# Effort Certification and the Kuali Financial System (KFS) – Guidance for Document Routing and Approval

### **Approving Effort Reports: Communication and Routing**

Effort Certification Documents (ECD) are generated via KFS and first route to all Fiscal Officer(s) [FO] and delegate(s) with accounts listed on the document via the One.IU Action List. The routing is determined by the department's routing hierarchy on each account.

- 1) Effort Reports will be routed to Fiscal Officers first before being routed to Account Principal Investigators on Federal and Federal Pass-through Projects
  - Effort reports, like all KFS documents, will route to each approver's One.IU Action List. The Effort Report will route first to Fiscal Officers of all accounts represented on the document. Once ALL Fiscal Officers approve Effort Reports, the documents will then route to the Account Principal Investigators for certification approval.
- 2) Account Principal Investigators on Federal and Federal Pass-through Projects will receive and approve Effort Reports electronically via One.IU

Account Principal Investigators on Federal and Federal Pass-through Projects are required to certify effort on sponsored projects. Account Principal Investigators on Non-Federal projects will not receive effort reports in their One.IU Action List.

3) Opening Effort Documents in the One.IU Action List for Effort Report review and approval

To approve an Effort Document, the approver will need to access their One.IU Action List. The One.IU Action List can be accessed by following these steps:

- Sign into the One.IU portal using Duo authorization
- Click "Action List"
- Click on the document # to access the Effort Certification (let the document fully load)



Approvers should review the effort for each of the accounts for which they are responsible.

How to handle when an FO/delegate listed in the Effort Certification is no longer with IU or is no longer in a position where they would be the appropriate person to authorize the certification

The current FO would access the document via document search using the ECD# in KFS, review the Effort Certification, and enter a note of approval in the NOTES/ATTACHMENTS Tab. The FO would then contact Rayna Amerine or Tim Burris in the Office of Research Administration in order to have the document administratively moved forward in the electronic routing.

# The department is responsible for maintaining and updating the routing throughout the life of the award account.

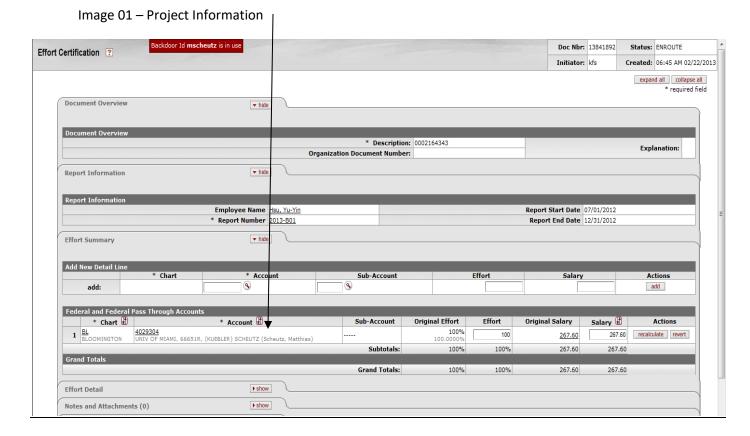
Once either the primary or secondary FO/delegate approve for their account, the Effort Certification routes to the Account Principal Investigator [PI] in Kuali Coeus (KC).

### Process for handling when a PI listed in the award account is no longer with I.U.

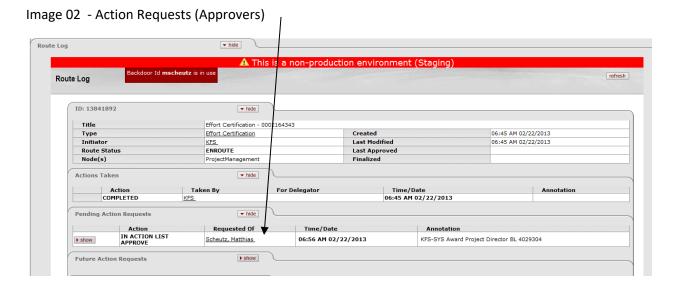
- 1. The FO will notify Rayna Amerine <a href="mailto:ramerine@iu.edu">ramerine@iu.edu</a> or Tim Burris <a href="mailto:thburris@indiana.edu">thburris@indiana.edu</a> in the Office of Research Administration (ORA) that the PI in the routing is no longer with I.U.
- 2. Attach one of the following verifications to the effort certification document:
  - Written verification of the effort by the terminated principal investigator. This written verification may be communicated via email.
  - If the award account is on-going, written verification of the effort may be provided by the current principal investigator. This written verification may be communicated via email.
  - o If the account is closed, the PI is no longer available or not responding to any communication, then the department's Chair or Dean may provide the required effort verification.
- The FO will communicate the verifications noted above to Rayna Amerine or Tim Burris
  in ORA in order to have the document administratively moved forward in the electronic
  routing. Effort certifications without this documentation attached will not be reviewed
  and approved by ORA.

