The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Finance and Fiscal Reporting

SAHARA in PEOPLESOFT for Managers, Reconcilers, & Inquiry

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BEFORE BEGINNING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS USING SAHARA, PLEASE REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THIS TRAINING DOCUMENT.

Please Periodically Check For UPDATES, REVISIONS, or MODIFICATIONS to this Document on BRIGHTSPACE: <u>https://brightspace.utrgv.edu/d2l/home/11896</u>

Accounting & Reporting Resources Webpage: <u>https://www.utrgv.edu/finance-and-fiscal-reporting/departments/accounting-and-reporting/resources/index.htm</u>

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OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES

In this document:

- Introduction
- How To Acknowledge Reconciliation
- How To Acknowledge Approval of Reconciliation
- Track Flagged Items
- Review Account Reconciliations & Approvals
- Conducting Annual Financial Certifications (Managers Only)
- How To Acquire Access for Managers, Reconcilers, Inquiry

Until further notice please use SANDBOX for training:

https://zbih-sbx.utshare.utsystem.edu/psp/ZBIHSBX/?cmd=start

If are already logged into a different instance of PeopleSoft (PRD, RPT, TRN) please use a DIFFERENT browser



INTRODUCTION

Why SAHARA?

UTRGV's continued compliance with UTS 142 policy (*Segregation of Duties & Accounts Reconciliation*) Facilitate faster and accurate Reconciliation & Approval process To expedite the Manager's role in the Annual Financial Certification Process.

How is this happening?

All Reconciliation data on one screen w/multiple tabs ONLY Reconcilers & Managers have access to SAHARA to Reconcile or Approve Important to keep KEY MEMBER listing up-to-date

Comment & Flag Transaction(s)

Those with **INQUIRY ONLY** access can view specific CC/Project content



INTRODUCTION

What has NOT changed?

Reconciliations continue to be done on a monthly basis ONLY after accounting period has closed

Maintain In-House Tracking (i.e., your department excel file)You are reconciling what UTRGV (SAHARA) says your CC/Proj has against what your department tracking says you have.

Maintaining Supporting Documentation

All Reports will continue to be available

Formerly Signature Acknowledgement: **NOW ONLINE & ELECTRONIC** Reconcilers & Managers ONLY

In accordance with University of Texas System Policy 142, Segregation of Duties and Account Reconciliations, to provide an annual certification of compliance with financial reporting requirements:

Cost Center/Project Reconcilers are required to reconcile accounts on a monthly basis, shortly after the month-end close, in accordance with UTS 142. This ensures any errors are identified and corrected in a timely manner.

Cost Center/Project Managers are required to approve account reconciliations on a monthly basis, shortly after the month-end close, in accordance with UTS142. This ensures any errors are identified and availability of funds is determined.

Management requires that all certifiers and reconcilers attend training for the Monthly Financial Reconciliation Process on a fiscal year basis.

SAHARA ARCHITECTURE



* Data in SAHARA will be one day behind





SAHARA – THREE MAIN COMPONENTS





SAHARA – The ABC Process of Reconciliation & Approval





THE MONTHLY PROCESS



Throughout the month Expenses & Revenues are entered into Peoplesoft FMS

After Accounting Period Close Announcement is made & using SAHARA

Reconcilers perform Account Reconciliation

Auto notification to Managers is sent via email

Managers review & approve the monthly reconciliation

NOTE: At the time of Accounting Period Close Notification, you are ready to proceed in SAHARA



AUTO NOTIFICATION VIA EMAIL - EXAMPLE

Approval is Requested for SAHARA Account Reconciliation ≪ Reply All Reply noreply@utsystem.edu To Cost Center/ Project Manager Mon 6/7/2021 8:36 Al This is to inform you that you have a SAHARA Account Reconciliation ready for approval: Business Unit:UTRGV Fiscal Year:2020 Accounting Period:12 CostCenter/Project:5300000109 Funding Source Description: FY20 Chess Classes You can navigate directly to the approval page by clicking the link below. https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fzbih-sbx.utshare.utsystem.edu%2Fpsp%2FZBIHSBX%2FEMPLOYEE%2FERP% 2Fc%2FUTZ CUSTOMIZATIONS.UTZ FM ACCT RECON.GBL%3FPage%3DUTZ FM RECON APPR%26Action%3DU%26ACCOUNTING PERIOD%3D12% 26BUSINESS UNIT%3DUTRGV%26FISCAL YEAR%3D2020%26UTZ ARA CCPRJ FL%3D5300000109&data=04%7C01%7Cdavid.guerra% 40utrgv.edu%7Cfd7a3f5e42944a0d602808d929b92680%7C990436a687df491c91249afa91f88827%7C0%7C0%7C637586697458211183% 7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQljoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D% 7C1000&sdata=b3n5aUbkFrHHLqk18QqrkVpcbBjbNWswlW6PH41SOQo%3D&reserved=0



