

SAHARA

Account Reconciliation

Application



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SAHARA Overview



What's New?

- Online feature to reconcile accounts.
- Capability of online comments and flagging transactions.
- Reconcile GL Account rather than by KK-Document ID.
- Electronic acknowledgement for reconcilers and approvers.

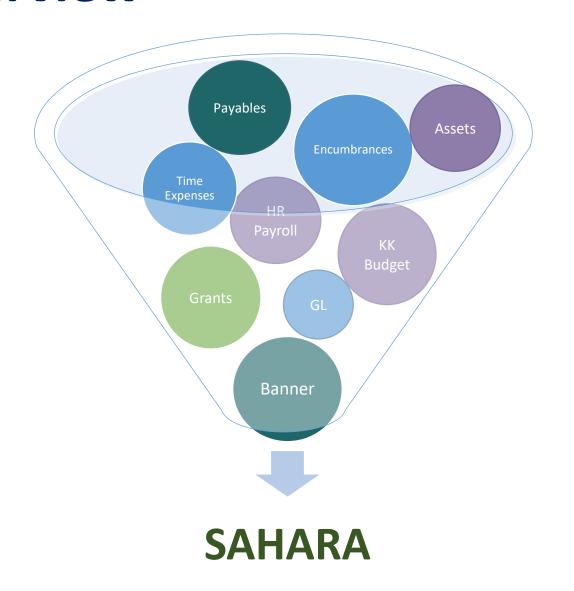
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What Hasn't Changed?

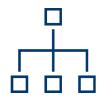
- Reconciliations done on a monthly basis. Required in order for Annual Certification to take place.
- Maintain supporting documentation.
- Signature acknowledgement (online).
 - Reconcilers
 - Account Owners
- The University of Texas System
 - UTS 142.1 Policy on the Annual Financial Report: "Certification of Financial Responsibility"
 - Link: https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/policy-library/policies/uts-1421-policy-annual-financial-report
- The University of Texas at El Paso
 - Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP);
 - Section VII, Financial Services, Chapter 5
 - Link: https://www.utep.edu/hoop/section-7/ch-5.html
 - VPBA: Business Process Guidelines:
 - Budget and Financial Accounting> Account Review
 - Link: https://admin.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=73981

SAHARA Overview





Business Process



Monthly

Information is posted onto SAHARA



Reconcilers perform Account Reconciliation in SAHARA



Account Owners approve Account Reconciliation in SAHARA

SAHARA Roles & Responsibilities

	Cost Center	Capital Project	Grant
Reviews transactions (Reconciler)			
Gathers supporting documentation (Reconciler)			
Reconciles accounts (Reconciler)			
Account owners review and approve reconciliations (Approver)			

How to Reconcile (Salaries)

- Review SAHARA reconciliation reports for both current and prior periods.
- Compare Salary balances between the two months.
- If differences, identify transactions causing discrepancies and include supporting documentation (HRAC, SAR, Appointment Actions Request Form, Additional Pay Requests, Separation/Retirement forms, etc.).
- If no differences, include screen shots of prior month and current month Salaries showing no change between periods.

How to Reconcile (Wages)

- Provide PeopleSoft timesheet to verify total hours. Calculate pay (Hours x Rate).
- Validate wages are correct for each employee in SAHARA.

How to Reconcile (Expenses)

- Review transactions in SAHARA and gather documentation that support the transactions.
- Types of documents to include are Expense Reports (travel and non-travel), Vouchers (PO and Non-PO invoices), Pro Card (Citibank) summary page and Journal Entries (SC028, Banner-UTZ). Additional queries available for SC028 (UTE_DEPT_RECON_IDT_COSTCTR) and Banner (UTE_DEPT_RECON_BANNER_COSTCTR).
- Once transactions are validated, complete reconciliation process by clicking on Reviewed check box in SAHARA.

How to Review and Approve

Reviewer should consider the following:

- Do the transactions appear appropriate for department/University business?
- Are there any suspicious looking transactions?
- Does it appear the accounts have been reviewed (i.e. the reviewer has noted transactions)?
- Has the reviewer explained any unrecognized transactions?
- When the approver feels assured all transactions are logged, accurate, appropriate and authorized, then he/she will check the "Approved" check box in SAHARA, indicating their approval of the reconciliation and notes regarding any reconciling items for the month's activity.

