General Pre-Award Updates
Pre-Award Queue

- Reporting of all open actions in OSP Pre-Award
- Shared with research-active school deans’ offices on routine basis
- Over 800 open actions, July 2017
- Less than 300 open actions, November 2017
  - 63% decrease in 4 months
  - Confirmation that we are making investments in the right areas
- Multiple reporting cycles where there were zero unilateral awards ready for setup by OSP
What’s Next?

- Award Setup Changes
  - With stabilization of overall queue comes ability to begin establishing Service Level Agreements (SLAs) associated with key business functions
    - Initial Focus (January/February 2018)
      - Proposal Review & Submission
      - Award Setup

- Staffing
- Outgoing Subcontracts changes/updates
- Upcoming Brown Bags (January/February 2018)
  - Grants.gov Workspace
  - Pre-Award Training Series
Award Setup

SPONSOR AWARD & RESEARCHUVA-ORACLE INTERFACE
Award Setup: What You (May Have) Heard

- Arguably (!), most time-sensitive business process in OSP
- Duplicative and complex processes in Oracle and ResearchUVA
- Need to streamline setup and management in multiple areas
  - Reduce number of projects necessary
  - Revisit necessary/unnecessary data elements
  - Transaction controls
  - Templates
- Interface between ResearchUVA and Oracle
- Focus in upcoming months
Award Setup – What You Haven’t Heard

- Work beyond the interface preparation must first occur
- Challenges related to information captured generally – and overall structure
- Overwriting proposal (and award!) data
  - “Mark as awarded” on proposal record
- Missing basic elements in terms of information related to the sponsor award
- Only tracks current authority (though it wasn’t designed to do this!)
- Inability to connect multiple awards to one proposal
- Challenges associated with fiscal year “counting”
Sponsor Award

- Structure that captures award information *entirely distinct* from proposal information
  - Leverages ePRF data and displays it to the individual handling setup
  - Does not allow or require editing of proposal-stage data

- In terms of type, tracks
  - Unilateral Award vs. Bilateral Award
  - New Awards vs. Award Modifications
  - Distinction between funded and non-funded modifications to awards

- In terms of funding, tracks
  - Anticipated award
  - Current authority
  - Award increment detail(s)

- Action-based statuses (as opposed to team-based statuses)
Sponsor Award

- Enables tracking of various elements that are critical to the award, e.g.
  - Distinction between originating and immediate sponsor award number
  - Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)
- Smart forms that build off data already in the system, reducing required data entry
- Robust key personnel effort tracking
- Fiscal year will be a function of a date, connected to an increment of authority
  - Unilateral vs. bilateral awards
Sponsor Award

- Managing and tracking modifications
  - Time & Money
  - Money (no time)
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  - Key Personnel Changes

- Only allow entry/edit of items relevant to specific transaction
ResearchUVA-Oracle Interface

- Critical to have pre-award enterprise system interface with enterprise financial management system – *in both directions*

- Ability to leverage Sponsor Award work as we move forward into ResearchUVA-Oracle interface

- Collaborating with Enterprise Applications (EA) and external consultant (Morgan Franklin) to develop an award setup interface
ResearchUVA-Oracle Interface

- Goal is to have majority of data entry for award setup completed in ResearchUVA
- Information captured in ResearchUVA will then be “pushed” to Oracle to establish one or more PTAOs
- Removing duplicative and unnecessary data entry
  - If one enters something once, why must s/he enter the same information 25 more times?
  - If a specific field is never used in Oracle, why not consider hiding it?
- Automating where possible and removing certain unnecessary human “decision” points
- Reduce time to award setup
- Balancing what systems can do for you – and what they can’t (or, shouldn’t!)
Questions?