

EPAF & Workflow - No More Paper!

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Introduction

- The Banner Human Resources module provides an EPAF (Electronic Personnel Action Form) solution for submitting personnel transactions
- At UMDNJ we decided to electronically process employee separations, changes to organizational code and salary adjustments
- Coupled with Workflow, both tools leverage Banner's full potential to maximize services offered by Human Resources and Payroll
- We will provide an overview of UMDNJ's process selection and business process analysis
- We will present an overview of UMDNJ's training and rollout strategy plan
- This session will preview a sample of EPAF and Workflow transactions that were developed by UMDNJ

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Benefits of Attending This Session

Attendees will:

- Gain insight into the business analysis and roll-out strategy utilized at UMDNJ
- Identify routine business transactions that can be streamlined into an electronic process
- Identify the tools to leverage your institution's existing technology (i.e., workflow, email etc.)
- · Discuss project risks and constraints

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About UMDNJ

- UMDNJ is a Public Research University with over 15,500 employees.
- Located on five (5) campuses comprised of eight (8) schools
- A network of more than 104 academic affiliations and almost 700 separate clinical affiliations spanning the state
- 85% of the employee population are members of 15 unions
- Multiple Human Resource locations throughout New Jersey with a ratio of 1:255 employees
- Eight (8) Human Resources data administration staff
- Centralized Payroll location with seven (7) payroll technicians
- Bi-weekly payroll processing for multiple pay id's
- Eleven (11) onsite SunGard consulting and technical staff
- Live with Banner since 1995, currently on version 8

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Topics of Discussion

- · EPAF and Workflow overview
- · Paper-driven processes
- Development of an EPAF project scope and proposal
- Methodology for achieving the project goals
- Project risks
- Project timeline review
- EPAF and Workflow process samples
- · Implementation considerations
- Questions and answers



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EPAF and Workflow Overview

EPAF

- Automates and easily tracks personnel actions from NBAJOBS and PEAEMPL including compensation changes, promotions, leaves and separations, etc
- Is designed to accommodate a more efficient approval and tracking process
- Supports movement to a paperless environment
- Improves efficiency of staff based on workload and not geographical location

Workflow

- Automates, simplifies, and directs the flow of information through your entire enterprise
- The results are efficient operations, increased automation and visibility, institution-wide consistency, and easy exception handling
- Allows instant communication and enhanced responsiveness to actions

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Old Paper-Driven Processes

UMDNJ's Staff Information Adjustment Form

- Compensation changes (i.e., merit increases, lump sum payment, salary adjustments, bonuses)
- ☐ Leave of absence (i.e., military, FMLA, academic, etc.)
- Separations
- Organizational information changes (i.e., timesheet and home department)

Deficiencies in the paper-driven process

- ☐ Inability to track transactions and hold staff accountable
- $\hfill \square$ Late processing of paperwork resulting in overpayments
- Staff overtime
- $\hfill \square$ Protracted issuance of final paychecks to separated employees
- $\hfill \square$ Volume of paper transactions

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Methodology

Development of a project proposal:

- ☐ Project Summary
- ☐ Project Objectives
- ☐ Project Scope
- ☐ Project Roles
- ☐ Project Risk
- ☐ Projected Timelines



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Project Summary

- The Banner HR module provides an EPAF (Electronic Personnel Action Forms) solution for submitting from Banner, personnel actions that utilize the PPAIDEN, PEAEMPL, NBAJOBS forms to electronically process terminations, changes in fund distribution, salary adjustments, etc
- Coupled with Workflow, both tools leverage Banner's full potential to maximize services offered by Human Resources and Payroll

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Project Objectives

- Add value, enhance services, and achieve efficiencies in processing personnel transactions
- · Standardize business practices
- Reduction of paper and transaction time for personnel actions
- Conversion from a manual process to an electronic approval process accessed by business units online
- · Optimize resources by utilizing existing technology

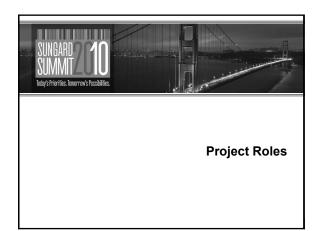
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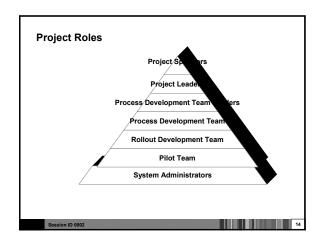
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Project Scope

- Analyze and identify those processes that can utilize EPAF and Workflow
- Conduct business process analysis in preparation for construction of the electronic processes
- · Establish a test environment for thorough testing
- Identify Banner security implications and develop guidelines
- · Establish and develop a training program
- · Identify team members to develop rollout methodology
- · Provide status report to the project team

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Project Role Definitions



- Project Sponsors:

 - Champions of the overall project

 Provides support to the Project Leaders and Teams
- Project Leaders:
 - Responsible for the overall project coordination
 - Ensure that the project and desired outcome is met as defined