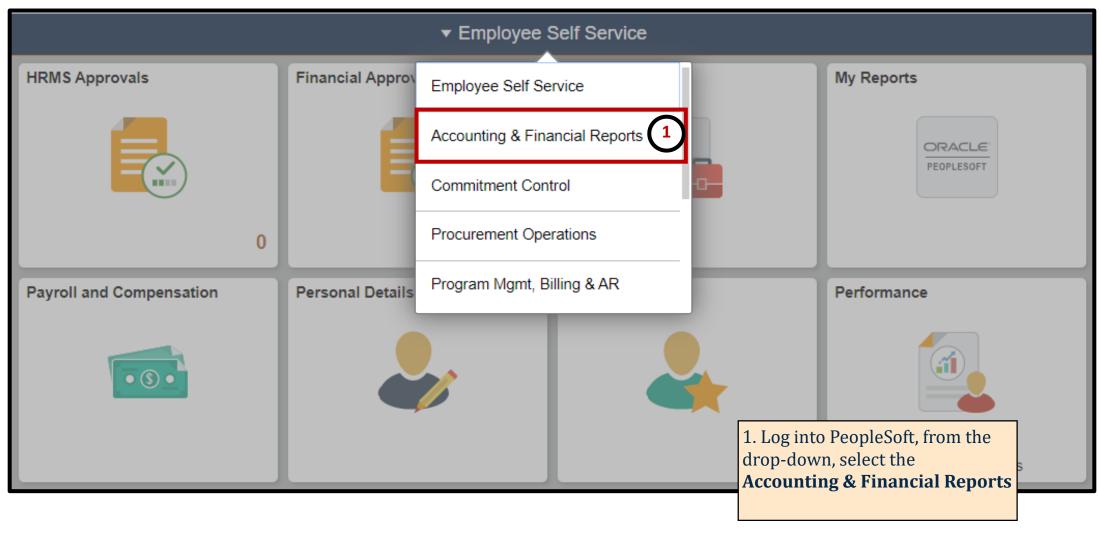
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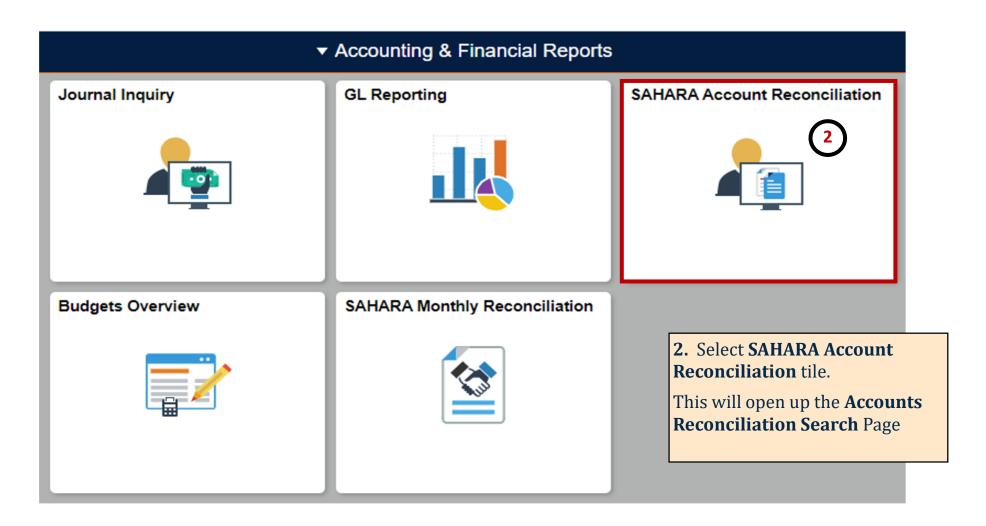
Review Type	Supporting Documentation
Salaries	- Appointment Actions Request Form
	- HR Separation / Retirement Form
	- HRAC form with supporting documentation
	- Additional Pay Request
	- Supplemental Authorization Request (SAR)
Wages	- PeopleSoft Time Sheet (hours entered)
	- Calculate pay amount (Hours x Rate)
	- Validate wages amount for each employee
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Fringe Benefits	- No supporting documents required
	- Verify there is little fluctuation between months
	- Notify Budget Office of any discrepancies
Operating Expenses	- Copies of Purchase Orders
	- Invoices for both PO and Non-PO Vouchers
	- IDT Journals with supporting documentation
	- Pro Card Transaction Logs (note: keep receipts separate)
	- Expense Reports with attachments and supporting documentation