Accounting Periods

Accounting Period	Calendar Month
1	SEPTEMBER
2	OCTOBER
3	NOVEMBER
4	DECEMBER
5	JANUARY
6	FEBRUARY
7	MARCH
8	APRIL
9	MAY
10	JUNE
11	JULY
12	AUGUST



SAHARA FOR RECONCILERS



HOW TO REQUEST ACCESS – COST CENTER / PROJECT RECONCILERS ONLY

- a. Ensure your assignment as Cost Center and/or Project Reconciler is confirmed
- b. Please login at http://SUPPORT.UTRGV.EDU
- c. Click on the blue INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY button
- d. Click on Get Access



- e. In the following fields (below your name) please enter the associated information:
 - a. Category: **PeopleSoft Financials**
 - b. Resource: PeopleSoft General Ledger
 - c. Description: As a **Cost Center/Project RECONCILER**, I am requesting access to SAHARA with the role: **UTZ_FI_GL_SAHARA_RECONCILER**
- f. Click on **REQUEST** (blue button at the bottom of screen)
- g. EULA agreement: Check Your Email

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ABOUT RECONCILING - SALARIES

Reconcilers consider the following, if applicable and if feasible:

- Review SAHARA reconciliation reports for both current and prior periods.
- Compare Salary balances between the two months.
- If differences, identify transactions causing discrepancies and include supporting documentation (PAF, Additional Pay Requests, Separation/Retirement forms, etc.).
- **Re: Separated Employees**: identify & confirm if any such employees exist from CC/Project Manager on a monthly basis prior to actual reconciliation & take immediate action on these type of discrepancies
- If no differences, include screenshots of prior month and current month Salaries showing no change between periods.



ABOUT RECONCILING – SALARIES – PAYROLL COSTS REMINDERS

- 1. Payroll expenses should be charged to the correct cost center/project and accounting period. This validation is required every month.
- 2. Obtain from your supervisor/manager a current roster/listing of employees in your department. This list should be updated each month the department has a new hire, or an employee separates from the department.
- 3. Confirm that the employees from the list above (Step #2) are being charged to the cost centers/projects and only expenses for those employees are present.
- 4. Confirm that payments agree to the budgeted position, ePAF or cPAF.
- 5. Take immediate action with HR when discrepancies are identified. Employees being charged incorrectly to a cost center/project is a **RED FLAG** that something is wrong and requires prompt action to resolve.
- 6. Ensure employee Separations are submitted timely



Reconcilers consider the following, if applicable and if feasible:

- Provide PeopleSoft timesheet to verify total hours.
 - Calculate pay (Hours x Rate).
- Validate wages are correct for each employee in SAHARA.

Reconcilers consider the following, if applicable and if feasible :

- Review transactions in SAHARA and gather documentation that support the transactions.
- Types of documents to include are Expense Reports (travel and non-travel), Vouchers (PO and Non-PO invoices), ProCard(Citibank) summary page and Journal Entries.
- In Reporting environment queries such as UTZ_ADHOC_TRANS_HR_AP_EX, UTZ_GL_ADHOC_JOURNALS_RPT_ALL, UTRGV_PO_ENCUMB_RECON_ALL, etc. may be utilized
- Once transactions are validated, complete reconciliation process by clicking on Reconciliation check box in SAHARA.



