

Bowdoin College

memorandum

To: All Managers and *Financial Edge* Users

From: Karen Champagne, Director of Accounting

Date: May 10, 2019

Subject: Year-End Accounting Procedures – June 30, 2019

The College’s financial year ends on June 30, 2019. In order for our accounting records to be complete and accurate, we need the assistance and coordinated effort of all those responsible for College financial transactions. The following deadlines are crucial to the year-end close process and enable the Controller’s Office to prepare for the annual financial statement audit and properly reflect budget results.

As with prior years, we are providing an additional 2-day window for “final project review”. The intent is to give project managers one last look at their projects after year end journal entries and invoices are posted. It is important to use this for **final** review only. It is **not** an extension to the July 15th due date noted below.

If you have any questions, please contact me at ext. 4178, or any member of the Controller’s Office.

Transaction	Deadline	Deliver To	Documentation Needed
Petty Cash	Friday June 28 by 5 p.m.	Bursar’s Office/Cashier Diane Fournier Ext. 3249 dfournier@bowdoin.edu	Submit all petty cash reimbursement requests and supporting documentation for expenses paid through June 28 th .
Cash Deposits	Friday June 28 by 5 p.m.	Bursar’s Office/Cashier Diane Fournier Ext. 3249 dfournier@bowdoin.edu	Submit deposit forms with checks, credit card receipts and cash received by your department through June 28 th . Please include as much of Friday’s sales as possible in your last deposit of the day. If you conducted business on Friday evening June 28 th , or Saturday June 29 th , or Sunday June 30 th , please submit your deposit on Monday July 1 st by 2:00 pm and indicate the sales are for FY 19.
Invoices	Monday July 15	Accounts Payable Lynne Toussaint Ext. 3843 ltoussai@bowdoin.edu	Submit any invoices in your possession with invoice dates of June 30 th or earlier; <u>goods purchased need to be in the College’s possession at June 30th to qualify as a FY 2019 expense.</u> If an invoice is dated July 1, 2019 or later but goods were received by June 30, those should also be submitted since it is an FY 19 expense.

Accrued Expenses	Monday July 15	Accounts Payable Lynne Toussaint Ext. 3843 ltoussai@bowdoin.edu	Submit Accrued Invoice Control sheets (available on Controller's Office website -forms) and supporting documentation for goods received/services incurred prior to June 30 th for which you have not yet received an invoice. Accruals are NOT needed for items less than \$1,000.
Journal Entries and Imports	Monday July 15	Controller's Office Marc Berry Ext. 3029 mberry@bowdoin.edu	Email journal entry forms to Jeentry@bowdoin.edu and/or import journal entries with supporting documentation for any adjustments to your projects pertaining to FY 2019.
Credit Card Expenses and out of pocket reimbursement requests	Monday July 15	Controller's Office Robin Saindon Ext. 3584 rsaindon@bowdoin.edu	All credit card expenses dated through June 30 th should be submitted and approved in <u>Workday</u> by Monday July 15 th . Additionally, submit out of pocket reimbursement requests for any expenses incurred prior to June 30 th by July 15 th . IMPORTANT: Please coordinate this deadline with your expense report approver. Refrain from entering FY 2020 until after the July 15 FY 2019 deadline. See page 5 for more details.
Inventory Counts	Monday July 15	Controller's Office Glenn Morin Ext. 3251 morin@bowdoin.edu	Submit inventory counts as of June 30 th with supporting documentation by Monday July 15 th .
Vacation Tracking	Friday June 28	Payroll Lynne Toussaint Ext. 3843 ltoussai@bowdoin.edu	Exempt Staff Only: Time off taken in June needs to be entered and approved in Workday by Friday June 28 th .
Final Review	Friday July 19 – Monday July 22	Controller's Office Karen Champagne Ext. 4178 Marc Berry Ext. 3029 kchampag@bowdoin.edu mberry@bowdoin.edu	Invoices, JE's, Workday charges and Accruals submitted by July 15 th will be entered in FE by Friday morning, July 19 th . Perform final review of projects and notify Karen or Marc of corrections by 5:00 pm Monday July 22 nd .

Documentation

Please be sure to attach adequate documentation to support all deposits, journal entries, accrued expenses and deferral requests. Year-end transactions are carefully audited both internally and externally, and cannot be recorded without adequate support.

Guidelines for Coding Year End Invoices/Expenditures

Supplies, Equipment & Services: Expenses generally belong in the year in which goods were received or services were performed, with very few exceptions (discussed below). Goods received on or before June 30th should be coded to FY 2019. Goods received after June 30th, even if paid for prior to June 30th, should be coded to FY 2020 (see Deferred Expenses on next page).

Contracts/Subscriptions/Licenses: Some payments are for items such as maintenance & license agreements, subscriptions, dues and other *services covering a period of time*.