Project Role Definitions (continued)

- · Process Development Team Leaders:
 - Lead and coordinate the analysis of the process as assigned
 - Ensure that the desired outcome is met as defined
- · Process Development Teams:
 - Conduct a thorough analysis of the current business practice and streamline to an efficient electronic process
 - Provide business and data processing expertise and consultation
 - Invite representatives from functional areas to participate in the analysis
 - Assist with training and rollout

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Project Role Definitions (continued)

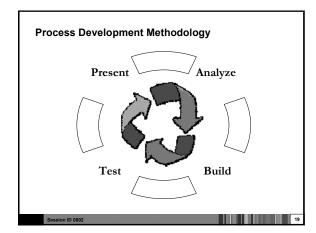
- · Rollout Development Team:
 - Analyze and recommend the best method to rollout and train endusers
 - _ Determine Banner access and security needs
 - Members of the Process Development Team are requested to volunteer or recommend members of their staff to participate
 - Assist with the actual training and rollout of the project
- Pilot Team:
 - Members will test the newly developed electronic processes
- System Administrators:
 - Build EPAFs and routing queues
 - Monitor daily system functions
 - _ Maintenance of EPAF rule and validation tables
 - Primary support on the use of the EPAF processes

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Project Methodology



Process Phase Description

Analysis Phase

- Review, document and refine the existing manual process
- Develop the assigned process as it should function when using EPAF and Workflow
- · Encourage the user community to provide feedback

Building Phase

- · Build and update control/validation tables
- Develop Workflow processes
- Process Development Teams will serve as consultants

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Process Phase Descriptions (continued)

Testing Phase

- Develop and maintain a testing environment
- Process Development Teams will test all EPAF and Workflow processes to ensure accurate functionality
- Begin to work on training materials

Presentation Phase

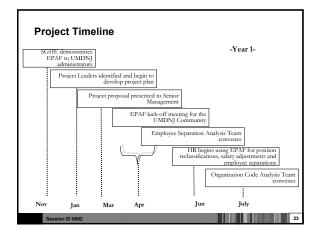
- Project Team will regroup to review each process
- Presentation by the Process Development Team to present their outcomes and solicit feedback
- Demonstration of newly developed electronic process

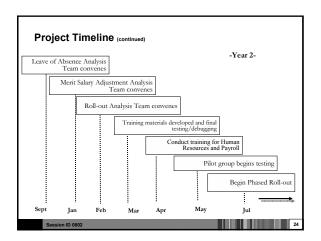
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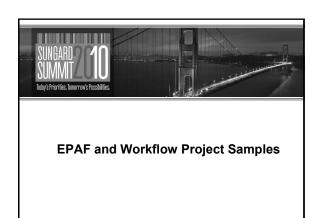
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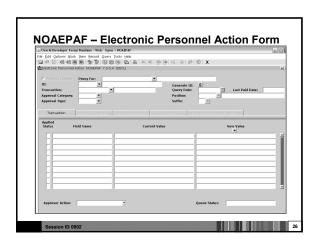
- Potential key resources being spread in too many directions on multiple projects, all at the same time
- · Major business process change for the institution
- EPAF needs to be recognized as a major project and considered on the same scale as a system upgrade
- Acceptance of the new processes with support from leadership and all units
- · Security and licensing issues
- People without access to Banner will need access in order to utilize EPAF
- Support who will provide user support and training (i.e., human resources, payroll, information systems department, etc.)

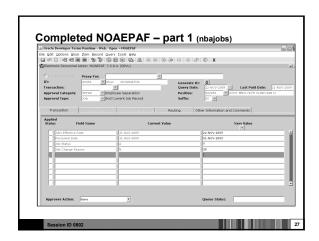
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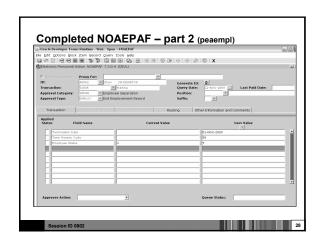