ABOUT REVIEWING CONTENT IN SAHARA

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Reviewer should consider the following:

- Do the transactions appear appropriate for department/University business?
- Are there any suspicious looking transactions?
- Does it appear the accounts have been reviewed (i.e., the Reconciler has noted transactions)?
- Has the Reconciler explained any unrecognized transactions?
 - Using Comment(s) and/or Flag(s)



RECONCILIATION SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

Review Type	Supporting Documentation
Salaries	 <u>HR Separation / Retirement Form</u> Other HR salary related forms with supporting documentation Additional Pay Request PAFs
Wages	 PeopleSoft Time Sheet (hours entered) (if applicable) Calculate pay amount (Hours x Rate) (if applicable) Validate wages amount for each employee (if applicable)
Fringe Benefits	 No supporting documents required Verify there is little fluctuation between months Notify Budget Office of any discrepancies
Operating Expenses	 Copies of Purchase Orders Invoices for both PO and Non-PO Vouchers IDT Journals with supporting documentation Pro Card Transaction Logs (note: keep receipts separate) Expense Reports with attachments and supporting documentation



ABOUT RETAINING DOCUMENTATION

Documents may be retained in *any manner deemed most efficient by each department* so long as the documentation may be easily accessed and produced on request.

- Ensure continued compliance with UTRGV Retention Schedule
- If retaining Hardcopy documents, create a monthly packet (by month) and include all supporting documentation.
- If retaining Electronic documents, create a monthly PDF packet and save to departmental shared drive (create monthly folders).
- Include all supporting documentation.



- 1. Login to PeopleSoft 9.2
- 2. From the *Employee Self-Service* drop-down menu select *Accounting & Financial Reports*





On the Accounting & Financial Reports screen Click on **SAHARA Monthly Reconciliation** tile The Account Reconciliation Search page will open





The Account Reconciliation Search page opens.

Enter the Search Criteria information:

Business Unit: UTRGV

Year: << defaults current fiscal year>>

Period: <<defaults to most recent closed accounting period>>

Department: << optional or enter Department ID number & leave Cost Center/Project field blank>>

Cost Center/Project: << one value at a time>> or LEAVE BLANK

Click Search button

CC or Project will be revealed in Search Results section below

If you do not see the Cost Center or Projects you are looking for please click on the remaining check boxes (Reconciliation Not Required, Budget activity Only, Encumbrance Activity Only)

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Click Search button 1. NOTE: A cost center/project will show 2. CC or Project will be revealed in "Inactive\Unauthorized" or "Reconciliation Search Results Section **not Required**" because they do not have any 3. Click on the Cost Center or Project ID activity for the fiscal year, once they have activity content will appear. Search Page Account Reconciliation "Inactive\Unauthorized" or "Reconciliation Search Criteria UTRGV Q not Required" will NOT allow reconciliation in *Business Unit 2023 Q *Year SAHARA. 12 Q *Period ARA - Multiple CC /PRJ Approval Page Q Department Cost Center/Project 0 Once activity appears, RECONCILIATION will be Not Reconciled Reconciled Not Approved Complete allowed for the rest of the Fiscal Year. Reconciliation Not Required Budget Activity Only Encumbrance Activity Only Search Personalize | Find | View All | 2 | 🕀 First (4) 1 Cost Fiscal Period Reconciliation Status Description Owner Туре Budgets Exp E Actuals Rev Actuals Exp Budgets Rev Center/Project Year Reconciliation not 21000008 Recruitment and Staffing Costcenter 2021 1 0.00 0.00 0.00 2.774.88 Required





On the RECONCILIATION screen

- 1. Six (6) tabs will appear across the top
 - 1. Search Page
 - 2. Approval Page
 - 3. Budget Information
 - 4. Actuals Reconciliation
 - 5. Encumbrance Information
 - 6. Download Actuals

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB OVERVIEW

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB OVERVIEW



Expense Summary:

•YTD Actuals Expense (Fiscal YTD –2020) •PTD Actuals Expense (Project to Date –Inception)

Revenue Summary:

•YTD Actuals Revenue (Fiscal YTD –2020)

•PTD Actuals Revenue (Project to Date –Inception)

Revenue / Expenses for the Period:

Month to Date activity

(no transactions data notice displays if applicable)(Note: even if no data is displayed you will need to continue in-house tracking)



ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB OVERVIEW

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- "Reconciliation Status" allows users to confirm if a Cost Center/Project has been reconciled.
 - The reconciliation check box will NOT be available until Accounting Period has officially closed.
- General comments can be added to the reconciliation.
- Specific comments can be added to individual lines.
- Flags can also be enabled to highlight a transaction.