- invoices for **\$10,000 or less** should be charged to the fiscal year in which the service begins
- invoices greater than **\$10,000** should be charged to the new year with the word ***“PRORATE”*** written clearly on the invoice. To code an invoice to the new year, use acct code 1-1225 and indicate the **appropriate acct code** for the type of expense (ex. 1-5710 for supplies). Controller’s Office staff will prepare a journal entry to prorate the expense between fiscal years.

Example 1

A \$3,500 invoice for a membership fee covering the period August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 is paid on June 15th. Since the amount is < \$10,000 and the service begins in FY 2020, code the invoice to FY 2020. Use acct code 1-1225 and indicate the proper expense code (1-6525 for dues & memberships) for expense recognition in the new year.

Example 2

An \$8,000 invoice for a membership fee covering the period June 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020 is paid on May 15th. Since the amount is < \$10,000 and the service begins in FY 2019, code the invoice to FY 2019 using normal invoice coding procedures.

Example 3

A \$12,000 invoice for software licensing fees covering the period May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 is paid on May 15th. Since the invoice is >\$10,000, code the invoice to FY 2020 using acct code 1-1225 and indicate the proper expense code for expense recognition (1-5726 for software license fees) and write ***“PRORATE”*** on the invoice. The Controller’s Office will prorate the expense between FY 2019 and FY 2020.

Conference Registration and Travel: Registration fees and travel expenses for conferences or other business events that cross fiscal years should be charged to the fiscal year in which the event or travel begins -- FY 19 if the travel begins in June of this year.

Deferred Revenue and Expenses

Deferred revenues and expenses represent timing differences between when money is deposited or paid, and when the corresponding revenue or expense should be recognized. Be sure to **clearly mark** any transactions of this nature so the Controller's Office can defer the revenue or expense appropriately AND recognize it in the new year.

Deferred Revenues are deposits received in the current fiscal year for a revenue producing program that takes place in the new fiscal year. Examples include summer conferences and sports camps. Deposits should be coded to **1-2320 Deferred Revenue** and the appropriate revenue code to use in the new year should be noted on the deposit form.

Example 4

The Athletic office collects registration fees in June for a soccer camp that will take place in July. They should code these deposits to account **1-2320** and indicate on the deposit form that account **1-4190** (Other Auxiliary Revenue) should be used to recognize the revenue in the new year. Deposits collected in July should be coded directly to 1-4190.

Deferred Expenses are payments made in the current fiscal year for:

- a. goods received in the new fiscal year
- b. services received in the new fiscal year
- c. travel that takes place in the new fiscal year
- d. supplies received in the current fiscal year but **directly related to** a revenue producing program that takes place in the next fiscal year.

The invoice/voucher/credit card **expense** should be coded to **1-1225 Deferred Expense** and the appropriate expense code to use when recognizing the expense in the new year should be noted on the invoice or in the **account number field of your Workday expense report**.

Example 5

Your department pays registration fees in June for a conference you'll be attending in August. The invoice should be coded to **1-1225**; you should also indicate on the invoice that account **1-6070** (Registration Fees – Staff Training, Certifications, Conferences) should be used to recognize the expense in the new year.

Example 6

The Athletic dept purchases soccer balls in June for use in the soccer camp being held in July (a revenue-producing camp for kids). The soccer balls arrived in June, but the invoice should still be deferred using acct code **1-1225** because the goods are associated with a revenue-producing program that takes place in the next fiscal year.

Workday Expenses Reporting

All credit card expenses and out of pocket reimbursement requests for expenses dated through June 30th should be submitted and approved in [Workday](#) by July 15th. Note: If you make a purchase on June 30th, it will take a couple of days for the expense to show up in your Workday account for processing.

Please code deferred expenses (discussed on pages 3 and 4) to acct code 1-1225 and include the FY20 expense code in the **account number field**.

The screenshot shows a Workday expense report form. The main form fields are: Date (05 / 02 / 2018), Expense Item (Deferred Expenses (1225)), Quantity (1), Per Unit Amount (150.00), Total Amount (150.00), and Memo (Sunshine Conference 7/10/18-7/12/18). The Item Details section includes Account Number (1-6010 for the new year) and Merchant (Delta). Annotations include: 'Please use this code to defer expenses to the next fiscal year (i.e. airfare purchased in June for trip in July). Enter the expense item code for the next fiscal year in the Account Number field (i.e. 1-6010 airfare).', 'Date must be "Date of Purchase/Service"', and 'Please use this code to defer expenses to the next fiscal year (i.e. airfare purchased in June for trip in July). Enter the expense item code for the next fiscal year in the Account Number field (i.e. 1-6010 airfare)'.

IMPORTANT: Please do not mix July (FY 20) activity with June (FY 19) activity within the same Workday expense report. If possible, please hold off submitting July activity until after July 15th. If you need reimbursement for an FY20 item before July 15th, please contact us.

On-line Resources

Please visit the Controller’s Office on-line at: <https://www.bowdoin.edu/finance/index.html>.

For a listing of **account codes**:

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/finance/pdf/acct-code-short-list.pdf#account%20code>

Many thanks for helping make this a successful close to the fiscal year!