Improved Service Delivery at ISU: Overview of Proposed Models for Human Resources and Selected Finance Services

Institutional Effectiveness Leadership Team (IELT)
Campus Feedback Sessions
October 2018
Today’s discussion

- **Context** for proposed changes

- **Proposed models** for delivering human resources (HR) and selected finance services

- **Transitioning** to new models

- **We want your feedback!**
  - What works, concerns, questions
  - Now or online (your name and email are optional)

https://www.workcyte.iastate.edu/FAQs/questions-feedback
The entire campus is experiencing a lot of transitions!

- WorkCyte (Workday)
- P&S Classification and Compensation Review
- Improving Business Processes (BPI)
- Improving Service Delivery (ISD)

**TODAY**
How might staff be organized to support services with Workday and updated business processes?
Why improved service delivery, and why now?

• We are fortunate to have exceptional staff, faculty and administrators and we value the work you do
• The transition to Workday provides an opportunity to redesign how we deliver services in Human Resources and Finance, building on our employees’ strengths
• Our goals in developing improved service delivery are to:
  • Improve the employee experience
  • Better support the missions of Iowa State and our units
  • Enhance our culture of service
• We are committed to a collaborative, supportive process as we work through these changes
What are the new approaches?

- Services in HR and Finance are more effectively provided by employees who are experts in these areas, i.e., **functional specialists**
- We **propose** new organizational structures, i.e., **improved service delivery models** which will:
  - Allow functional specialists to work in teams
  - Ensure supervisors are knowledgeable, understand the new roles and can provide guidance
  - Offer enhanced professional development opportunities
  - Provide better balance of workloads and more effective backup
- We will work collaboratively with **staff impacted** by these new approaches
Institutional Effectiveness Leadership Team (IELT) and Super Group

The IELT Super Group is responsible for making a recommendation on the Finance and HR service delivery models. This group combines representation from Faculty Senate, P&S Council, Department Chairs and Workcyte Program Sponsors.

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Improved Service Delivery Model Development

- **August**: Information Gathering
- **September**: Development of Proposed Models
- **October**: Campus Outreach
- **November**: Super Group Incorporates Feedback

Final Recommendation Submitted to President
**Summary of Improved Service Delivery Changes**

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<td>• An enhanced service structure with new reporting relationships will be developed</td>
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<td>• Units will continue to be served by staff who understand unit specific needs</td>
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Service Delivery Model Reporting Relationships

- **Solid Line**
  - Denotes supervisory relationship (Manager Security Role in Workday)
  - Leads performance and compliance management
  - Acts as hiring manager
  - Coordinates backup and workload balancing
  - Ensures culture of service and accountability is upheld

- **Dotted Line**
  - Helps define performance management criteria
  - Contributes to and consulted in annual performance evaluation
  - Involved in Hiring
  - Ensures culture of service and accountability is upheld
  - Provides input and feedback in the development of policies and procedures
  - Provides day-to-day operational direction to support unit needs and mission
Enhancing our Culture of Service and Accountability

Reporting relationships alone will not transform the HR and Finance services. ISU is committed to enhancing our culture of delivering high quality support and customer service.

- Customized and Consistent Training. Training plans will focus on:
  - Customer Service
  - HR/Finance Policies
  - Workday business processes and reporting

- Transparent Performance Metrics
  - Workday provides dashboards to monitor performance metrics e.g., time to complete Workday transactions
  - Proposed structure provides process to address issues in a timely and effective manner

- Collaboration and Support
  - Specialized teams will support each other with knowledge sharing and cross training
  - Specialized teams will allow for backfill support when a staff member is out of the office or experiencing an increase in workload
Proposed HR Service Delivery Model
Proposed HR Service Delivery Structure

Key:
- **Blue** = Central
- **Yellow** = Strategic Unit Support
- **Red** = Workday Expert

Note:
- Faculty Handbook related matters will continue to be owned by the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost.
- The number of HR Partners, HR Coordinators and alignments are still to be determined. This slide represents a conceptual model.
Summary of HR Services