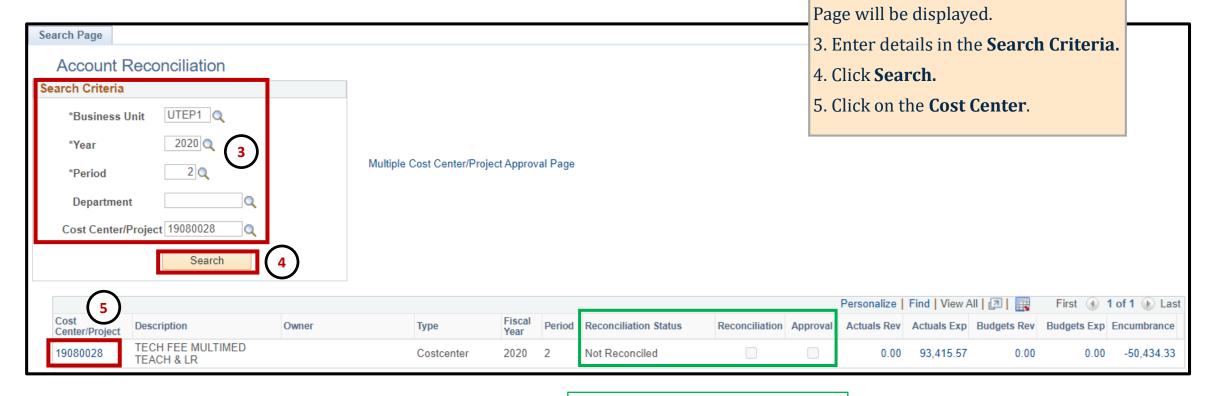
Retaining Documentation

- Documents may be retained in any manner deemed most efficient by each department so long as the documentation may be easily accessed and produced at request.
- If retaining Hardcopy documents, create a monthly packet (by month) and include all supporting documentation. *Note: Accessing an external system to view supporting documents is not acceptable.*
- If retaining Electronic documents, create a monthly PDF packet and save to departmental shared drive (create monthly folders). Include all supporting documentation. *Note: Accessing an external system to retrieve supporting documents is not acceptable.*

