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The First Certification Period in ECC - A Debrief

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Agenda

Introductions

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Debrief
- Interactive questions
- Discussion

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Introductions

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Introduction Questions

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How long have you been in research administration?

What's your role in ECC?

Project Background

Why and How

Why?

Reduce administrative burden

Stronger internal controls and audit stance

Reduce confusion

How?

Moving to project-based payroll certification

Limiting certification to federal projects

Upgrading ECRT to ECC

Implementing Pre-Review for coordinators

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Results in Numbers

	ECRT	ECC	Change
Distinct Cards	9,526	4,164	-5,362 **56%** ↓
Distinct Certifiers	5,112	1,449	-3,663 **71%** ↓

Goal Questions

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Did you have fewer statements than you previously had with effort reporting in ECRT?

Think about the 3 main goals of the project.

Rank them in order, according to how well you feel they were met.

Debrief: Communications & Trainings

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Think about the email communications, research admin meetings and training sessions leading up to the first certification period in ECC.

How confident did you feel?

As a CCC, I shouldn't click "Pre-Review" until all necessary adjustments have posted to the statement.

What's one thing you wish would have been covered better in training?

Training Discussion

Definite gaps identified:

- Adjustments
- Earn dates
- Student hourlies
- Specific processes, like CCC overrides

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Debrief:
Pre-Review Period

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How difficult have you found pre-review to be?

What are some tools you found helpful during pre-review?

Pre-Review Discussion

Coordinators were impressively thorough!
- Data issues discovered

Even before extension of pre-review period, the percentage of cards ready for PIs was troubling.
- Less than 20% of cards had been reviewed by the half-way point.

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Debrief:
Salary Cap

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On a scale from 1-5, how helpful were the communications regarding salary cap data loads to ECC?

Salary Cap Discussion

This area went far better than anticipated.

Last period, approximately $190,000 had to be transferred off projects due to "under-certifications".

Payroll certification and our new salary cap method eliminates this. WIN!!

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Debrief:
ECC in General

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What's one thing about ECC or project-based certification that you really like?

If ECC had any capability that it doesn't currently, what would it be?

What's one thing that would make the area of compensation compliance easier for you?

Feedback/Q&A

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