**University HR**
- Create and maintain Human Resources strategy, policy and programs
- Develop core training and communications to be executed by Division HR teams

**SR. HR Partner**
- Partner with UHR and Division head to ensure optimal customer service is delivered
- Provide guidance and development to Division HR teams

**HR Coordinator**
- Advise and support Workday processes and reporting for aligned unit
- Address HR transaction-related questions
- Ensure data integrity

**Admin Support**
- Resolve higher volume, general employee and manager inquiries
- Support employee and manager self-service Workday transactions
- Other administrative responsibilities, based on unit needs

**HR Partner**
- Provide consultative and strategic HR support
- Engage with aligned units to address their unique needs
- Implement and execute HR strategies, programs, and services
- Ensure unit workforce strategy aligns with university goals
Example HR Scenarios

A critical component of the proposed model is the importance of the domain experts (specialists) assigned to each unit as a point of contact fostering unit-specific expertise and familiarity.

Hiring Manager

“İ need help filling a vacant position”

HR Coordinator

Employee

“I’m moving. How do I update my address in Workday?”

Admin Support

Department Chair

“I have a salary equity issue with my staff and need help addressing it.”

HR Partner
Proposed Finance Service Delivery Model
Proposed Division Level Finance Structure

Key
- Central
- Strategic Unit Support
- Workday Expert

Notes:
- Number of Fiscal Officers and supporting staff is determined by the unit.
- Number of Finance Specialists and Finance Managers and alignments is still to be determined. This slide represents a conceptual model.
Summary Finance Services

**Division of Finance**
- Establishes accounting policies and procedures
- Resolves or investigates complex accounting issues
- Responsible for institution-level finance transactions and reporting

**Specialist Teams**
- Initiate various financial transactions in Workday (e.g. travel reimbursements, equipment purchases, grant expenses)
- Prepare and analyze various reports to inform decision making for unit(s) served
- Address Finance transaction-related questions

**Unit Finance**
- Responsible for unit budget planning and analysis
- Oversees the unit’s financial health, reporting, and staff financial training and development
Example Finance Scenarios

A critical component of the proposed model is the importance of the finance specialist teams aligned with each unit as a point of contact fostering unit-specific expertise and familiarity.

Employee: “I need help submitting my expense report from my conference in Des Moines”

Procurement and Expense

Fiscal Officer: “I need to update where a person's salary is charged”

Financial Services

Principal Investigator: “I need to understand my grant account balance”

Grants Fiscal Management
Transition Strategy
Guiding Principles

• Build on knowledge and expertise of current staff
• Keep knowledge and expertise aligned with units
• Minimize disruption for staff and units served
• Follow a collaborative and supportive process, involving affected staff and unit leaders
Transition to functional specialist positions

• Develop position descriptions (PDs) for new functional specialist roles
• Provide opportunities for staff to learn about new roles and ask questions
• Offer staff opportunity to express interest in these roles
• Conduct conversations with staff and unit leaders to identify talent pool for new functional specialist roles
• Recruit for remaining positions
• Conduct training
• Complete by July 2019, in time for Workday go-live
Alignment of remaining positions

- Meet with staff not moving into specialist roles to:
  - understand current work and skill sets
  - discuss opportunities and answer questions
- Meet with unit leaders to identify unit needs
- Conduct conversations with staff and unit leaders to match staff skills and interests with unit needs
- Update position descriptions
- Begin realignment in Spring 2019 and complete in FY20
Concluding thoughts

• We are fortunate to have exceptional staff, faculty and administrators and we value the work you do
• Improved service delivery will help us to:
  • Improve the employee experience
  • Better support Iowa State’s mission
  • Enhance our culture of service
• We are committed to a collaborative, supportive process as we work through these changes
• In this presentation, we shared proposed models
• Your feedback is important! Please share your questions, comments and concerns
Questions? Comments?

- You can find more information at the WorkCyte website and in our FAQ
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- You can leave the name and email fields blank