## Accounting Issues Committee – Reversal Journals



Issue Summary	USG will introduce a customization that will prevent users from utilizing the auto reversal functionality on the journal entry screen.
Background	At year-end, institutions book a number of accrual journal entries that should be reversed the first day of the next fiscal year. When the reversing entries were created, the budget date was changed to the journal date, but the budget reference was unchanged. If the entry was successfully budget checked and posted, there would be a mismatch between the two fields.  Note: A further complication is that auto reversals cannot be modified.  As a work around, OIIT has been performing DBI's to break the link between the original journal entry and the reversal. Thus, allowing the journal entry to be modified and processed correctly. Similar to the journal unpost issue, the journal copy and reverse functionality is a cleaner solution. Journal copies can be modified prior to budget check and posting.
Risks	<ol> <li>Incomplete coding could prevent journal entries from being entered and posted</li> <li>Inadequate training and communication could introduce confusion</li> </ol>
Possible Solution(s)	<ol> <li>Customize the journal header page to not allow the auto-reverse functionality to be used</li> <li>Change the process that creates the reversal journals to properly populate the budget reference field</li> <li>Do Nothing</li> </ol>
Escalating Sub- team and Lead	Fiscal Affairs – Vikki Williamson and Craig Golden
Recommended Action	Option 1 is the cleanest option. From an end-user standpoint, option 2 is most desirable; however, it is a very complicated and costly solution. Option 1
Accounting Issues Committee Comments	After debate, the AIC determined the best course was the gray out the journal reversal functionality in favor of the journal copy.  Change Request 10108 has been submitted to ITS