Permanent Revenue Budget

- Beginning Period Rev Budget Ttl
- Monthly Rev Budget Trans Ttl
- End of Period Rev Revised Budget

Permanent Expense Budget

- sourced from KK budget data
- Beginning Period Exp Budget Ttl
- Monthly Exp Budget Trans Ttl
- End of Period Exp Revised Budget

Budget Activity breakdown

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Note: Once all documents identified, gather all supporting documentation that supports transactions



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Apply Filter for specific Account reconciliation.

Verify total to SAHARA reconciliation GL Account #.



ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB – ACCOUNTS – REVIEWED CHECK BOX

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB – ADDING COMMENTS

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB – FLAGGING A TRANSACTION

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB – FLAGGING A TRANSACTION

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ACTUALS RECONCILIATION TAB – REMOVING A FLAGGED TRANSACTION

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RECONCILIATION

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Projects	Start Date	End Date Acco	ounting Period 11	Fiscal Year 2021
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Year To Date Actuals Expense \$2,765,294.13	Year To Date Actuals Revenue	\$0.00		
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- Once transactions have been *reviewed*, scroll to top of page (Reconciliation section)
- Read the revised acknowledgement statement
- Click "Reconciliation" box & click on Save button (failing to click SAVE will NOT lock the Reconciliation checkbox, please click SAVE).



SAHARA FOR MANAGERS



HOW TO REQUEST ACCESS – COST CENTER / PROJECT MANAGERS ONLY

- a. Ensure your assignment as Cost Center and/or Project Manager is confirmed.
- b. Please login at http://SUPPORT.UTRGV.EDU
- c. Click on the blue INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY button.
- d. Click on Get Access



- e. In the following fields please enter the associated information:
 - a. Category: PeopleSoft Financials
 - b. Resource: PeopleSoft –General Ledger
 - c. Description: As a **Cost Center/Project MANAGER**, I am requesting

access to SAHARA with the role: UTZ_FI_GL_SAHARA_APPROVER

- f. Click on **REQUEST** (blue button at the bottom of screen).
- g. EULA agreement: Check Your Email

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If this request form is being submitted to obtain access to federally-protected student data as defined by the U.S. Department of Education under the Family Educational Ri and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, it is with the understanding that both the immediate supervisor and employee gaining access fully recognize that only data pertinent to th employee's scope of responsibilities is to be utilized, and abuse of this access is considered a violation of FERPA. Under no circumstances is protected student data to be or discussed with individuals who do not have a documented legitimate educational interest in the student data being accessed. Submit	ghts ie shared

sure your assignment as Cost Center and/or Project Manager is con

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ABOUT REVIEWING CONTENT IN SAHARA

Reviewer should consider the following:

- Do the transactions appear appropriate for department/University business?
- Are there any suspicious looking transactions?
- Does it appear the accounts have been reviewed (i.e., the Reconciler has noted transactions)?
- Has the Reconciler explained any unrecognized transactions?
 - Using Comment(s) and/or Flag(s)
 - Supporting documentation
 - Follow-up emails

ABOUT RETAINING DOCUMENTATION

Documents may be retained in *any manner deemed most efficient by each department* so long as the documentation may be easily accessed and produced on request.

- Ensure continued compliance with UTRGV Retention Schedule
- If retaining Hardcopy documents, create a monthly packet (by month) and include all supporting documentation.
- If retaining Electronic documents, create a monthly PDF packet and save to departmental shared drive (create monthly folders).
- Include all supporting documentation.





The following process is for Cost Center and/or Project Managers ONLY







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- Click on the Approval Page tab
- > The approval process will be completed by checking the "Approved" checkbox
- Click on Save button

Search Page Approval Page Budget Information Actuals Reconciliation	Encumbrance Information	Download Actuals
Header Details		
Project 5400001080 Description Increasing Cost Centers	Owner Start Date 07/01/2019	End Date 07/15/2022 Accounting Period 12
Approval Info * I have reviewed and approved the reconciliation and notes regarding the reconciling items for the	his cost center's/Project's monthly	^r activity.
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Note: failing to click SAVE will NOT lock the Approved checkbox. Please click SAVE button.



APPROVAL cannot be completed until Cost Center/Project is reconciled



SAHARA RECONCILIATION & APPROVAL IS AN A-B-C PROCESS

- A = Reconciler Reconciles CC/Project
- B = Manager Reviews and Approves Reconciliation of CC or Project
- C = Process is complete.



