will need to project total estimated revenue amounts for departmental sales and services accounts. Budget amendments should be submitted to reflect the total projected amount for the current fiscal year. Budget amendments for the current fiscal year are due to the University Budget Office by March 12, 2018.

All requests to set up accounts receivable, deferred revenue, or scientific equipment reserves on departmental sales and service accounts are due in the Accounting Department by end of day on June 26, 2018. For additional guidance on department sales and service accounts deferred revenue, carry forward and other yearend items, please refer to


CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

Carry forward requests for student technology fee accounts should be submitted to the Accounting Department, 323 Business Services Building by June 19, 2018. These requests will be forwarded to the Vice President for Information Technology (VPIIT) for approval. The STF carry forward request form is located at

http://www.busfin.uga.edu/forms/stf.pdf
After the close of the fiscal year, all amounts remaining in departmental sales and service and indirect cost recovery accounts will be carried forward by college/school/unit. The college/school/unit will decide how those excess funds will be distributed at the account level.

After the close of the fiscal year, all amounts remaining in continuing education accounts will be carried forward.

Each college/school/unit should follow Board of Regents guidelines for carry forward funds. (BPM Section 2.2.1)

Specifically, to qualify for carry forward a departmental sales and service account must earn at least 50% of its revenue from external sources (sources outside the University).

Each college/school/unit should internally document how the carry forward funds will be used. This information may be needed at the request of the Board of Regents.

**TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS**

Please keep in mind that transactions involving restricted accounts or cost share accounts require Post Award Accounting review/approval before processing. Cash receipts, check requests, journal vouchers, personnel activity reports, purchase requests, tickets, and travel authorities should be received by Post Award Accounting office **four business days prior** to the yearend deadline to allow adequate time for processing.

This document and an additional “quick-reference” summary in deadline date order can be found on the web at:
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TO: Administrators, Business Managers and Fiscal Operations Personnel

FROM: Annette Evans
   Procurement Officer

RE: Appendix to Fiscal 2018 Year End Letter

This appendix provides general guidelines on Procurement’s ability to issue purchase orders during the end of FY 2018 and the beginning of FY 2019. This fiscal year-end will be unique and unlike any prior year-end as the University converts open purchase orders and their related encumbrance balances to transition to the new version of UGAmart and PeopleSoft.

The University will have two distinct transactional periods to address during the conversion and transition to PeopleSoft. The processes outlined below are being established to address critical operational needs during these defined periods. Routine purchases should be planned to occur before or after the dates outlined below.

- **Exception Processing** (June 7 – June 25) refers to the processing of purchase requests after the cutoff date of June 6th but before UGAmart is unavailable during conversion to PeopleSoft. The exception process will consist of, where possible, expedited processing of purchase requests in UGAmart prior to the lockout date of June 26th.
  
  - The check request and p-card processes should be used instead of a purchase request when policy allows for their use.
  - During the exception period, purchase requests should be limited to an as needed critical basis.

- **Emergency Processing** (June 26 – July 9, estimated and referred to as “blackout period”) refers to the processing of purchase requests during the time that UGAmart is unavailable. The emergency process will consist of entering purchase requests into a
non-UGAmart system so that Procurement may manually process the request. This request must come from the units’ Chief Business Officer. The Chief Business Officer is the official source for all emergency purchase requests at the unit level. The Chief Business Officer will also serve as the departmental approval record for all emergency purchase requests.

- POs resulting from emergency purchase requests will be encumbered against FY 2019 funds.
- All emergency purchase requests will be re-entered by the department into UGAmart once the blackout period ends. This step is required so departments can retain visibility of their orders in UGAmart. Additionally, the re-creation of all emergency purchase orders is required to establish the encumbrance in PeopleSoft and allow downstream processes like receipt and invoice creation to occur.
- Further details on the emergency processing procedures will be communicated directly to the Chief Business Officers. Chief Business Officers will then communicate out to their units on how they want the emergency process to work within their unit.

Considerations:

1. If your unit is instituting earlier purchasing cutoff dates in advance of UGA’s deadlines, we encourage you to plan procedures for purchases that are needed between your early deadlines and the UGA year-end deadlines.

2. In situations where a purchase order is required during the blackout period, Procurement will process these with a business justification from the unit. The number of POs of this nature should be very limited. An example is when a vendor requires a hard copy purchase order prior to providing any required good or service. Examples include maintenance/service agreements and new copier leases that have a required start date of July 1. Some vendors will not service or support a maintenance request if they do not have an official purchase order on file. For these cases, Procurement can issue a FY19 purchase order early. These procedures will be shared after they are established.