

## **BUDGET MANAGER MEETING**

OCTOBER 20, 2020

# **Agenda**

- Welcome– Kathleen Fabiny
- FST Update Geethanath Mari
- Budget Updates Kathleen Fabiny
- Capital Jim Belshe



# **Financial Systems Transformation**

**Status Update – Budget Managers' Meeting** 

October 20, 2020



# Objectives of Today's Session



**FST Program Overview** 



FST Program Update: Summer Activity



Software RFP Process



**Upcoming Activities** 



Q&A

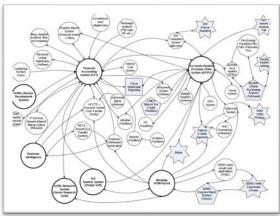


# **FST PROGRAM OVERVIEW**



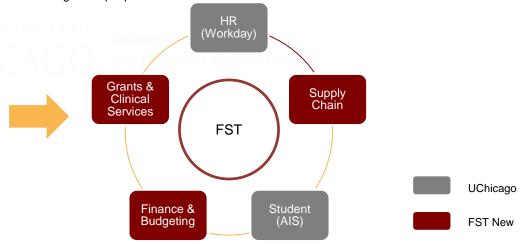
## **FST Program Overview**



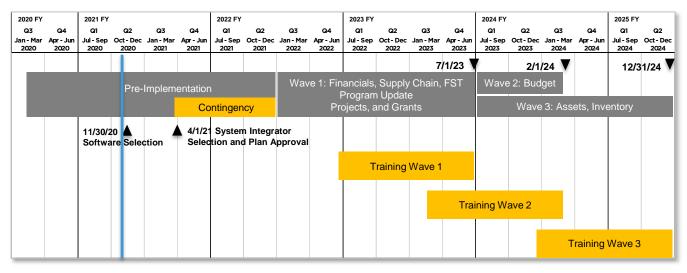


Financial Systems Transformation (FST) is a multi-year initiative to replace the University's legacy mainframe based Financial Accounting System (FAS) and related operational systems.

- The University manages more than \$1.07B in government and private grants, gifts, and contracts via disparate and loosely integrated systems.
- The University manages procurement and payment activities averaging \$600MM annually through multiple platforms.



## **Program Timeline**



#### **Phase Description**

Pre-Implementation – Process Design, Requirements, Software Selection, and Implementation Partner

Wave 1: Financials, Supply Chain, Projects, and Grants

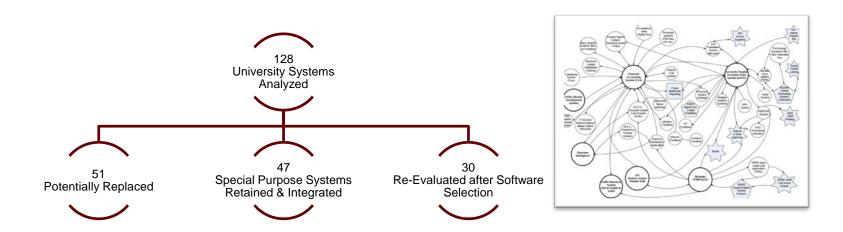
Wave 2: Budgeting, Planning, and Forecasting

Wave 3: Assets and Inventory Management

# **FST PROGRAM UPDATE: SUMMER ACTIVITY**



### University-wide Systems Landscape Assessment



#### **Software**

- Issued a joint software RFP with UCM
- FST and UCM evaluating in parallel to determine if common software can be used

### **Systems Implementor**

- UCM/University systems implementation RFP timeline aligned
- UCM/University agreed on a goal for a common SI

### Points of Intersection: UChicago & UCM

#### **Chart of Accounts**

- Complex and cumbersome reporting
- Reliance on manual entries and processes
- · No detail drill-down capability
- Lack of data transparency, data reliability
- Shared/aligned COA -Scalable for growth
- Enterprise level governance
- Sufficient level of detail for financial reporting
- Eliminate manual transactions/ reconciliations

# Intercompany Transactions

- Manual workflow no tracking or notifications
- Lack of data transparency and reliability
- Data manipulation and static reporting
- Enterprise level governance
- Data transparency and increased detail
- Automated workflow and approval processes

### **FS Mapping**

- Decentralized data, Multiple systems and duplication
- Manual reconciliation
- No real time updates
- Different period ends and close timelines
- Common mapping across the enterprise eliminates manual processes
- Enhanced enterprise for transparency
- Rigorous GL/COA governance processes

#### **Close & Consolidation**

- Manual workflow delays close
- Complex financial reporting and reconciliation due to different COA
- Limited data transparency
- Common reporting platform
- Centralized data and reduced number of ad hoc systems
- Increased automation and integration
- Standard calendar, reduced close period