Demo



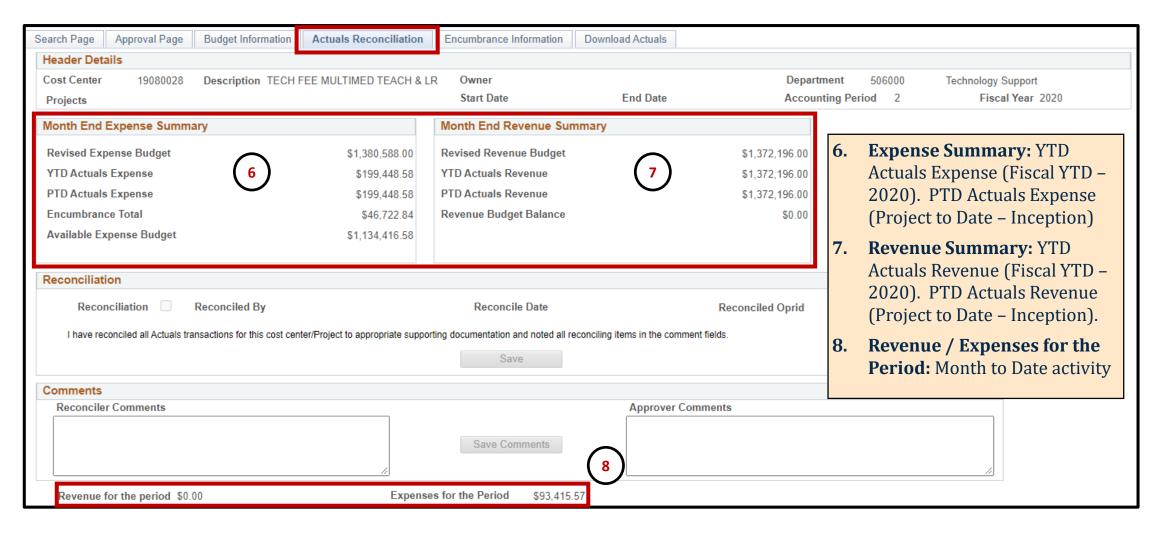




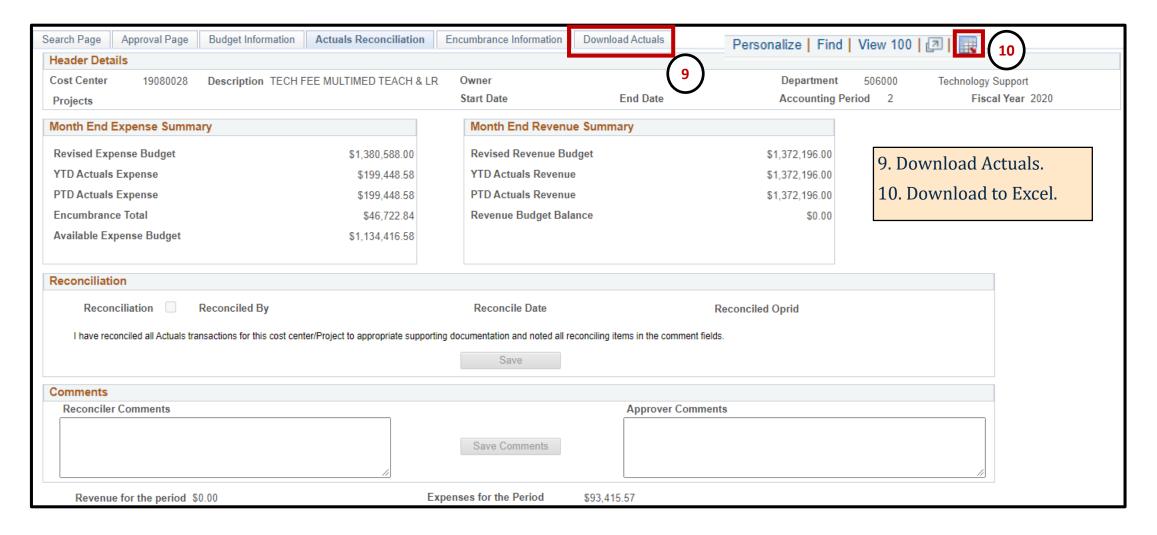
PeopleSoft Tips

 Reconciliation Status indicates whether period has been reconciled/approved.