ADDING COMMENTS – MANAGERS ONLY

Search Page Approval Page Budget Information Actuals Reconciliation Header Details Cost Center 29249710 Description SEUP-ROAD SHOW'S AND SP Projects Month End Expense Summary Revised Expense Budget \$31,846,458.2: YTD Actuals Expense S62,476.66 PTO Actuals Expense \$62,476.66 Encumbrance Total \$274,840.11 Available Expense Budget \$31,309,141.46 Reconciliation Seconciliation Seconciliation Seconciliation	On Encumbrance Information Download Actuals ECIAL EV Owner Start Dato End Dato Month End Revenue Summary Revised Revenue Budget YTD Actuals Revenue PTD Actuals Revenue PTD Actuals Revenue Revenue Budget Balance	a) Departr Accoun \$11,439,500.00 \$3,376,144.72 \$3,376,144.72 \$3,376,144.72 \$8,063,355.28	 a) General comments can be added in the Approver Comments box b) Click Save Comments button to retain comments c) To leave specific comment on individual accounts, cli on the comments bubble (don't forget to click that save button) 							
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Accounting & Financial Report	orts	SAHARA Monthly Reconciliation										
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Select "All Cost Centers/Projects" in the drop-down menu and **Click** Update results. This will update the table to show all the cost centers/projects that have been reconciled and are ready for your approval

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Click the "Select All for Multiple Approvals" button. All the rows under the "Multiple Approval" column will be checked. **Click** the "Approve Selected Rows" button to approve the cost centers/projects selected.

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OK Cancel Apply														



The approval statement will appear, please read and Click "yes".

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements for UTRGV for the accounting period mentioned above, I confirm, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the following:

- 1. My team has reconciled all transactions for the month and all transactions were appropriate, allowable, and properly recorded.
- 2. All reconciling items have been adjusted or satisfactorily resolved and/or in the process of being resolved.
- 3. I understand my responsibilities for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, and my requirement to report all suspected fraud.
- 4. I am aware that by using the "Approve Selected Rows" option, all the lines with the checkbox will be Approved and will reflect my employee ID.

Select Yes to continue to Approve all lines selected through the 'Approve Selected Rows' option

Yes



The "Approve" button will now be gray and your name will show under the "User ID" column. **Click** the "Apply" button and **click** the "x" button to exit the screen and return to the Account Reconciliation screen.

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MANAGERS ONLY PROCESS

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Using this option will display all assigned cost centers and/or projects assigned to you.

Displays list of assigned Cost Centers / Projects with the ability to look up CC/Projs ready for your approval (after reconciliation by Reconciler)

Additionally, Manager can review the reconciliation details for the CC/Project listed.



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In the Approve menu option is the Approve Range of CostCenters submenu option to reveal the ARA – Multiple CC Approval screen.

There are four fields in the Search Criteria of which three (3) are required entry.



ARA - Multiple CC Approval

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In the Search Criteria Business Unit = UTRGV (required) Fiscal Year = 2021 or current fiscal year (required) Accounting Period = any current or past period (required) Department = department code (required for FY 2021 Periods 1 & 2)

Once entry fields are present, click on SEARCH button and results will appear below.



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This notice shows reconciliation information is not present (i.e., selecting a period that has not yet closed, not yet occurred, or not yet reconciled by reconciler). Check the required entry fields and adjust accordingly.





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8	21000007	Human Resources & Talent Mgmt			0.00	224,760.72	0.0	0 18,018.24	1
9	21000008	Recruitment and Staffing			0.00	3,469.39	0.0	0 239.50	3

Search results display ALL Cost Centers & Projects assigned to you whether they are ready for approval or not.

If you have numerous assigned Cost Centers/Projects, please use the **#Filter Cost Center/Projects** drop down option to narrow the content displayed.



Select "All Cost Centers/Projects" in the drop-down menu and **Click** Update results. This will update the table to show all the cost centers/projects that have been reconciled and are ready for your approval

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Click the "Select All for Multiple Approvals" button. All the rows under the "Multiple Approval" column will be checked. **Click** the "Approve Selected Rows" button to approve the cost centers/projects selected.

