# Welcome to the Finance and Administration Update Meeting (Nov & Dec)

The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM Zoom Only



# Finance and Administration Update Meeting

- Time: last working Friday of every month at 10:00 AM
- Delivery method: view/listen only on Zoom
- Slides and other resources will be available after the meeting at:
  - Finance and Administration Updates Google Drive
  - o Controller's Office website: <a href="https://controller.appstate.edu/">https://controller.appstate.edu/</a>
- Contacts: Travis Miller (<u>Millertk@appstate.edu</u> Google Group and Google Drive), Yifan Zhou (<u>zhouya@appstate.edu</u>, General information)



# **Meeting Agenda**

- General Reminders
- Internal Audit Hotline: Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Yo-sef (30 Minutes)
- YoMart Forms Update
- Accounting and Travel Manual Updates
- Controller's Office Organization Update



### **General Reminders and Updates**

- Pre-payment forms
- As of December 1, 2022 all Non-Travel Employee Reimbursements, Student Non-Travel Reimbursements (except those deemed for cost of attendance) and Non-Travel Cash Advances should be submitted in Chrome River as a Non-Travel Reimbursement. Non-Travel Reimbursement requests submitted in Yomart after this date will be rejected.
  - Please contact Justin Hodges (hodgesjh@appstate.edu, x8006) in Business Systems for training if needed.
  - For any other questions, please contact Mary Rich (richm1@appstate.edu, x 6424) in the Travel Office.
- As of November 1, 2022 Gifts, Awards & Prizes no longer require prior approval from Special Funds <u>UNLESS</u> grant funds will be used to make the purchase.
  - The Tax Compliance Office and PCard Office approvals are still required before the purchase is made.
- Foreign Purchases on P-Cards Tax Compliance Blanket Approval Update
  - Outside the US meals, commercial lodging (excluding third party lodging), transportation costs and other tangible items for business while on travel status

#### **General Reminders**

#### **Fund Reconciliations**

- Required to be submitted by the 30th of **each** month to be considered timely
- Required to be approved by the 15th of the following month in order to be considered timely (ex. March approval is due by April 15th)
- Banner Finance <u>training</u> is offered monthly (except June and July)
  - Register at workshops.appstate.edu
- Contact the Budget Office for additional training (BudgetOffice@appstate.edu)



#### **Internal Audit Hotline:**

Fraud, Waste, Abuse and Yo-sef

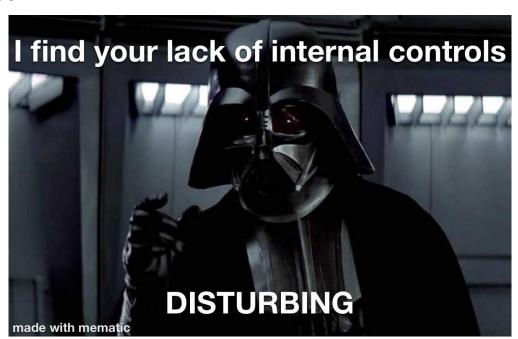
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### YoMart Forms Update

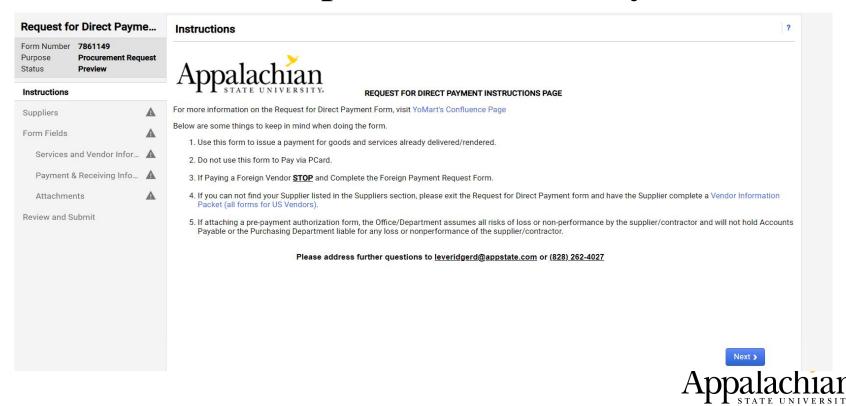
As of December 19th, the Direct Payment and Foreign Payment forms will be updated.

For those familiar with Contract Requests, the new forms will have a similar format.

