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Re: UCPath is Here: What It Means for You
To: GGSE All – Academic Listserv, GGSE All – Staff Listserv
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As you should have heard, the entire UC system is converting its payroll, academic personnel, timekeeping, and human resources to a new system—UCPath [https://www.ucpath.ucsb.edu/about-ucpath/overview]. Of course the gritty details of how the UC pays nearly 200K employees isn’t your worry. But as you might imagine, any huge change of this nature, even if it happens as smoothly as possible, will involve quite a learning curve.

So here are two ways UCPath most affects us right now, and what the GGSE needs from you:

**Patience**
Know that GGSE staff members are doing all they can, but there are 30+ hours of training that many of them need to attend to learn the new system, so UCPath has to be a priority. The School is receiving new information from campus regularly that needs to be digested, discussed and incorporated into our processes as well.

**Make Your Fall Appointments Now**
To allow for data conversion from PPS to the new system, all of UCSB’s access to the current payroll system will be unavailable for most of the month of September. The new system is expected to be available on 9/27. That means that fall quarter appointments need to be fully processed in August.

Please note that UCPath is not a “one and done” project. Please note that the transition to UCPath comes with strict deadlines that the GGSE has no control over. Once the new system is live on our campus, it will take several months for the changes to stabilize. Going forward, we will then have the opportunity to continue to evolve and leverage the new system and processes.

If you have any questions, send an email to ucpath@education.ucsb.edu. This is the best way for you to get your specific questions answered by the appropriate GGSE staff.