

# How to Approve / Reject Electronic Ledgers



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### **Policy:**

Please review the policy for Reconciling and Reviewing Departmental Ledgers.

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#### Reconciling Ledgers

Formal Reconciliation of the accounting records must be performed monthly. The reconciliation should be performed timely, normally no more than 45 calendar days after the month closes.

A reconciliation of the ledger consists of the following process:

- Validate the accuracy of the ledger by comparing supporting documentation to transactions posted on the department ledger.
- Ensure that any transactions appearing on the ledgers which are not supported by the department's records are accurate and authorized.
- Verify the sponsor award amount and budget for sponsored projects. Also, note the end date and ensure that charges occurred within the project period. Additional information on sponsored projects is included at FIO205 Sponsored Projects.
- Ensure that appropriate measures are taken to correct errors from prior months' postings.

The reconciler must initial and date the ledger to indicate the reconciliation was performed and the ledger is ready for review and approval.



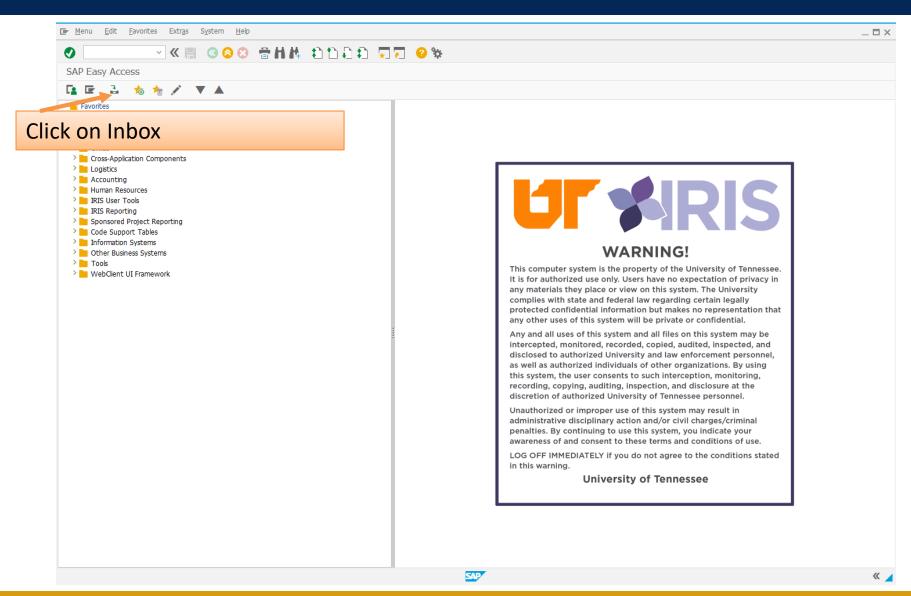
### Reviewing and Approving Ledgers

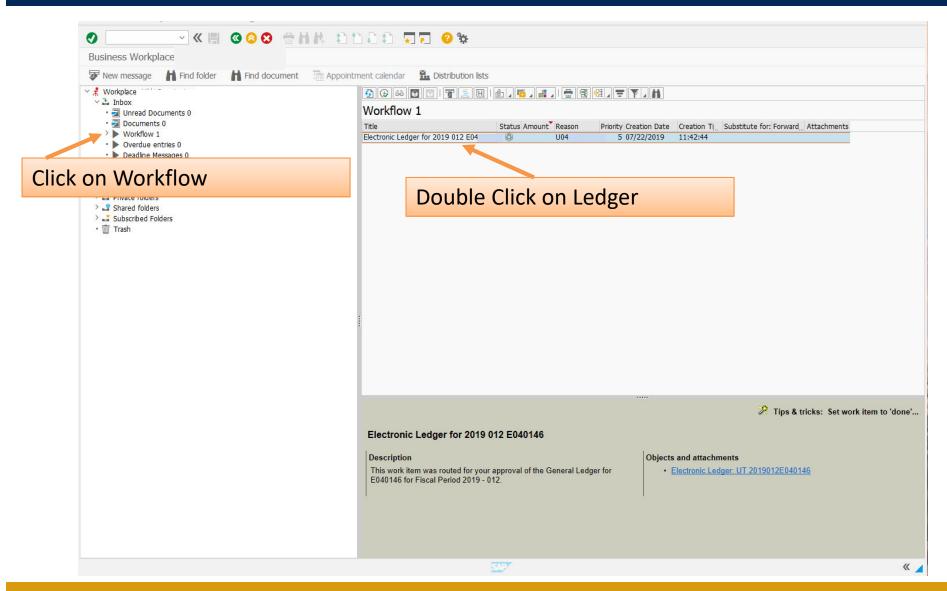
- The approver should carefully review departmental cost centers/WBS elements or receivables to ensure all financial transactions are appropriate, accurately described, and properly recorded.
- The university's accounting system (IRIS) produces monthly ledger reports for every departmental fund. Approvers should consider:
  - According to the department's budget, has a cost center or WBS element been overspent? If so, why?