The Account Reconciliation Search



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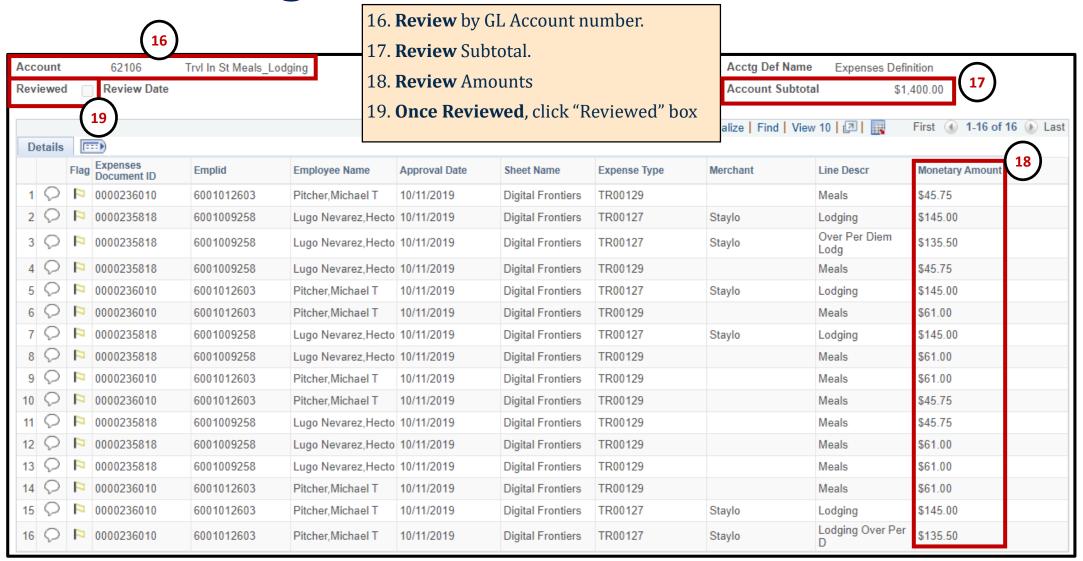
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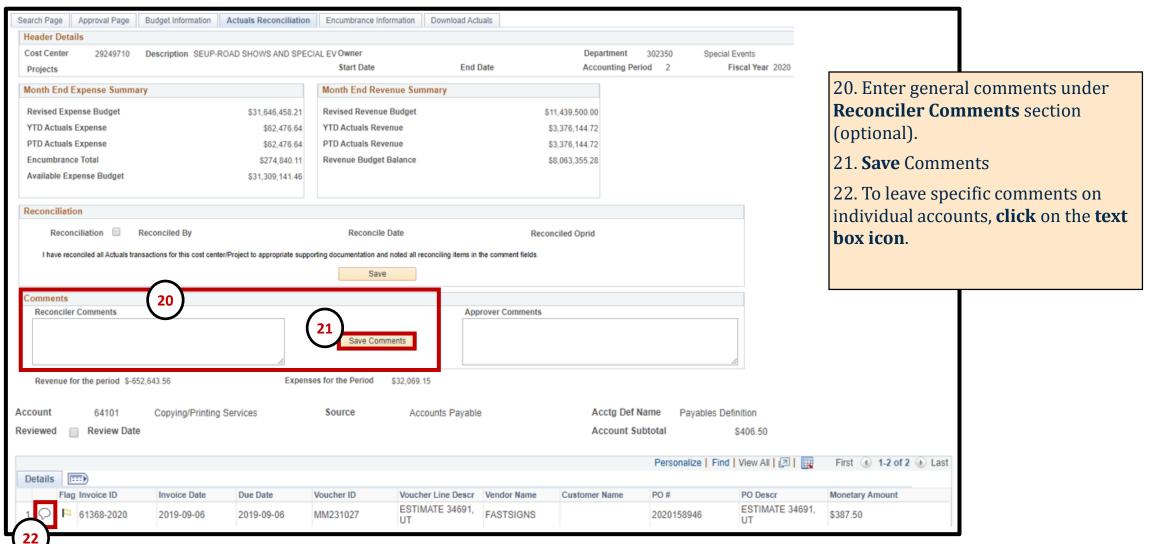
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SAHARA Account #.

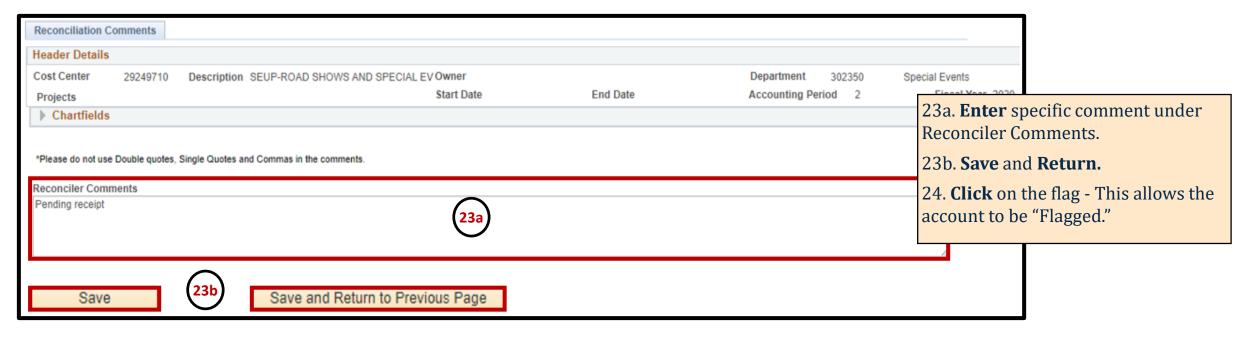
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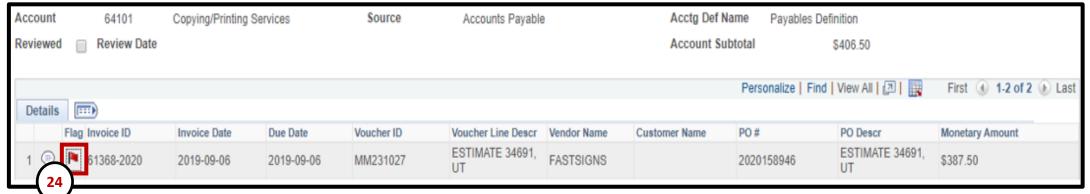


