



UA Human Resources Communication Update January 2022

UA HR Projects and New Tasks		
Project	Estimated Completion	Updates as of 1/12/2022
Standardization of FML Processing	In Progress	The selection for a combined FML/ADA/LTD vendor has gone back under review. Implementation has been placed on hold until a new vendor is selected.
Roxen Campus HR Website	In Final Testing Phase	The operations team is working to shut down the operations sections of the old website and to consolidate all relevant and pertinent information into the new UA HR website section. Roxen is being discontinued as OU Campus is the sole information clearing house for UA info.
Student Classification and Compensation	Approved Effective 7/1/22	Talent Acquisition has begun the process to review and adjust the student classification and compensation tables which will allow for more flexibility with student compensation.
Temporary Employee Review	UA President Reviewing	All HR Teams have been reviewing the Temporary Employees process, policy and regulations ensuring the University is in compliance with both ACA, the State of Alaska Department of Retirement and Benefits requirements.
Banner to Cloud Migration	10/2022	UA OIT is leading a project to transfer Banner infrastructure to the cloud to be maintained by Ellucian. Will require extensive testing of all Banner functionality and the revision of payroll and reporting processes that are done by HRIS.



Streamline of Faculty
Contract Extensions

Spring 2022

HR is investigating a proposal on streamlining how faculty contract extensions are tracked in Banner.

Human Resources is making improvements to the system and procedures to better serve employees. This is an update on projects currently in progress. Our projects are a team effort. As we improve our processes, we communicate with those directly impacted throughout the system.

Process Improvement Projects and Tasks

Standardization of FML processing

The Employee Transitions and Benefits team is continuing the work to improve and standardize the processing and tracking of Family Medical Leave across the UA system. This includes assessing current processes, establishing common tracking methods and new streamlined processes to implement new tools to collect and manage FML requests efficiently and securely.

Update as of 11/2/2021: The team has discontinued the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA) leave due to the expiration on 9/30/21 of the federal guidance. FML vendor implementation with HRIS integration is on hold. Vendor selection of silver medalist from RFP is underway due to performance failure of initially selected vendor.

UA HR Website

A project plan is in place to further develop the UA HR webpage. This project will turn into a coordinated task with members from each HR team once the move from Roxen is complete.

Update as of 1/11/22: The project plan to migrate all existing content and create updated content for Operations has been completed. The work to update existing content has begun.

Temporary Employee Review

Talent Acquisition in conjunction with Operations, Employee Transitions and Benefits, and Customer Service, are reviewing Temporary Employees' processes, policies and regulations. This will allow the University to be in better compliance with both ACA and The State of Alaska Department of Retirement and Benefits requirements.

Update as of 01/11/2022: The Temp Work Team will be meeting Jan 22 to work out implementation details. proposed implementation will be 3Q FY 22The proposal has been approved by the UA President and Governance groups.

Faculty Hiring Process Improvement

Talent Acquisition has begun the process to review and adjust the faculty hiring process within myUA. This will allow all MAUs to use a singular process and singular language to hire staff. It will also reduce some of the current statuses being used within myUA.



Update as of 01/11/22: The work team has reviewed requirements and is working on language and statuses within myUA. The project is continuing to move forward with a proposed completion date in 3Q FY22.

Post-COVID Workplace Project

HR is leading a cross-functional, cross-campus team to research and identify the University of Alaska workplace after the COVID pandemic.

Update as of 1/11/22: The final report on the project with recommendations for further review was delivered to university leadership in mid-December. The teams will continue to meet on a quarterly basis over the next year to review progress and discuss employee feedback, making adjustments as needed.

Streamline of Faculty Contract Extensions

HR is investigating a proposal on streamlining how faculty contract extensions are tracked in Banner. The proposed changes would eliminate the following items:

- Need for UA departments to create and submit job forms and appointment letters.
- 10 earnings codes and
- Two job change codes
- Customized processes to apply holiday leave to those on contract extension
- Manual processing of timesheets for those taking leave while on contract extension

Update as of 11/3/2021: Feedback from Provost Offices and General Counsel has been received. Revisions to the proposal based on this feedback is in process. The next step is to share this with the HR Coordinators throughout the system.

ACA Annual Reporting

HR Operations is working with Employee Transitions and Benefits and Lockton Consulting to identify a vendor that can take on the annual reporting obligations for ACA.

Update as of 1/11/2022: The implementation with the 3rd party vendor, Accord, is in progress with completion expected in February.

Required Projects and Tasks

COVID-19 Vaccination Tracking

UA HR has been tasked with tracking those employees that are required to provide proof of the COVID-19 vaccination as well as to review and approve any exemptions.

Update as of 12/8/2021: With the assistance of UAS IT, a tracking and verification tool has been created which allows authorized individuals to review COVID-19 vaccination documentation and update the employee's record. Verification of COVID-19 vaccination records and reviewing of exemptions have started. The due date for verification is 1/18/22.



Banner to Cloud Migration

UA OIT is leading a project to transfer the Banner infrastructure to the cloud so it can be maintained by Ellucian. This will require extensive testing of all Banner functionality and the revision of most of the payroll and reporting processes that are done by HRIS. Cross-over to the cloud is scheduled for 10/20/2022 to 10/23/2022.

Update as of 1/11/22: The team of HR Core testers met for the kickoff meeting to discuss goals and set expectations. The first phase of testing is underway and will be wrapped up by mid to late February.

Request Management Replacement

UA HR currently uses Spoke for our request management and knowledge base functions. The vendor has been acquired by another organization and will not be continuing support for this product. The current contract ends on 6/30/22 and a replacement is required. TeamDynamix is a project management, request management and knowledge base tool that is currently used by UAA IT and OIT. UA HR will join these other university departments in implementation as a replacement for SPOKE.

Update as of 12/8/21: Technical demos for all UA HR staff and employee experience demos for HR Coordinators are being scheduled. Development of an implementation plan is underway.

Student Salary Table Implementation

Talent Acquisition, Personnel and HRIS will work together to implement the new student salary table structure that was approved by President Pitney and will be effective on 7/1/22.

Update as of 1/11/22: The Project Team is meeting with HR and financial representatives from across the system to get feedback on potential implementation plans during January.

Testing HR's B9 Admin Pages for Problem Resolution

HR was the first functional area to test B9 transformed pages and because of this, the format they were delivered in is not the same as all of the other B9 pages used today by other functional areas. Payroll and Personnel are encountering problems with these transformed pages requiring assistance from Ellucian to triage and fix.

Update as of 12/8/21: Ellucian resources have been identified and work is scheduled to begin at the end of January through February 2022.

Calendar Year End Processes

HR Accounting, Payroll and HRIS are working together to complete the calendar year end processes. Completion is expected by the end of February.

Update as of 1/11/22: Teams are working on the W-2 CYE tasks for the remainder of January. CYE tasks will be completed at the end of the month.



Staff Benefit Projections

HR Accounting is beginning work on Staff Benefit Projections. This project entails using current and prior year's actual staff benefits costs to project what the FY23 staff benefit costs will be. These amounts are used by Cost Analysis to establish the staff benefit rates for FY23.

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