  - Do the transactions appear appropriate for departmental or university business?
  - Are there any suspicious-looking transactions?
  - Does it appear the ledgers have been reconciled?
  - Has the reconciler explained any unrecognized transactions?
- Approval of the ledger acknowledges that a proper reconciliation and review of funds
  has been performed and that there were no unauthorized transactions. Approvals are
  to be documented using one of the following methods:
  - An initialed and dated hard copy of the ledgers.
  - A sign-off form, including date and title, attached to the ledgers.
  - An electronic log for ledgers with no activity

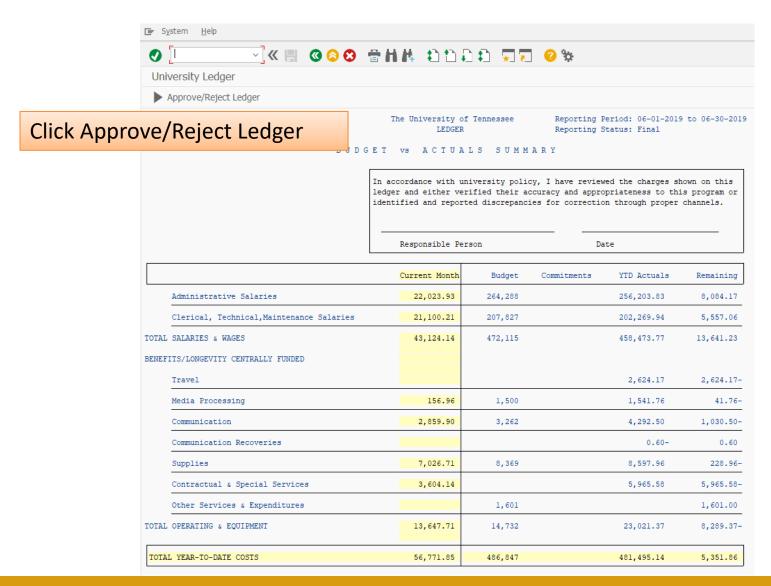


#### Separation of Duties

- Although a monthly reconciliation of the department's ledgers is an excellent control,
  the oversight and control value of the reconciliation is greatly diminished when
  performed by the same employee who has responsibility for handling money received
  and/or processing invoices. Examples of properly separating these duties are provided
  below.
  - An employee who has no responsibility for handling money received should, whenever possible, reconcile the department's receipt book or receipting system to the deposit document printed from IRIS (or completed Form T-33) and ultimately to the departmental ledgers each month. The reconciliation should include verification that transactions written from receipt books or the receipting system were credited correctly to the ledgers.
  - An employee who has no responsibility for requisitioning, receiving, or entering invoices to IRIS should, whenever possible, reconcile the department's accounts payable documentation (such as invoices, internal transfers) to the departmental ledgers each month.