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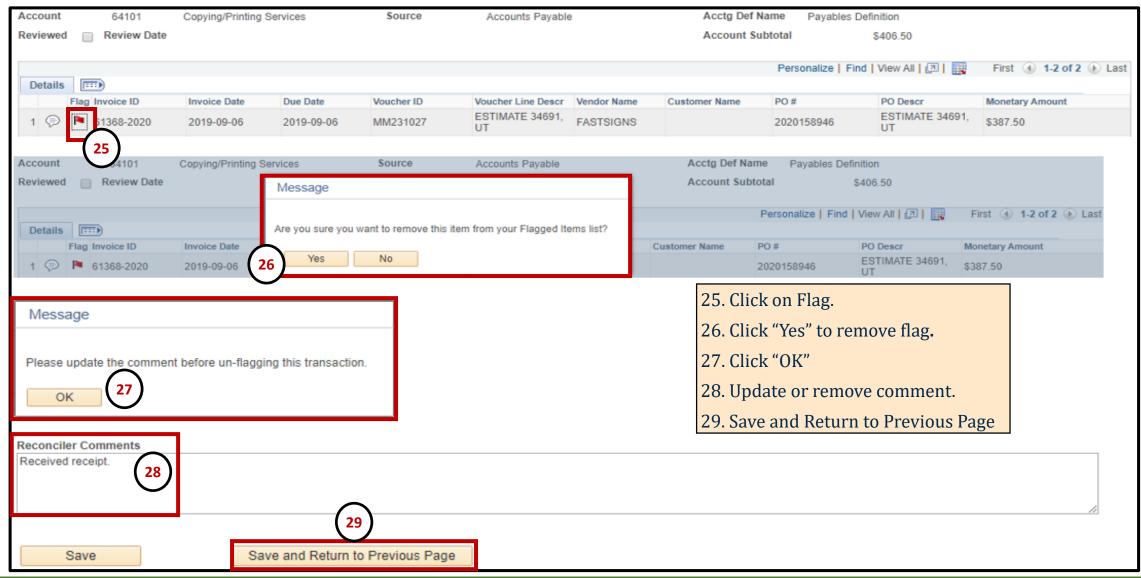


