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COA and FINS Upgrade Implementation Date Change

The Finance Program Go Live date for the new chart of accounts and the upgrade of FINS 9.1 to 9.2 has changed to **October 3rd, 2016**.

Why are we changing the Go Live date? The estimates to change SFU systems (other than FINS) that use the chart field structure have only recently been completed. As the new chart of accounts impacts department numbers and adds new chartfields such as programs, the effort required to update the HAP (HR) and SIMS (Student Information Management) systems cannot be completed and tested to meet the original July 2016 Go Live date.

What is the new date? The new date, **October 3, 2016**, was selected after consultation with Project Sponsors, IT Services, the Finance Directors, HR and Student Services.

Selecting a revised date needed to consider payroll cycles, quarterly reports, the timelines for the Hyperion Planning (new budget system) and the new academic term. With all the factors considered, the October 3rd date provides the best fit overall.

What are the impacts of the change in date?

- The implementation of Hyperion Planning (new Budget System) will not be impacted. The new system will be available to complete the 2017/2018 planning and forecasting processes.
- We will continue with COA/FINS Project Test Cycle 3 and User Acceptance Testing in June and July; the month of September will focus on integration testing the new Chart of Accounts with the 3rd party systems, HAP, FINS and SIMS. The new testing dates will be communicated in early May.
- The project will complete all the changes to FINS and develop the online training and online COA tools as originally intended. We will make the online training available to the Community by August so FINS users can complete the training at their own pace.

Visit the Finance Program website to see information about the projects.
(<http://www.sfu.ca/finance/financeprogram.html>)

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