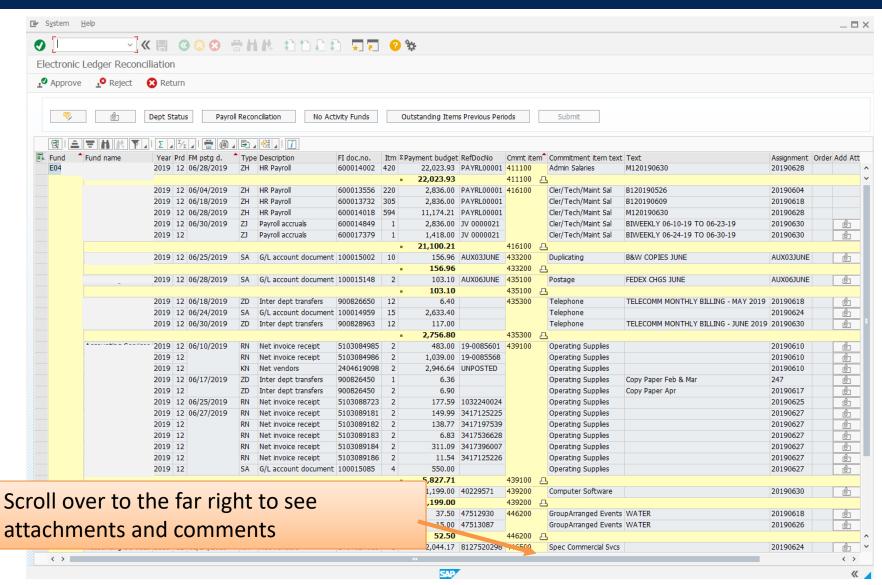


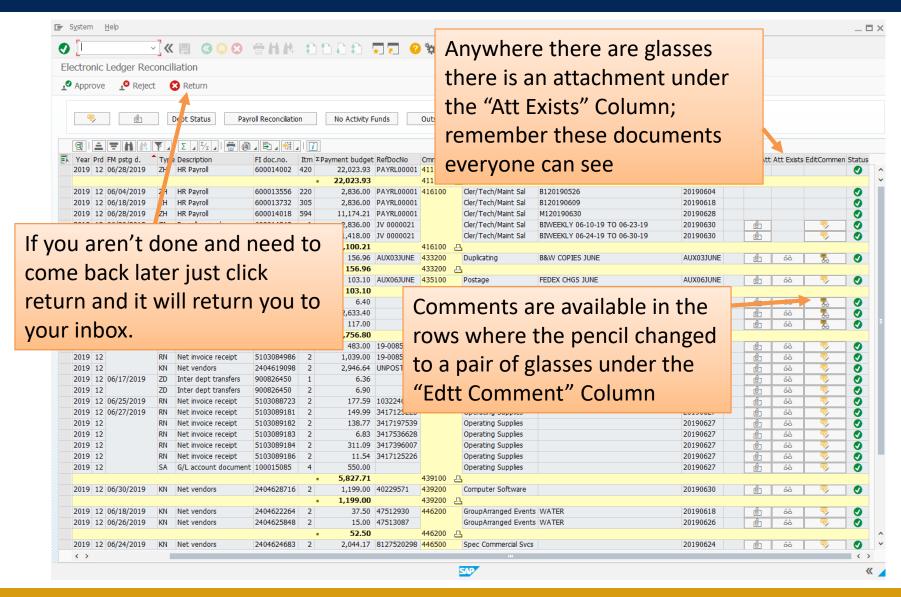




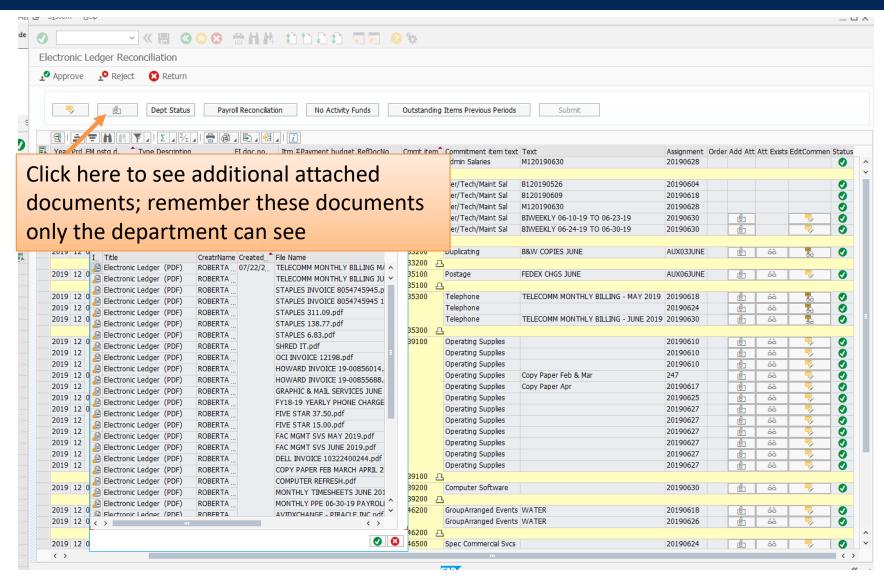