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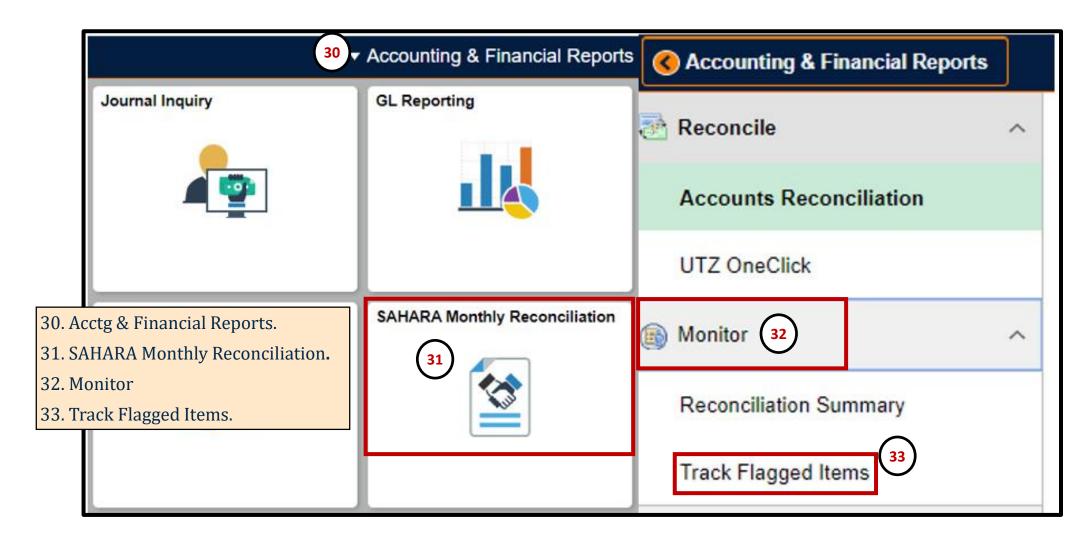




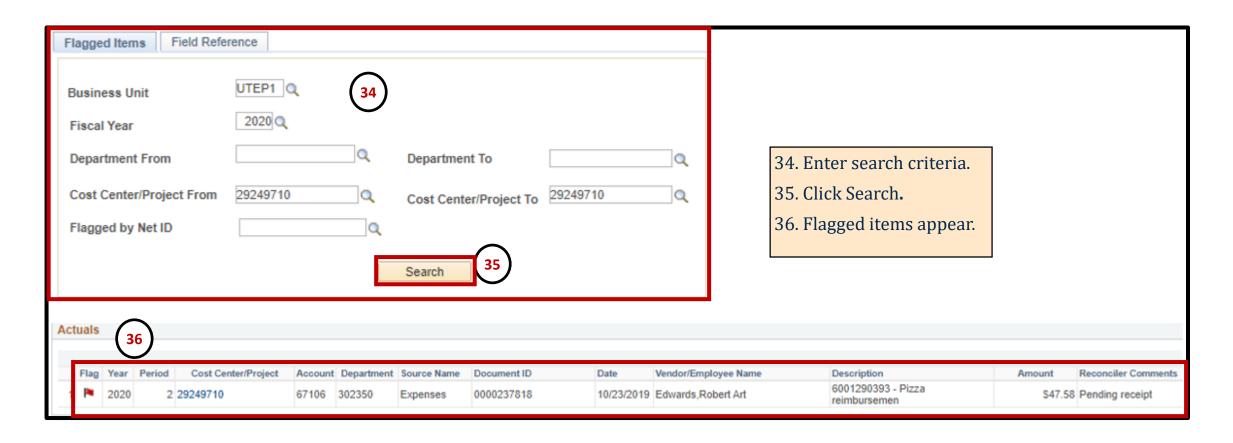
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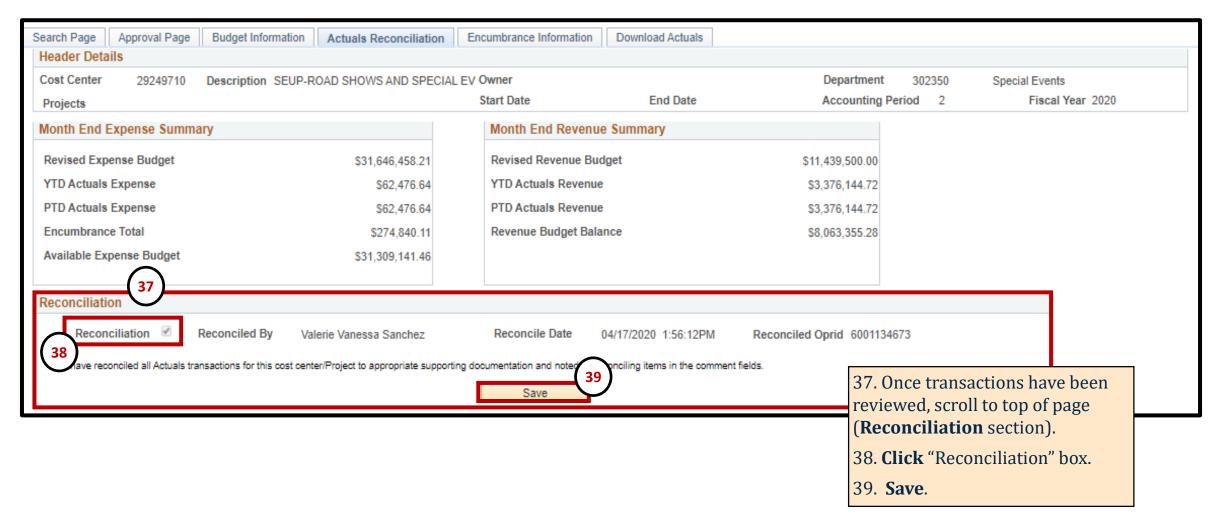


