

CHESS Connection



April 24, 2024

Workday Student (SIS) Workstream Updates

What's Happening!



This week the colleges had an extensive alignment conversation regarding the different aspects of GPA and Academic Standing Values in the Curriculum Management and Academic Advising workstream. A decision was made to use some common language on unofficial transcripts. For example, we will now use "Term GPA" instead of "Semester GPA." Academic Standing Values will have to be revisited at a later date due to the many variances between the colleges.

Team Members in this workstream continue to explore relevant tasks in the demonstration AMU tenant. Homework and sample tasks were assigned to the team so that they could get to know the system.

The Integrations Workstream finished its initial compilation of all the Integrations for the colleges. There were over 498 items added to the Integrations tracker that the team has now made a first pass to narrow down to in-scope or out-of-scope for the project. This is a huge feat – congratulations Integration Workstream!

Our Security Workstream reviewed the RACI (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed) chart, a tool that helps the project team stay organized with the project tasks by giving a better understanding of who is doing what. The team also reviewed the 8-week look ahead to see what's coming next. The team refreshed knowledge through a review of tip sheets for viewing and editing security configurations. Mariano Chavez (SFCC) was selected as the Workstream Lead. Congratulations to Mario!

The Student Financials Workstream has been busy completing the test cases provided by Workday to get more familiar with the financial processes in the AMU tenant. Meanwhile, Workday continues to prepare the Customer Readiness Review document, which is a Smartsheet tool used to collect and track information by each workstream's business functions (standard business tasks).

Last, several team members from the Student Communications Team, part of the Organizational Change Management (OCM) Workstream, are working directly with the Functional and Technical CHESS Project Managers to get regular updates on the workstreams and to present them here in the CHESS Connection. This information keeps our coworkers, who are not directly involved with the Workday Student implementation teams, informed on the progress of Workday Student (SIS) at their campuses.

Workday Training Corner



~ Grants Training Update ~

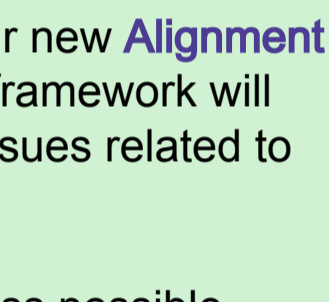
Who should attend?	This training is designed for end users who will maintain grants in Workday and who have Grants-related security roles including Grants Manager and Principal Investigators.
How many classes are there?	Grants Training will be offered in two parts. Please plan on attending both parts.
Which training is first?	(Part 1) Grants Management Introduction: Core Concepts & Roles
Part 1 Description	This course is a general overview of Grants by introducing a basic understanding of Workday and Grant functionality. This course will include an introduction to Grants, roles and responsibilities, and a review of the Foundation Data Model (FDM) and other finance touchpoints when managing Grants in Workday.
When is training offered?	(Part 1) Grants Management Introduction: Core Concepts & Roles will be available on Wednesday, April 24th at 3 PM MT
When will Part 2 be offered?	(Part 2) Managing Grants in Workday will be offered on May 1st or May 8th at 3 PM MT.
Part 2 Description	This course builds on the Core Concepts & Roles training by focusing on how to manage Grants using Budget, Payroll, and Reporting. During the course, Grants users will have time at the end of the session to discuss questions or share insights with your college Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).

For more details on Reporting or Grants Training Sessions, reach out to the Training Team Member contact at your college.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of Training Team Members.

New Workstream Formed For Alignment

Guided by the Presidents' SIS Visioning Statement, the Workday Student (SIS) Implementation teams are currently reviewing policies across their colleges, striving for alignment while respecting the individual college identities.



To achieve this goal, CHESS is pleased to announce our new **Alignment Workstream and Alignment Committee**. This structured framework will allow our implementation teams to address alignment issues related to protocols, practices, policies, and business processes.

The Alignment Workstream will convene weekly to discuss possible alignment on college protocol, policy, and process. The Alignment Workstream will engage a dynamic membership that fluctuates with subject matter experts based on topics presented. The Project Champions will guide invitee selection which may include college employees not directly involved in the Student Project.

