Prepping for Budget Prep

A guide to keeping your sanity

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Goals and Outcomes

- Review UWG's approach to preparing for and navigating through the Budget Prep/Development Process.
- Demonstrate tools.
- Provide a brief overview of the data available to query out of Budget Prep.

Please Read the Budget Prep Manual!!!

Overview of Budget Prep

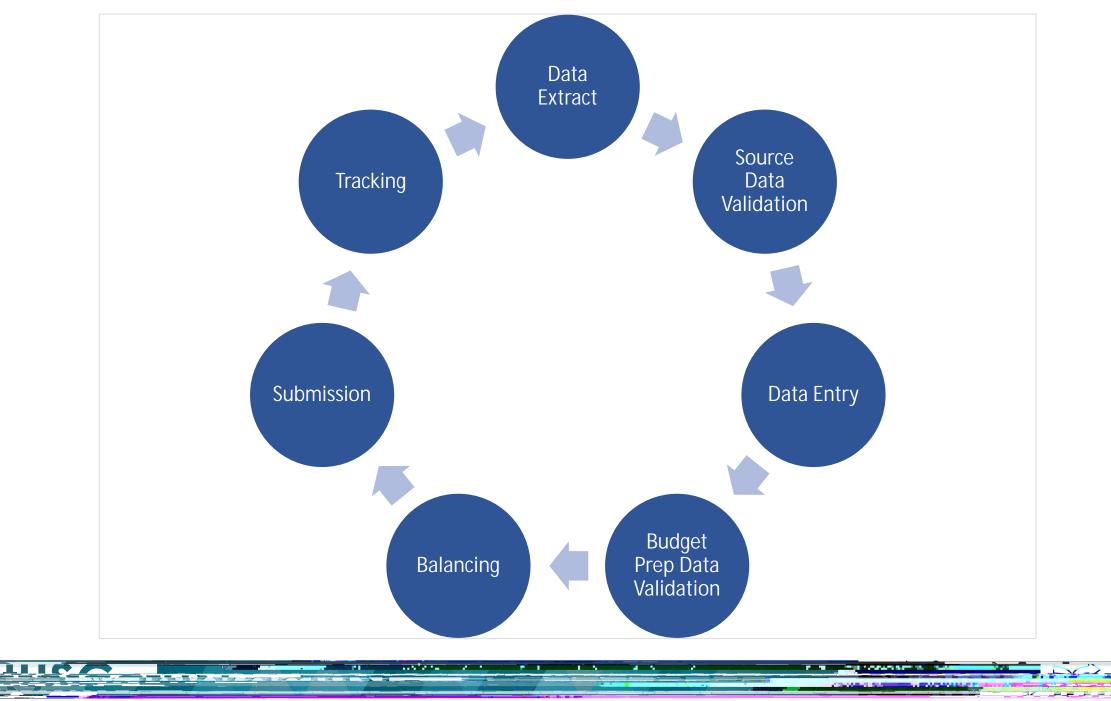
- Build and submit budgets each fiscal year.
- Use GAFirst Budget Prep Module (BP).
- Entire Fiscal Year Process/Project.
- BP can be an extremely useful tool.

Overview of Budget Prep

- Automatically creates base budgets for the new year based on data from current year and updates made in the module.
- Calculates salary increase and associated budget by type of increase (Promotion, Merit, Supplemental).
- Calculates the actual cost of fringe by employee.
- Provides extensive data for both position and financial management.
- Reduces the time needed to analyze and create a finished budget.

Position Management/Budget at UWG

- Budget Office enters Position Data and Funding into OneUSG. HR enters Job Data.
- Each position has a permanent budget >= to the salary of the incumbent.
- Position budgets are tracked throughout the year using an internal tool.



Budget Prep Project Timeline

- Data Extract Pulling and combining data from OneUSG and GaFirst.
- Data Validation Reviewing Specific Data for reasonableness and accuracy.
- Data Entry Updating Data in the Budget Prep Module.
- Verification Confirming the Budget Prep Data.
- Balancing Balancing funds and adjusting funding as needed.
- USG Submission & Upload Submit first, upload second.
- Tracking Position Tracking Sheets, Permanent vs Temporary amendments.

Data, Data, and more Data

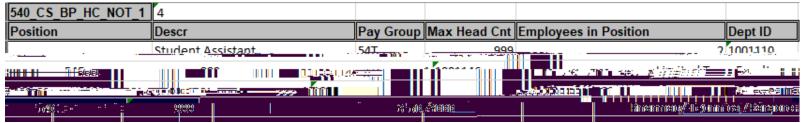
- The key to a successful Budget Development process is starting with clean data.
- Institutions have access to all of the data that will be imported into BP.... So let's analyze it!
- Now that original budget amendments can be processed with the position number in the "Ref" column, position budgets from GaFirst can easily be combined with position/job/DBT data from OneUSG.
- READ THE BP MANUAL WHEN RELEASED!!!



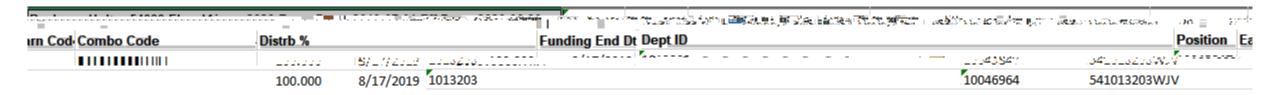
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Data Cleanup tasks at UWG:

• >1 Headcount Review



Grant/Funding end date review

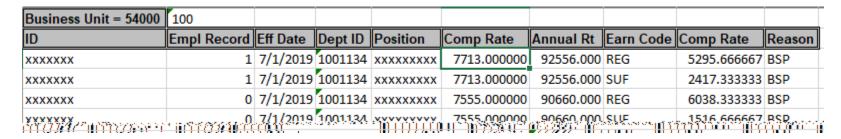




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Data Cleanup tasks at UWG:

MCOP Check



Remove excess permanent budget from Split Funded Positions



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Data Validation:

- Template to display OneUSG/GeorgiaFirst data for analyst review.
- Review current year Original Budget, Permanent Budget, and Changes to total budget by department.

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Managing Changes

- Permanent Budget/Position Changes are minimized after Data Import.
- When changes do occur:
 - Track any budgetary changes.
 - Re-Import position vs manual update in Budget Prep.
- Consistently Compare BP data to system source data.

Balancing

- All funds are balanced to current revenue projections and updated when final state allocation is received.
- Balancing tracking tools are important to keep track of any changes that were made while balancing.
- Budget Aggregate can easily be used for this task.

Budget Submittal and Export to GaFirst and OneUSG

- Once the budget has been submitted and approved to the Board of Regents, data from budget prep can be exported back into GaFirst and OneUSG.
- Allow budget journals to be created by position number.
- READ THE BP MANUAL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ERRORS MAY OCCUR.
- Work closely with areas responsible for Position Data, Job Data, and Time and Labor to coordinate timing of export and verification of data.
- Export earlier versus later.

Tracking

- Budget prep does not end after the data export and validation.
- Every change in permanent budget or change in position management should be analyzed in context of the next budget prep cycle.
- A budget prep mindset will make the data cleanup and preparation much easier.

Questions??

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