

New Initiatives Sponsored Programs Administration

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Growth in SPA Organization

- Growth in Research Dollars \$187 million
- Addition of new administrator
- Organization chart
- 7 Administrators and an Export Control Officer
- Greater focus on customer service

Electronic Initiatives

- Processed Proposals, Awards and Subcontracts are electronically disseminated to the PI, College and Departmental Contacts
- In an effort to go paperless, processed proposals, awards, and subcontracts are stored on a common drive for easy access
- Electronic dissemination saves both time and money

Electronic Initiatives – Pilot Program

- Starts Fall 2007
- A department in the Bagley College of Engineering has agreed to work with SPA to pilot electronic routing of the Internal Approval Sheet (IAS)

Electronic Initiatives – Pilot Program

- The objective is for the PI to complete the IAS and electronically route it along with their budget and statement of work (SOW) to the Department Head and Dean for approval.
- Ultimately, the IAS, Budget and SOW will end up in Sponsored Programs ready to be submitted to the sponsor with all required University approvals

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- ❑ Electronic routing of IAS benefits those units who are working on proposals that are cross disciplinary.
- ❑ Currently, it can take as much as a week to route an IAS, Budget and SOW that involves more than one unit collaborating on a proposal.
- ❑ Oftentimes the paperwork has to be hand carried around campus for signatures to make the proposal submission deadline

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- ❑ In the planning process is the electronic submission of the Preliminary Account Request Form
- ❑ Currently, this document originates in the department and must be signed by the PI and department head.
- ❑ Final signature approval must be done by the Dean and paperwork is sent to SPA

Electronic Initiatives – Pilot Program

- ❑ Electronic submission of the PAR will speed the process to getting an temporary account for a project
- ❑ Provides efficiency to the departments

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- Grants Streamlining Activities Under Public Law 106-107
- The purpose of this public law is to:
 - (1) improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs
 - (2) simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements
 - (3) improve the delivery of services to the public
 - (4) facilitate greater coordination among those responsible for delivering the services.

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- The 27 Federal agencies that award grants and cooperative agreements are actively implementing P.L. 106-107 through interagency work groups. The activities of the interagency include development of common data elements for applications and reports, common electronic processes, and uniform administrative rules across agencies.
- Allows organizations to electronically find and apply for more than \$400 billion in Federal grants.
- THE single access point for over 1000 grant programs offered by all Federal grant-making agencies.

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- ❑ In the coming months, all federal agencies will be required to submit through grants.gov
- ❑ Early preparation is encouraged by Sponsored Programs
- ❑ Grants.gov has improved but there are still some snags
- ❑ SPA policy requires that a proposal be submitted 3 days prior to the due date
- ❑ The earlier the better when submitting through grants.gov

Customer Service

- Sponsored Programs strives to provide outstanding service to its customers
- Our staff welcomes the opportunity to help the faculty and staff become successful in their submission to external funding opportunities.

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