Cell Phone Reimbursements

An email was recently sent out explaining the changes in accounting for cell phone usage. Cell phones are now a reimbursement instead of an allowance and are not considered taxable income. Departments will need to review each employee’s cell phone agreements annually. Details are in this letter sent in an email.

WACUBO

The annual Unit & Academic Business Officer’s Workshop meeting is scheduled for March 28-29, 2011 in Seattle. This is a great resource for business officers. The agenda for the upcoming meeting was passed out.

Strategic Sourcing

Purchasing is currently reviewing vendors the University is using to verify that the University is getting the rates the Vendors have with the State. The purchasing department has been analyzing payments made to vendors in order to find instances where vendors have charged more than the agreement with the state. They have worked with the vendor to correct the situation. By using state contracted vendors, departments can get much better prices than by using the other vendors.
**Single Sign On**

UIT is working on creating a single sign on application to be used with all the secure websites on campus. Some possible names for the new application were shared and the group gave opinions on which ones it liked.

**FIL/HRIL**

FIL/HRIL is a tool that provides a variety of financial and human resources queries. The application was demonstrated. A question/answer session provided the group with additional knowledge about FIL/HRIL.

**Open Discussion**

PI’s will need to give a one or two paragraph description of their projects with ARRA funding.

The “Funds Available” selection in “Management Reports” will only give results for the current month and not previous months.

*Next BPAG Meeting – March 11, 2011*