Travel and Expense Reimbursement

Approving Sponsored Projects Services (SPS) Reports

If the expenses on a report are being charged to a sponsored Research Foundation (RF) grant, a Sponsored Projects Services (SPS) Approver must approve the report.

1. Receive Email Notification
   - As an SPS approver, you will receive email notifications alerting you to expense reports that have been submitted for approval.
   - Periodically check the junk folder in your email in the event that approval emails were inadvertently sent there.

2. Access Required Approvals
   - Log into Concur. There are several ways to access required approvals from the home page:
     - Click Required Approvals in the Quick Task Bar.
     - Click Required Approvals in My Tasks.
     - Click Approvals in the top menu bar.

3. Review Pending Approvals
   - Select a report pending approval.
     - Review Exceptions for errors on the report:
       - If an error needs to be corrected by the user, at the top right of the report click Send Back to User.
       - Yellow exceptions will appear as informational warnings on the report and may have no action that is required. These will not prevent you from approving the report (Figure 1).
     - Review individual expense line items on the report to verify that they are allowable expenses.
     - Hover over the allocation icon (Figure 2). Verify that all expenses are fully allocated and assigned to the correct account.
     - Review the Report Header for accuracy and mark that you reviewed the report. Click Details, then click Report Header:
       - In the field SPS Reviewed, select Yes to indicate that you reviewed the report (Figure 3).
       - In the field Federally Funded Account, select Yes to indicate that it is a federally funded account, or select No if it is not (Figure 3).
     - When done, click Save.

4. Approve or Send Back Report
   - When you are finished reviewing the report, at the top right choose one of the following options:
     - Send Back to User — return the report to the user if there is an issue they have to correct. In the pop up window, provide a clear explanation of the problem.
     - Approve — approve the report if the expenses are allowable and fully allocated. Read the Final Confirmation statement and click to Accept or Decline.

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