	ARA Multiple CC/PRJ Approval												
Account Recon Summary Approval													
Business Unit UTRGV Fiscal Year 2022 Accounting Period 5 Department *Filter Cost Centers/Projects All Cost Centers/Projects V Update Results In connection with the preparation of the financial statements for UTRGV for the accounting period mentioned above, I confirm, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the following: 1. My team has reconciled all transactions for the month and all transactions were appropriate, Select All For Multiple Approvals Deselect All for Multiple Approvals Approve Selected Rows													
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OK Cancel Apply													



The approval statement will appear, please read and Click "yes".

In connection with the preparation of the financial statements for UTRGV for the accounting period mentioned above, I confirm, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the following:

- 1. My team has reconciled all transactions for the month and all transactions were appropriate, allowable, and properly recorded.
- 2. All reconciling items have been adjusted or satisfactorily resolved and/or in the process of being resolved.
- 3. I understand my responsibilities for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, and my requirement to report all suspected fraud.
- 4. I am aware that by using the "Approve Selected Rows" option, all the lines with the checkbox will be Approved and will reflect my employee ID.

Select Yes to continue to Approve all lines selected through the 'Approve Selected Rows' option

Yes No



The "Approve" button will now be gray and your name will show under the "User ID" column. **Click** the "Apply" button and **click** the "x" button to exit the screen and return to the Account Reconciliation screen.

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Clicking on the Link to Details link will open a NEW browser tab revealing the ARA Accounts Reconciliation page for that CC/Project mentioned in the link.

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In the NEW browser tab, the ARA Accounts Reconciliation page, will display **ALL** reconciliation data (in tabs) for you to review, comment, flag, and approve.

When done with reviewing, close the ARA Accounts Reconciliation browser tab.





SAHARA ANNUAL CERTIFICATION – MANAGERS ONLY



This process opens after the last accounting period of the fiscal year has closed.

This process is only for Cost Center and/or Project Managers




NOTE: CC/Project Managers will be certifying for ALL CC/Projects at one time



SAHARA Annual Certification	
Owner Certification	LOR Search Page Recon Status and Comments Certification Statement
CC/Project Owner Certification	Search Parameters
① Dean/Div Head Certification	*Business Unit UTRGV Q *Fiscal Year 2021
	Search
	LOR Search Fage Recon Status and Comments Certification Statement

Navigate -Peoplesoft > Employee Self Service > Accounting & Financial Reports > SAHARA Annual Certification > Owner Certification > CC/Project Owner Certification

- To the right *Default* Data is populated
- Click Search button
- Content in Recon Status and Comments tab
 will appear.

LOR Search Page	Recon Status and Comments	Certification Statement
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*Business Unit	UTRGV	
*Fiscal Year	2021	
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- In the LOR Search Page tab
- Business Unit = UTRGV
- Fiscal Year = (i.e., 2021)
- Click Search button
- Content in Recon Status and Comments tab
 will appear.



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CC/Project Manager will be able to see ALL CC and/or Projects assigned and their reconciled & approval status for the entire fiscal year.

Comments may be added Click **Save Comments** button

When ready click on **Go To Certification Page** button



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT RIO GRANDE VALLEY LETTER OF REPRESENTATION Fiscal Year 2020 Description	the ANNUAL CERTIFICATION process for the entire fiscal year.
In preparation of the financial statements for fiscal year ending August 31, 2020, i confirm, to the best of my knowledge and beliet, the following are true, accurate and conclusion of all cost centers and projects to ensure accuracy, validity, and completeness of financial information. 1. Just cann have reconciled all transactions for each of the controls through August 31, 2020. All transactions were appropriate, allowable, and properly recorded. 2. As department manager, i reviewed and approved all reconciliations, or delegated such review and approval, for the departmental cost centers and projects to review of my knowledge, there are no miscitatemente or omissions in the departmental cost centers or projects for which I am completeness. 3. As department manager, i reviewed and approved all reconciliations, or delegated such review and approval, for the departmental cost centers or projects for which I am completeness. 4. As department manager, traviewed and reconciliations, and reconciliations in the traviewed and review and approval. In understand, the controls include timely is approved by the state and inclusions in the department cost centers or projects for which I am completeness of my knowledge, there are no miscitatemente or omissions in the department cost centers or projects for which I am completeness is approved by the state and inclusions and reviewed and maintaining effective internal. 4. As department manager, traviewed and the conciliations, or delegated out in westigated or in knowledge, there are appropriately identified and investigated or internal isolated in the state and technology cost centers propriately identified and investigated or internal isolation of my knowledge. The table been no. 4. Provide manacheme equiptions that and technology cost centers that has not been appropriately identified and investigated. 5. Provide monitoring any employee that has not been appropriately identified and investigated isolated three asignificent effect on the financial statements that has	 After reading the "Letter of Representation" the Manager will then click on the CERTIFY Flag check box. NOTE: The Annual Certification is for ALL CC/Projects assigned to the manager. The certification is all or nothing. NOTE: A pop-up notice will appear if any CC/Projects are NOT reconciled and/or approved. It will allow you to proceed with Annual Certification.
	Lastly, click the Save Certification button to save