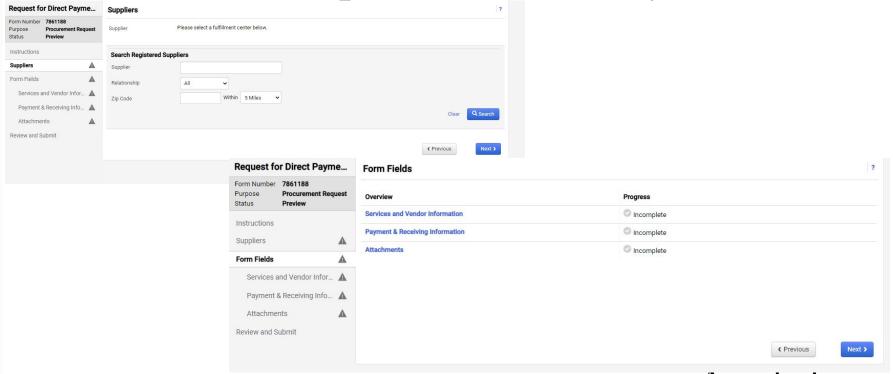
Our confluence page will provide helpful information on the updated forms.



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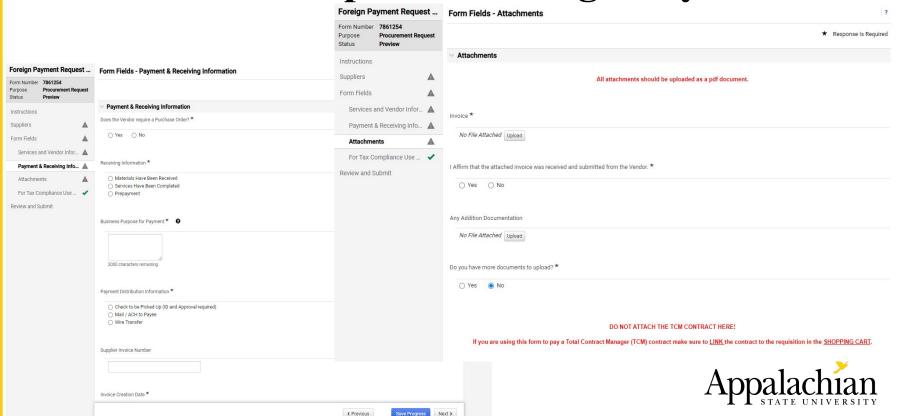
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# YoMart Forms Update - Foreign Payments





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# **Accounting Manual Updates**

- **Business Meals** Additional Approvals
  - Limited to 5 App State Employees
  - Meals Including tips that do not require additional approval
    - Breakfast \$25 per person
    - Lunch \$35 per person
    - Dinner \$75 per person
    - \*\*NOTE This does not apply to travel per diems\*\*
- Holiday Parties and Picnics



# **Accounting Manual Updates**

#### Memberships

- Should not be paid for individual employees from University funds for the benefit of individual employees
- Must be for the benefit of the University
- The benefit should derive from the individual's position with the University regardless of who holds the position
- When individual memberships are allowed, membership ends if the employee leaves the University or moves to another position
- Other exceptions



# **Accounting Manual Updates**

- External Conferences
  - Refreshments State General funds can be used to provide refreshments when the number of participants is 20 or more and the cost per person is \$5.00 per person per day.
  - What does this imply?
    - Provided the other elements for an external conference are met things refreshments can be provided when using institutional trust funds as allowed by the fund's purpose without the same limitation.



#### **Travel with Personal Credits and Points**

- The current Travel Manual contains guidance disallowing reimbursement for the use of personal airline points or miles when purchasing airfare for business travel on University funds. This standard was added after receiving guidance from State Budget and NC Division of Purchase and Contract.
- To be consistent and in compliance with the State, language has been added to the Travel Manual to disallow reimbursement for the use of personal credits or points when purchasing lodging or transportation services.
- If/ when identified during the travel review, the use of personal points on expense reports will be returned and the expense will need to be reduced by the amount of credits used.
- If anyone encounters a situation where a traveller has a declining cash balance account with a service (like Uber) please contact our office to discuss how we need to document the use of these types of balances. Cash paid into an account held at a service provider would need to be viewed differently than services procured through credits or loyalty points.



### **Controller's Office Organization**

• Interim Contacts







• Long term Changes



### **Questions?**



We hope to see you at the next meeting in January!