Please see the following examples for further guidance.

Account Principal Investigators are listed on the Account Lines of the Effort Report (See Image 01 Below)

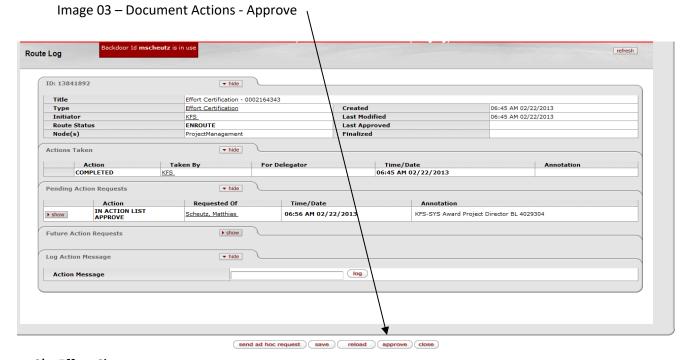


Account Principal Investigators that need to approve a document are listed in the **Action Request** sections under the **Route Log** tab. (See Image 02 Below)



## 1) Effort Report Approval (Certification)

If no changes are required to account(s) on the Effort Report, the report may be approved to certify employee effort. Click the *approve* icon at the bottom of the report. (See Image 03 below)

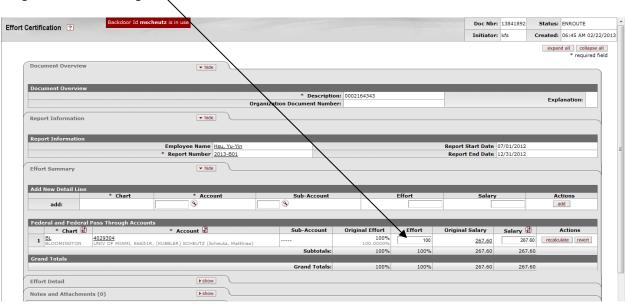


## 2) Effort Changes

If changes in effort allocation are required, the document may then be changed to accurately reflect the correct employee effort. To change the effort percentage reflected on an account for an employee:

- a. Identify accounts on the Effort Report to be modified
- b. Change the effort percentage on each account by entering the correct effort percentage in the editable *Effort* box. (See Image 04 Below)

Image 04 - Effort Changes



- c. Once an effort percentage has been changed for an account recalculate for the account line by clicking *recalculate* under *Actions* to the right of the account line. KFS will only allow whole number percentages.
- d. Repeat for each account line to be modified.
- e. Verify that the Corrected Effort percentage(s) equal 100% and the Salary totals are equal to the Original Salary.
- f. If the Salary amounts are not equal, in the editable Salary box enter the adjusted amount and then click SAVE.
- g. Enter a note of justification on the Effort Report for the changes made under the *Notes* and *Attachments* tab. Once a note is entered, click add under *Actions* to the right of the note entered. (See Image 05 below)



Approve document by clicking the *approve* icon at the bottom of the report. (See Image 03 above)

Once the Principal Investigator approves (and or edits, then approves) the document, it will continue through the routing sequence to finalization. The document will not route back to the Fiscal Officer.

Once fully approved, the Effort Document will become the permanent record of effort certification for the University. Departments will no longer be required to retain paper copies.

#### 3) Adding an Account

To add an account not previously on the Effort Document, enter the account number to be added and the correct effort percentage under *Add New Detail Line* at the top of the *Effort Summary* tab. Click *Add* at the right of the account line under *Actions*. (See Image 06 below) Once the account has been added to the Effort Report Document, click *recalculate* under *Actions* to the right of the new account line.

Image 06 – Add Account



After all accounts have been added and effort modified, approve the document by clicking the *approve* icon at the bottom of the report. (See Image 03 above)

#### Things to Remember:

- A note of justification must be added to the document for all changes made.
- If the Ad Hoc function is used, the document edit function will be closed. Only those in the regular routing have editing rights.
- The **Grand Totals** for Effort Percentage and Total Salary <u>must equal</u> Original Effort and Original Salary Totals. (See Image 07 below)