### Virtual Campus Visits

- Share best practices
- Gather lessons learned
- Share experiences and tools

#### Completed

















### Community Engagement

### Stakeholder Assessment

Stakeholder interviews with 58 finance leaders from the academic and administrative units, including affiliate organizations

- Change impact magnitude mapped by process area
- Lessons learned from prior implementations including Workday HRM and AIS

#### **Defining the Future State:**

143 Working Group Participants

### Community Engagement

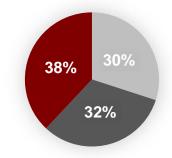
#### Open learning opportunities

- Spring Quarter campus forums with more than 150 attendees
- Vendor preview sessions
- Vendor RFP demonstrations
- · End-user focus groups

### Output

### Stakeholder feedback provided the foundation for development of:

- Organizational Change Management (OCM) Strategy
- Communications Strategy
- Training Strategy



#### Percentage of Participation by Unit Type

Academic Units

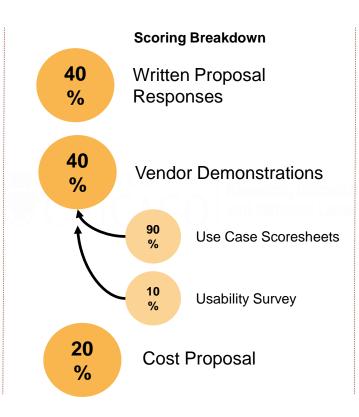
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# **SOFTWARE RFP PROCESS**



## Software Evaluation Approach – University Criteria & Weighting



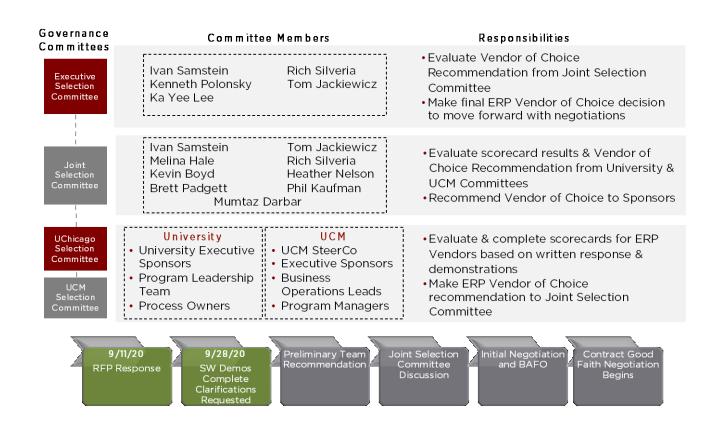


# Functional Business Scenario / "Use Case" Weighting

Functional Criteria	Weight
Financial Management	20%
Supply Chain Management	20%
Grants & Projects	15%
Asset Management <i>*</i>	<del>15%</del>
Technical	15%
Data	15%

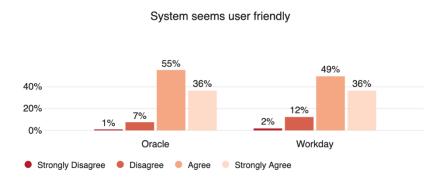
\*Asset Management requirements were not met by either vendor. Scores have been removed from the consideration set.

### Software Selection Approach

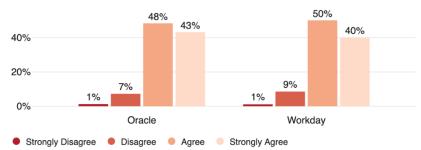




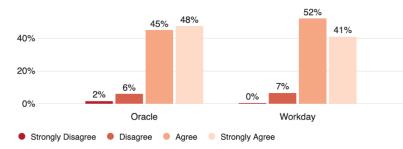
### Software Demos – UX Feedback



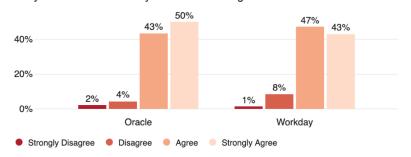








This system would benefit my unit / division / organization



# **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**



# **Next Steps**

Software Selection

Contracting

System Integrator RFP

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System Integrator (SI) partners have been pre-selected based on University and Medical Center experience
RFP RFP will require written responses and presentations

Final Software and SI selections along with full project budget will be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Trustees

# Community Engagement

- Campus Forums The week of November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming Focus Groups
  - Faculty operating research labs and centers
  - Grant and research operations staff
- Chart of Accounts: Spring AY 21
- Data Conversion / Cleanup: Summer AY 22



### **More Questions?**

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