



Personal Services

Issue Summary	Should USG change the level of control on appropriation funds to a simpler structure?
Background	<p>USG currently utilizes 4 rollup accounts to budget appropriation dollars: Personnel, Travel, Operating Supplies and Expenses and Equipment Purchases. The accounting issues committee participants expressed interest in combining the travel, operating and equipment accounts into one account. Future appropriation budgeting would be to personnel and other.</p> <p>Note: Any change to the budget accounts would have to coincide with the budget calendar. Therefore fiscal year cutover is the only time a change like this can take place.</p>
Risks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing budget level accounts could impact reporting in PeopleSoft and the data warehouse 2. There could be issues with integrating budget prep. Code will have to be changed, tested and migrated. 3. End users will have to be trained on the new process for entering and maintaining the appropriations budget. 4. Account rollup hierarchies will be impacted by the change 5. Depending on the rollout schedule, any change to code might have to be keyed in R7.5 and R8.9 6. Fiscal Year 2008 is not a viable alternative because the modifications to budget prep have already been deployed.
Possible Solution(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do nothing 2. Implement the budget change in the 2008 budgeting cycle 3. Implement the budget change in the 2009 budgeting cycle
Escalating Sub-team and Lead	Functional – Deidre Crawford
Recommended Action	USG should condense the accounts required for budgeting. Since the technical release has been completed for the 2008 budget cycle, it makes sense to target 2009. There is the potential that budget prep will have to be updated twice (upgrade retrofit and budget rollup change), but the modifications should be minimal. The benefit of reducing the volume of budget transfers at all member institutions outweighs the risk/cost of dual development.



Accounting Issues Committee Comments	<p>USG will not change the appropriations account rollup to a simpler structure. The impacts of this change are far reaching and would greatly impact the scope of the upgrade since budget prep is built on the previous year's budget.</p> <p>In order to implement the change, two budget prep releases would have to be constructed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rollup the BUD_ORIG_BOR to new account structure• Change budget interface into PeopleSoft <p>Since a budgeting solution is being evaluated in Phase II of the project, USG should not make any structural changes to the interfaces or the integration points. Phase II is the logical time to revisit the issue.</p>
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