Welcome! We are pleased to provide this newsletter as a means of disseminating information about USC’s Research Administration System (RAS) to the research community at USC. Our first bit of news is that the University’s Research Administration System website has been launched! Please visit http://research.usc.edu/usc-research-administration-system/ for important project documents, presentations and information on design and requirements.

**Kuali Coeus (KC)** – Kuali Coeus is the central hub of USC’s Research Administration System. Housed within KC are the comprehensive elements of research administration pre-award and post award grants management. We are currently in the post-award phase of KC. The KC Model Office has been set-up using the USC account and object code structure. The Business Analysts are completing their testing. Plans are currently being made to provide access and training to the KC user group members in January so that they can begin the process of getting familiar with the KC product. The Model Office will be the place that you will be able to visit to see the product with the latest changes as it evolves into the USC Research Administration System for the future.

**Effort Certification** – KC is not a stand-alone enterprise here at USC. KC and Kuali Financial System (KFS) are an integrated set of applications. The group has reviewed the capabilities of both Workday and KFS with regards to effort certification. Given USC’s past experience in this area Workday does not adequately meet our needs regarding effort certification. We are currently in the process of performing a high level gap analysis between the USC requirements and the KFS module. This analysis will assist USC in determining the gaps within the KFS module and USC’s requirements. Once the analysis is complete we can determine the effort required to close those gaps and decide on our next steps. (See Requirements Document 2.6)

**iStar for IACUC** – Click Commerce was utilized in the creation of the new “iStar for IACUC” system launched in the new year. This was a soft launch giving investigators the option of electronic submission of protocols through this platform (an extension of the existing IRB iStar system). Investigators are able to submit and track new animal protocols using the iStar electronic protocol system.

Currently, use of the system is not mandatory. However, it is anticipated this system will become mandatory in July 2012. Investigators have responded positively in using the online submission system. Instructions are available on the site, including guidance screens linked to each page of the new protocol form. The IACUC protocol system can be accessed at http://iacuc.usc.edu. In addition, specifications are being created for laboratory and radiation safety applications with the Click Commerce platform. (See Requirements Document 4.1)

**Conflicts of Interest in Research** – Click Commerce has also been selected as the software platform for the online Conflicts of Interest in Research (COI) submission system. The requirements document for this phase of the project is located on our website and can be viewed by clicking the website above. Due to the new federal requirements mandating annual disclosures for HHS investigators, we are expediting development, aiming to launch by April of 2012. (See Requirements Document 4.1)
In the Works...

**Naming Contest** – The system currently referred as USC’s Research Administration System (RAS) is the configuration of several systems. Kuali Coeus (KC) houses the main area for pre and post award administration. Kuali Financial System (KFS) houses pieces which are integrated with and key to the functions of KC such as Effort Certification and Capital Asset Management. Click Commerce is the platform of choice for the regulatory areas such as iStar, iStar for IACUC, COI and laboratory and radiation safety.

We need a new name with acronym for USC’s Research Administration System, so let the naming contest begin! Please submit your ideas here: [https://usc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1YNtoPQzf7yJwm8](https://usc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1YNtoPQzf7yJwm8)

The chosen winner will receive a gift basket of goodies!

**Service Center Recharges** – We are exploring the option of licensing the CORES software from Vanderbilt University for this purpose. This software would provide an online integrated system for entering, tracking and billing across all USC cores. The system also provides an integrated billing statement across all USC cores, as well as a common tool for scheduling access to equipment. Information regarding the software can be accessed at this link [http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=CORES](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=CORES). The software would integrate with the Research Administration System, offering the ability to automatically bill accounts.  *(See Requirements Document 2.3)*

In the Future...

**Introducing....Kuali Mobility!** The rapidly evolving world of smartphones, tablets, and other mobile devices being used on campuses is creating a huge demand for mobility tools and applications. We are excited to announce that Kuali has developed a next generation set of tools to connect mobile devices to a variety of our campus systems. Kuali Mobility will connect the Kuali Coeus enterprise data to mobile devices (e.g., iPad, Android, Blackberry, etc.), thereby allowing users to access a gateway of technology at their fingertips and providing “any place, any time, any device service.” Look for more information about Kuali Mobility soon!

Quick Links

Select any of the below links to learn more about RAS:

- [USC Research Administration System Requirements Document](#)
- [KC Foundation](#)
- [Answers to Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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