Laura Howat, the new University Controller, presented the objectives for her office which include:

- Customer Service
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Address Efficiencies
- Focus on Internal Controls

She stated that “Business Process is a work in Progress.”

**PO Invoice Approval**

One change has been made to the new PO Invoice approval process. Invoices over $50,000 will only be paid if the department has approved the invoice. Please provide Accounts Payable feedback regarding the PO Invoice Approval process.

**9.1 Upgrade**

The Financial System upgrade to version 9.1 begins this afternoon. During the upgrade, there will be no access to the University Financial System. The upgrade should be complete tomorrow, and it is expected that the system will be fully functioning for start of business Monday morning.
**W2 FIL**

Departments can use a FIL to determine if their employees had exercised the option to select electronic or printed W2. Departments are encouraged to have their employees make a W2 election.

**Salary Encumbrance**

Changes are being made to Salary Encumbrances. The Payroll Encumbrance WEB Report is being updated to improve information for the departments. Feedback on the new form was discussed. Now, changes made will be reflected the next day. You can also encumber projects in future fiscal years.

**Payroll Suspense**

An email will be sent from Payroll, when there is an issue with distribution affecting pay. The changes need to be made by 3pm on the last business day of the pay period.

**Journey of Information**

The journey of a personal financial transaction was compared to the journey of a financial transaction at the University. Timeliness of data was discussed.

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