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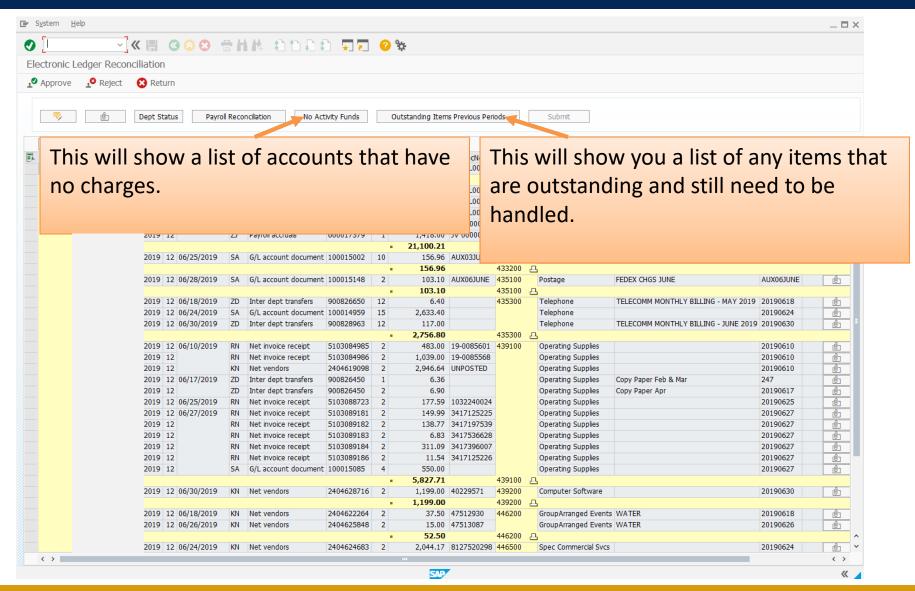