and lock down the *Certification* for this fiscal year.



SAHARA FOR INQUIRY ONLY



HOW TO REQUEST ACCESS – INQUIRY ONLY

- a. Please login at http://SUPPORT.UTRGV.EDU
- b. Click on the blue INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY button

- c. Click on Get Access!
- d. In the following fields please enter the associated information:
 - a. Category: PeopleSoft Financials
 - b. Resource: PeopleSoft –General Ledger
 - c. Description: I am requesting access to SAHARA with the role: UTZ_FI_GL_SAHARA_INQUIRY
- e. Click on **REQUEST** (blue button at the bottom of screen)
- f. EULA agreement: Check Your Email
- g. **IMPORTANT:** Once access is granted by I.T. you must do the following to get access to view the CC/Projects.
 - a. Send an email to <u>AccountingandReporting@utrgv.edu</u> with the following information:
 - a. Your Name & Employee ID Number
 - b. The list of Cost Centers and/or Projects you want to view
 - c. The respective CC/Project Managers' approval
 - b. Delaying this email will delay your access to view CC/Projects

Information Technology

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If this request form is being submitted to obtain access to federally-protected student data as defined by the U.S. Department of Education under the Family Educational Righ and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, it is with the understanding that both the immediate supervisor and employee gaining access fully recognize that only data pertinent to the employee's scope of responsibilities is to be utilized, and abuse of this access is considered a violation of FERPA. Under no circumstances is protected student data to be sha or discussed with individuals who do not have a documented legitimate educational interest in the student data being accessed.	is ared



SAHARA FOR INQUIRY ONLY

Individuals with SAHARA FOR INQUIRY ONLY are limited to the following:

- 1. Able to view all financial data posted in SAHARA
- 2. Able to view attachments uploaded by the Reconciler and/or Manager
- 3. Ability to view comments on flagged items as well as general comments in the Budget Information, Actuals Reconciliations, and Encumbrances tabs

SAHARA FOR INQUIRY ONLY access has these additional limitations:

- 1. Cannot Reconcile on behalf of the Reconciler
- 2. Cannot Approve reconciliations on behalf of the Manager
- 3. Cannot initiate Flagging of transactions
- 4. Cannot remove flags on transactions
- 5. Cannot upload attachments



SAHARA PROCESSES & REPORTS



SAHARA now allows attaching files at Header level. SAHARA Reconcilers/Managers able to upload attachments at the Header level

—		Appro
	Save Comments	
	Attachments	

Attachments link with counter **Attachments (1)** to be added to Approval Page tab, Budget Information tab, Actuals Reconciliation tab, and Encumbrance Information tab.



REGARDING UPLOADS

Please follow IT policy on storing information

(https://www.utrgv.edu/is/_files/documents/data-storage-guide.pdf)

DO NOT UPLOAD anything containing confidential information onto SAHARA DO NOT UPLOAD anything that will violate HIPAA and/or FERPA onto SAHARA Upload Specific Reconciling Items

Upload Specific Documents that have signatures, such as forms requiring approval.



DRILL DOWN TO SOURCE

Ability to drilldown into a source transaction - the user should have the ability to select a relevant transaction (voucher, expense report, journal, etc.) to see the detail of that transaction and the attachments on that transaction.

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			Regular Entry
Invoice Information			
Business Unit	UTRGV	Invoice No	36926457
Voucher ID	R0129251	Accounting Date	01/25/2021
Voucher Style	Regular Voucher	Pay Terms	00
Invoice Date	01/04/2021	Basis Date Type	Inv Date

ck Number	Monetary Amount
20981	\$214.82
24157	\$291.06
20982	\$645.96
23278	<u>\$730.58</u>
20982	\$1,894. Monetary Amount
0002	\$222.00

NOTICE:

Monetary Amount links do not go outside of General Ledger (will not go to iShop)

For Journal Entries results will not take you to specific line.