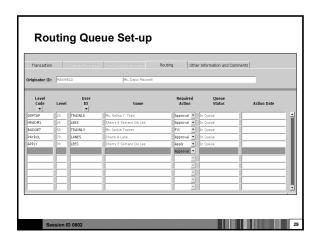


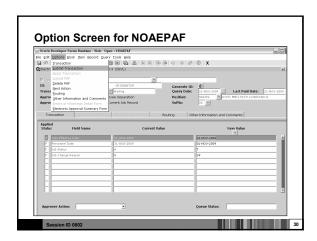


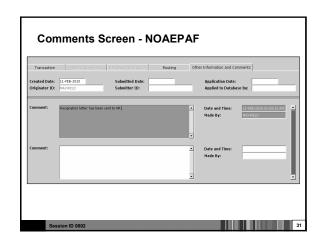


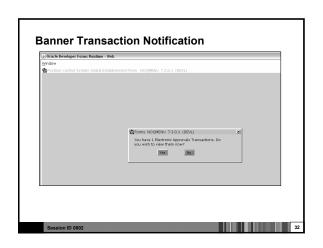


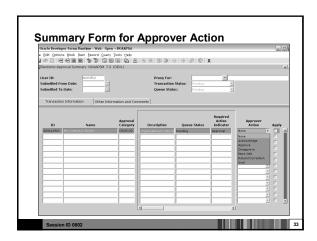


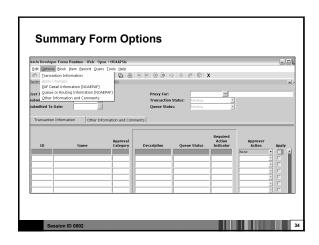


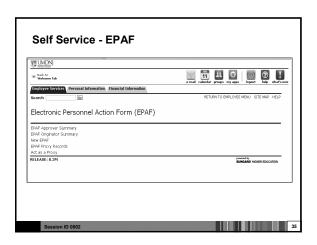


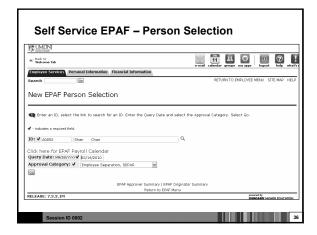


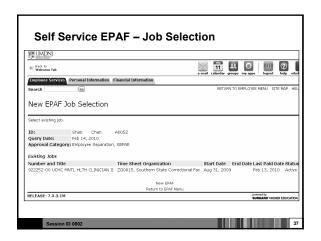


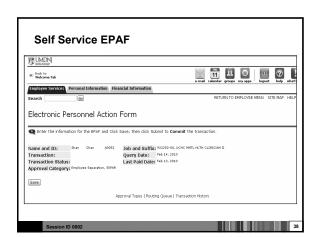


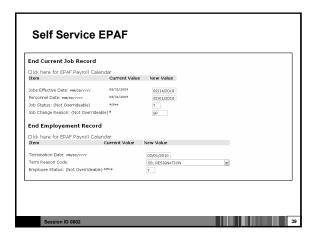


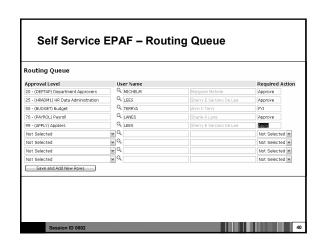


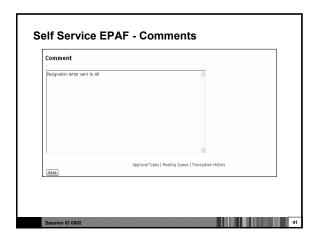


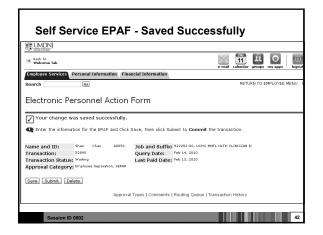


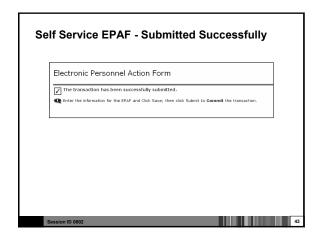


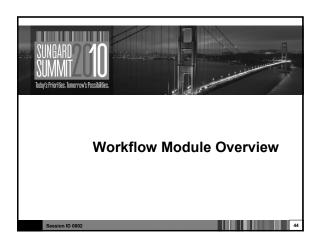


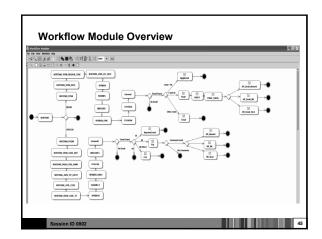


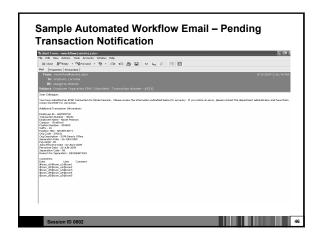


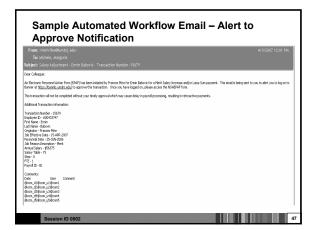


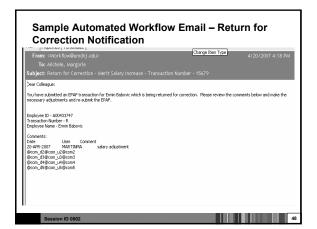












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Implementation Considerations

- Obtain senior management support in the beginning
- Include as many stakeholders from your institution in the business analysis phase
- Approval levels could be developed based on employee job categories (i.e., directors, managers, vice president's, etc.)
- Be prepared to examine, modify and or eliminate existing policies and guidelines
- Source documentation is not always needed (i.e., resignation letter, etc.)
- Users must be trained to understand how to determine the correct job effective date
- Be prepared to give up the paper!

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Questions & Answers

Thank You!

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