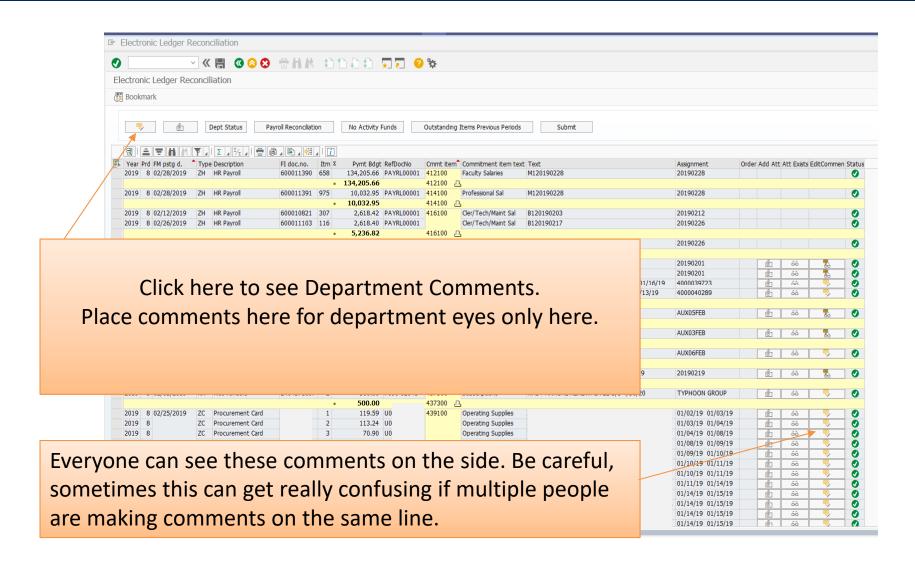




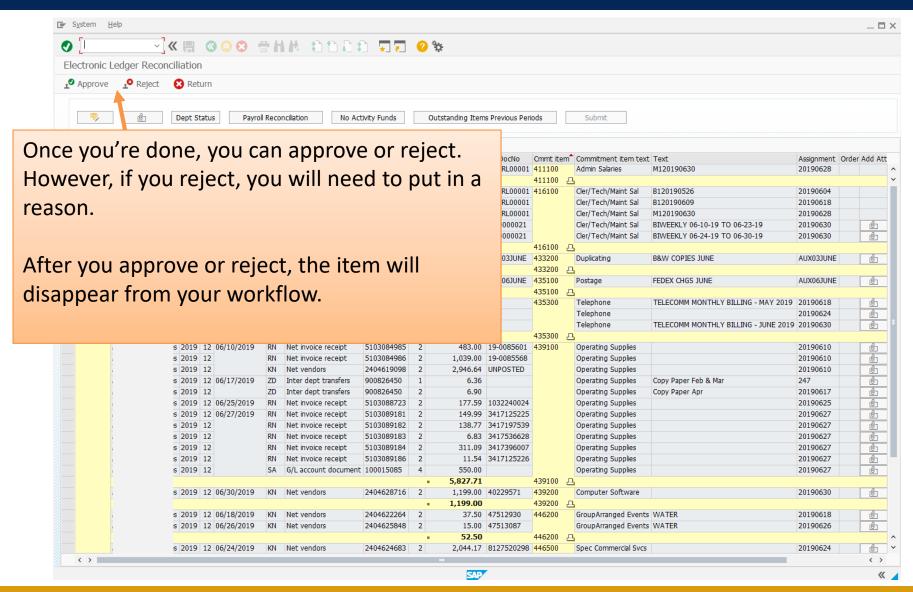






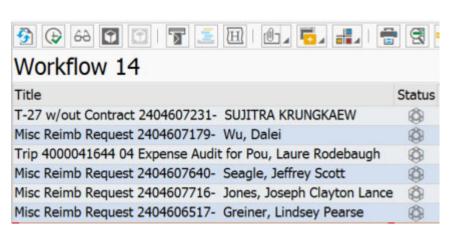


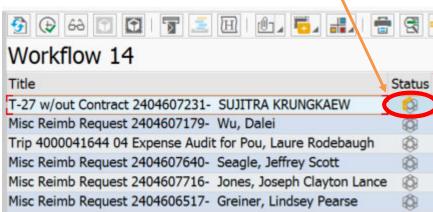






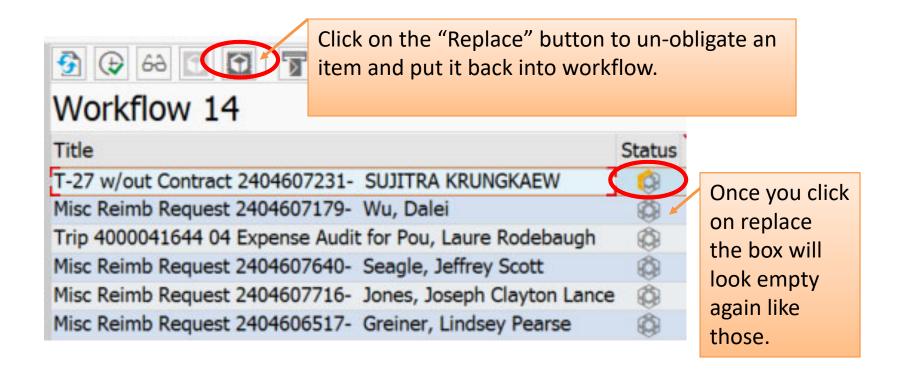
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#### **Un-obligating An Item**









## QUESTIONS?