Navigate to & click **NAVBAR** on the far-right side of the **Employee Self Service** tab and click on the **MENU** option





The screen will change revealing a vertical menu on the right side of the screen. Click on the menu options in the following order:

- a. FINANCIALS
- b. UTZ CUSTOMIZATIONS
- c. GENERAL LEDGER
- d. SAHARA
- e. **REPORTS**
- f. SAHARA SUMMARY REPORT





Find an Existing Value Add a New Value

After you add search criteria and click on the **SAVE** button (see next step) you will **NOT** need to create a new Run Control ID. Click on the **Find an Existing Value** tab and then click on **Search** button, revealing the saved search criteria.



The screen will then change to reveal the **Account Reconciliation Summary Report**. To create the report, you will need to populate the following fields:

- a. REQUIRED: Business Unit field will be pre-populated with **UTRGV**
- b. REQUIRED: Fiscal Year
- c. REQUIRED: Accounting Period or check the All Periods
- d. OPTIONAL: Department From & Department To
- e. OPTIONAL: Cost Center/Project From & Cost Center/Project To
- f. OPTIONAL: CC Owner ID (Manager Employee ID Number)
- g. OPTIONAL: Reconciler ID (Reconciler Employee ID Number)
- h. OPTIONAL: Reconciliation Status (Y or N)
- i. OPTIONAL: Approved Status (Y or N)

ARA Summary Report					
Run Control ID	SAHARA_SUMMARY_RPT	Rep	ort Manager	Process Monitor	Run
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Once you have made your selection(s) click on **Save** button.



Next click on the **Run** button (upper right side)

ARA Summary Report				
Run Control ID	SAHARA_SUMMARY_RPT	Report Manager	Process Monitor	Run
Account Reconcilia	ation Summary Report			



A pop-up window will appear. As there is only one option click on the **OK** button

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The pop-up will disappear. Next, click on the **Process Monitor** link (just to the left of Run button)

ARA Summary Report					
Run Control ID	SAHARA_SUMMARY_RPT	Report Manager	Process Monitor	Run	
Account Reconcil	ation Summary Report				

The screen will then change, periodically click on the **Refresh** button, and monitor the **Run Status** & **Distribution Status** columns until you see Success and Posted, respectively. Click on the link: **Report Manager**

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On the new screen changes, click on the **Administration** tab. In the Report List section (center of screen) look for and click on UTZ_ARA_SMRT in the Description field. This will begin the downloading of the file titled: ARA_SUMMARY_REPORT.csv

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The **ARA_SUMMARY_REPORT.csv** file will open using Microsoft Excel. Based on criteria entered, the Search Result will return requested information. The file content depicts:

- a. N: Pending reconciliation/Approval
- b. Y: Reconciled/Approved
- c. --: Reconciliation not required

Columns A-F will show the cost center/project detail

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Business Unit	Fiscal Year	Cost Centr	CC/Project Descr	CC/Project Owner	Department

Columns G-R will show the reconciler status

G	н	I	J	К	L	М	N	0	Р	Q	R
Reconciled											
Period1	Period2	Period3	Period4	Period5	Period6	Period7	Period8	Period9	Period10	Period11	Period12
		Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

Columns S-AD will show the managers approval status

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Approved										
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TRACK FLAGGED ITEMS





Flagged Items Field Reference Business Unit UTRGV Q Fiscal Year 2020 Q Department From Q Cost Center/Project From Q Cost Center/Project From Q Flagged by Net ID Q Search Search	 Business Unit: UTRGV Fiscal Year: (i.e. 2020) Cost Center or Department ID (not both) or leave CC & Dept fields blank Click Search – YTD results will appear below
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TRACK FLAGGED ITEMS

Last Five (5) columns contain flagging information

- 1. Reconciler Comments
- 2. Approver Comments
- 3. Flagged by NetID (EIN)
- 4. Flagged by User
- 5. Flag Date/Time

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WWW: <u>https://www.utrgv.edu/finance-and-fiscal-reporting/departments/accounting-and-reporting/index.htm</u>

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