The first official meeting of the Alignment Workstream is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd. Items already identified for further discussion in the Alignment Workstream include the unified admissions application, student holds, transfer credit, and academic progress toward degree completion.

The Alignment Committee will meet once a month as needed and will include the Workday Student Project Champions as regular members. The Alignment Committee, with the Presidents' SIS Visioning Statement as its guide, will focus its efforts on achieving resolution for items discussed but not resolved in the Alignment Workstream.

CHESS looks forward to continued collaboration across colleges to streamline the student experience using best practices. Read the Student Information System Visioning for CHESS document [here](#).

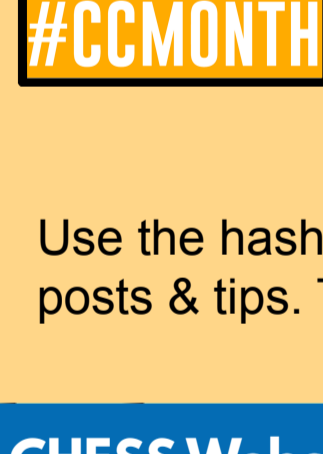
Check Out the Updated CHESS Landing Page

Special thanks to all the CHESS member colleges who contributed photos to create a fresh CHESS.edu landing page focused on Student Success and recognizing the students we serve!



Click here to view the new image carousel at [chess.edu](#)

Community College Month is Here!

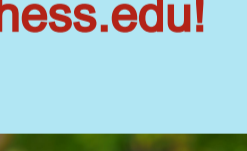


Did you know that April is Community College Month?

This month is dedicated to our colleges! 😊

Today, there are more than 1,000 community colleges in the US. The student body is diverse, programming is diverse, and the mission is the same – **serve the local community**.

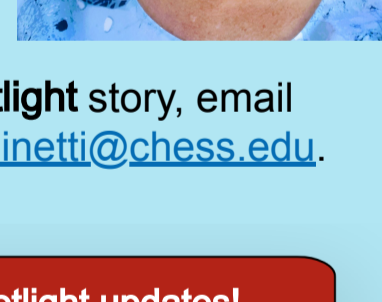
Use the hashtag **#CCMONTH** on your social media posts & tips. Talking points can be found [here](#).



CHESS Website Updates

The first CHESS Spotlight is live on chess.edu!

Congratulations to **Trish Heaton!**
CHESS Talent, Training & Development Officer



The **CHESS Spotlight** is a new feature that showcases stories about employees from our member colleges and CHESS who exemplify the CHESS core values of collaboration, honesty, equity, sustainability, and student success.

To nominate an employee at your college for a **CHESS Spotlight** story, email Karen Grandinetti, CHESS Communications, at karen.grandinetti@chess.edu.

[Click here](#) to read Trish's story & subscribe for CHESS Spotlight updates!

Website Access to Workday Support

You can now find Tenant Management (refresh schedules), Workday Maintenance, and links to Workday Support on the [chess.edu](#) website! Click on the images below to visit the web pages.

[Click Here for 2024 Workday Maintenance Schedules](#)

TENANT MANAGEMENT

SERVICE REQUESTS

Meet Our Newest CHESS Employee



Welcome to Our Team!



Adriana Rodarte

CHESS Payroll Technician

CHESS Job Openings

We're seeking a **Testing Coordinator**

We're seeking an **OCM Workstream Lead**

We're seeking an **Training Coordinator**

Visit [Jobs at CHESS.edu](#) for information on this position.



Questions? Concerns? Suggestions?



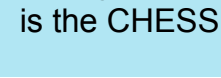
Coffee with Kathy is an informal chat with Kathy Ulibarri, CHESS CEO, about current Workday projects and any other CHESS questions you might have.

The next session will be **May 28th, 2024**.

Click [here](#) to join!

Contact CHESS

Do you have any questions? Do you have suggestions for new stories?



The **CHESS Connection** provides news about CHESS and our Workday Enterprise Resource Planning and Student Information System projects. Please feel free share.

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