

# Controller's Update

F&A November 18, 2025

# FY 2026-Signature Authorization Process

- Signature Authorization Forms were due back to the Controller's Office on Friday, November 14

**Sent: 789**

**Received: 233**

**Percentage Received: 30%**

- PLEASE RETURN FORMS ASAP

# Department vs. Campus Wide Access

## University of Massachusetts Boston Signature Authorization Form Fiscal Year 2026

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Dept ID	B003800000	Dept Description:	Controller's Office	Dept Manager/ Authorized Signer:	Overko, Patricia M.
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The following individuals are authorized to approve financial transactions for this department's budgeted funds. These individuals must comply with fiscal policies and procedures, including but not limited to Business Travel & Expense, University Procurement, Inventory Control, and others as defined by the University and Campus. In addition to this approval, internally funded awards, external grants and contracts, and endowment fund allocations are subject to the Office of Graduate Studies, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and University Advancement's Signature Authorization processes, respectively. For Concur, only one Cost Object Approver (COA) should be selected. COA is responsible for approving expense reports in Concur. If a designee is assigned, the approval responsibility lies solely with the COA and not with the Department Manager. If no designee is assigned, the Department Manager assumes this role. Authorized Signers hold the Requisition Approver role in BuyWays and will be listed in the Department Workflow.

Concur COA:					
Check 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-1 Name	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-1 Signature
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-2 Name	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-2 Signature
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-3 Name	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-3 Signature
	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-4 Name	_____	Additional Authorized Signer-4 Signature

The Department Property Custodian (DPC) is a department manager designee to serve as a liaison to the Property Division, coordinate inventories, and ensure compliance with inventory mandate. Where there is not a designee, the Department Manager fills this role.

Kathleen Whitney	_____	_____	_____
Department Property Custodian (DPC) Name	Department Property Custodian (DPC) Signature	Date	

Signatures authorizing a department's legal obligations, contracts, payments, payroll and other fiscal transactions shall be interpreted as certification that the document upon which the signature appears, and any attachments, are accurate and complete and comply with all applicable general and special laws, regulations and policies.

Overko, Patricia M.	_____	_____	_____
Department Manager Name	Department Manager Signature	Date	
Overko, Patricia	_____	_____	_____
Director Name (Non-Academic, if Applicable)	Director Signature	Date	
Giuliani, Chris	_____	_____	_____
Associate Vice Chancellor Name (Non-Academic Depts)	Associate Vice Chancellor Signature	Date	
Kathleen Kirleis	_____	_____	_____
Dean/Provost or Vice Chancellor Name	Dean/Provost or Vice Chancellor Signature	Date	

# Project NextGen

## ERP Systems – Upgrade/Replacement

### May – June 2025

- Finance, HR & Student teams across all campuses watch presentations from several ERP systems
  - **Oracle Cloud, Workday, SAP, Ellucian**

In anticipation of the potential to implement a new ERP system, the UMPO has launched the NextGen Project

- Project goals are to document:
  - Core business processes for each PeopleSoft Module
  - Non-PeopleSoft systems, integrated or not, used to perform each business process

### Current Phase: Foundation

- Business process workstreams
- Technology assessment
  - User Input – assist in determining which UMass products will be retained