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Dear MOU Financial Leads:

You may have heard about the Commitment Control (KK) Redesign project at Finance Council or other meetings. Here's an update on the project.

In case you haven't heard of the KK Redesign project, it is simplifying Commitment Control, the part of ConnectCarolina that tracks and controls budgets. A key part of the project is to reduce the number of budget ledger groups from 18 to 6. These changes will reduce errors and improve system performance.

Many of the changes improve the performance of the system, so they are behind-the-scenes. The changes you will see, though, are:

- State, F&A and Trust expense budget ledger groups will be combined into one new ledger group called "FAST" (for **F**&**A**, **S**tate, and **T**rust). This means that starting with FY2018, when you do reporting in ConnectCarolina, you will choose the FAST ledger and choose the fund to report specifically on State, F&A, or Trust funds. InfoPorte will be redesigned to allow you to choose the fund type, whether you are pulling data for the old ledger groups or the new.
- The FAST parent ledger (FAST_PAR) will only record State and F&A transactions. Initially, there are no plans to control on State and F&A funds, but in the future, the Office of Budget, Planning & Analysis may decide to control State or F&A funds and they can do this using the FAST parent ledger. There are no plans to use the system to control Trust funds.
- State, F&A, and Trust revenue ledger groups will be combined into one FAST revenue ledger (FAST_REV).
- Budget checking will run a little more quickly and you may see fewer problems with the data in InfoPorte. You may also notice slightly fewer budget errors.
- If you create budget journals and transfers, the "Generate Parent Budget" checkbox will automatically be marked, even for trust funds, and you will need to choose the Parent Budget Entry Type for trust funds, as you do now for State and F&A.
- If you use the Excel template to upload budget transactions into the system, you will need to use an updated template, which will be available on the Budget, Planning & Analysis website in the Budgets and Fringe section.

Besides understanding what is changing, we also want you to know that:

- Since budget checking touches many parts of the Finance system, we are thoroughly testing the changes. Testing started in January and continues into May.
- The implementation of these changes is being carefully coordinated with the plan and testing for fiscal year end.
- We have reached out to the developers in schools who create their own reports using SAS or receive data feeds or ConnectCarolina to ensure they know about the changes and can adapt their reports or systems dependent on ConnectCarolina data. If you're wondering if we contacted someone from your school, you can call us and check.

The anticipated go live for the KK redesign is early June, in preparation for the point in time when vouchers and requisitions begin charging to the new fiscal year. We will provide more updates in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Paige Burton, Fran Dykstra & Andy Johns