



Effortless Facts April 2021 Edition

From Financial Compliance for Research!



Congratulations on another perfect Certification Period! For the 14th time since the inception of our ecrt/ECC application at Pitt, we have achieved **100% certification compliance!** This period, for the first time, we saw the introduction of 1,345 hourly effort statements, for a total of 7,521 certifiable effort statements. Thank you for your persistence and tenacity in achieving this impressive result.



As we near another fiscal year end, please bear in mind that **salary budget overruns in entity 02, 03 or 04 accounts** are not to be resolved by SPAR modifications if the salaries charged to those accounts truly supported those activities. Instead, budget overruns should be resolved by a journal entry to transfer funding between accounts using subcode 8260.



Documents from our **former Coffee Chat sessions** have been added as reference materials on our website as reflected below:

- On the SPAR page, [90-Day Exception Requests Explained](#)
- On the ECC page, [Proxy/Designee Guidance](#) and [Tips for Monitoring Uncertified Effort](#)

These documents provide broader information on each subject than the corresponding instructions or training documents, and should prove helpful as a reference tool.



A personal note from the Director:

April 30 will be my last day at the University of Pittsburgh and it is a bittersweet goodbye. As much as I am looking forward to the adventures awaiting, I will miss the collegiality and challenges that made my time at Pitt so memorable. I thank you all for your friendship and guidance over the last 11 years in this role and wish you the best as you continue at Pitt and beyond, H2P!

Fondly, Bev

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| | | | | 1 Write-off of Uncertified Effort is 7:00 am | 2 | 3 |
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| | | | | | SPAR in query-only mode from 5:00 pm on 4/2 through 6:00 am on 4/7 for month-end closing | |
| 4 | 5 Advanced SPAR Workshop (week of 4/5-4/9) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| SPAR in query-only mode from 5:00 pm on 4/2 through 6:00 am on 4/7 for month-end closing | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | | | | | SPAR in query-only mode from Midnight - 11:00 am for payroll processing | |
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