Reconciling in SAHARA – Tracking Flagged Items



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Approver

Things to Know:

Search Page

Cost Center

Projects Approval Info

Header Details

Reconciliation Info

Net Monthly Activity

Approval Page

Approved Approved By Melody Vasquez

Reconciler Alejandra Torres

Budget Information

1. Reconciler will continue to review expenses and provide supporting documentation, the same account reconciliation policies & procedures apply.

Actuals Reconciliation

Description SEUP-ROAD SHOWS AND SPECIAL EV Owner

* I have reviewed and approved the reconciliation and notes regarding the reconciling items for this cost center's/Project's monthly activity

- 2. To access the page, select the SAHARA Monthly Reconciliation tile and fill "Search Criteria."
- The approval process will be completed and saved by checking the "Approved" box.

Encumbrance Information

Start Date

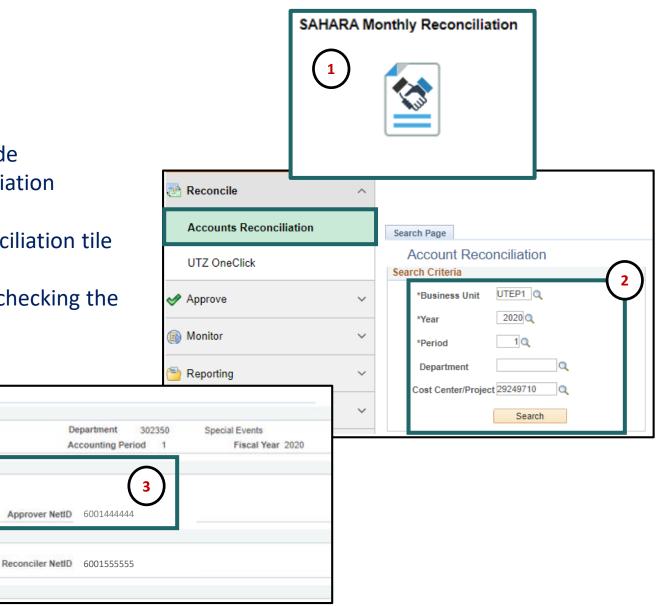
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Approval Date 04/28/20 12:51:28PM

Reconciliation Date 01/29/20 11:13:25AM

End Date

Department



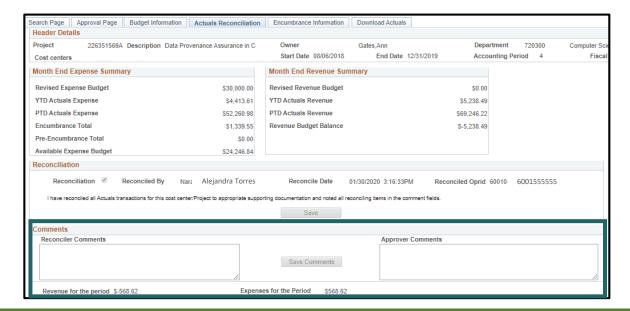


Approver

What's New?

 Reconciliation Status allows users to confirm if account has been fully reconciled.

- General comments can be reviewed and added.
- Specific comments can be reviewed and added for individual lines.
- Flags enabled by reconcilers highlight transactions.





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Questions?





THANK YOU!