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## Allocations Overview

Allocations distribute costs or revenue between funding strings. This document focuses on the delivered PeopleSoft allocation process (FS\_ALLC).

<b>Process Frequency</b>	Most allocations are run at the end of the month but depending on the allocation they can be run more frequently.
<b>Dependencies</b>	PeopleSoft’s ledger based allocations (FS_ALLC) should only be run after all journals impacting the allocation “pool” have been posted for the period. If the allocation process creates journals, ensure the journal date is for an open accounting period.
<b>Assumptions</b>	PeopleSoft’s allocation process (FS_ALLC) can accurately calculate the appropriate accounting entries.
<b>Responsible Parties</b>	Each business unit is responsible for running their allocation processes.
<b>Alternate Scenarios</b>	Those business units using the GRANTS module can use the module to calculate indirect cost (facilities and administration) charges. Business units can opt to use other methods to perform allocations and then enter journals to record the distribution.

## PeopleSoft’s Allocation Setup (FS\_ALLC)

The delivered PeopleSoft allocation process (FS\_ALLC) can create journals to distribute costs or revenue between funding strings. Allocation steps define how each funding string distribution is calculated. Allocation groups are used to order allocations steps. The allocation process (FS\_ALLC) uses the allocation group and associated allocation steps to perform the necessary calculations to create the appropriate accounting entries.

### I. Allocation Step

Each allocation step calculates the appropriate distribution based on a selected “pool” of information. Most of the allocations in SFS are based on the ledger. If the allocation is based on the ledger, make sure all of the journals impacting the “pool” have been posted to the ledger prior to running the allocation process (FS\_ALLC). Beginning in version 9.1, the SFS “ACTUALS” ledger has been set to create ChartField balancing entries using account 6100 (cash). Any allocations previously used to create “cash” offset entries will no longer be required and should be removed from the allocation group.

*Navigation: Allocations > Define and Perform Allocations > Define Allocation Step*

### Define Allocation Step

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

▼ Search Criteria

Use Saved Search:

SetID:

Allocation Step:

Include History
  Correct History

[Basic Search](#) 
[Save Search Criteria](#)
[Delete Saved Search](#)

1. **Enter** your SetID (should default in from User Preferences)
2. **Click**  to get a list of the allocation steps.
3. If your allocation step is in the list, **click** on it in the list to open it up.
4. If the allocation does not appear in the list, you will need to **click**  to enter a new step.

Each allocation step is comprised of multiple pages. Select a particular page by clicking on the tab on the top of the screen, or click on the names found on the bottom of the page.

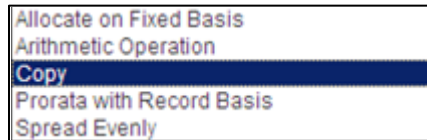
5. **Clicking** on **Type** allows you to establish the *Effective Date* for the step and to identify the allocation type.

The screenshot shows the 'Type' tab of the SFS Business Process. The form is titled 'Effective Date' and contains the following fields and values:

- SetID: UWCOL Step: FBCLASS
- Effective Date: 07/02/2012
- Status: Active
- Description: Classified Grant Fringes
- Allocation Type: Copy
- Extension opcode: Add
- Transaction Code: GENERAL (General Transactions)

At the bottom of the form, there are several navigation buttons: Save, Return to Search, Previous in List, Next in List, Notify, Add, Update/Display, Include History, and Correct History. The bottom of the screen shows a breadcrumb trail: Type | Pool | Target | Offset | Output Options | Batch Records | Amount Fields.

6. **Enter \*Effective date** : The effective date of the step must equal or precede the date used in the allocation request. Multiple effective dates rows for each step can be created by **clicking** **+**. The allocation request will select the effective dated step equal to or preceding the date used in the allocation request.
7. **Enter Status** : should be “Active”
8. **Enter \*Description** : Enter enough of a detailed description to differentiate this step from any other step.
9. **Select \*Allocation Type** : Currently “Copy” is the only allocation type being used, if the “Copy” allocation type will not work for your application there are a variety of other allocation types available by **clicking** **▼**.



10. **Enter Transaction Code** : Should default to “GENERAL”
11. **Clicking** on the **Pool** allows you to select the pool values and to enter the Pool factor (rate) to be applied. The rate will be applied to the pool information to create the distribution lines.

The screenshot displays the 'Pool' configuration interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Type', 'Pool', 'Target', 'Offset', 'Output Options', 'Batch Records', and 'Amount Fields'. Below these, the 'SetID' is 'UWCOL' and the 'Step' is 'FBCLASS'. The 'Effective Date' is '07/02/2012' and the 'Status' is 'Active'. The 'Description' is 'Classified Grant Fringes'. The 'Pool Record' section includes:
 

- \*Pool Record Type: Ledger Group
- Pool Ledger: ACTUALS
- Time Span: ALLOCATION
- \*Pool factor: 92.0000
- Zero Pool Amount Option: Select Next Pool

 The 'Pool Fields' section shows:
 

- \*Field Name: Account
- How Specified: Selected Tree Nodes (selected)
- Set Control Value: [empty]
- Tree Name: SHARE\_GRANT\_FRING

 At the bottom, a table titled 'Specify Values/Range of Values/Tree Nodes' has a 'Value' column with 'CLASSIFIED' and an empty 'To' column.

12. **Select** \*Pool Record Type : Usually 'Ledger Group'.
13. **Enter** Pool Ledger : Usually 'ACTUALS'.
14. **Enter** \*Time Span : Familiarize yourself with the variety of timespans available and make an appropriate selection. The 'ALLOCATION' timespan was created to provide flexibility when period 13 needs to be use in the allocation process. (To configure TimeSpans, **navigate** to *Set Up Financials/Supply Chain > Common Definitions > Calendars/Schedules > TimeSpans*)
15. **Enter** \*Pool Factor : This represents the rate to be applied to the amount in the pool. Make sure you use the appropriate rate associated with your business unit for the period.
16. **Select** Zero Pool Amount Option : 'Select Next Pool' will not create a journal line when the pool amount is zero.
17. The bottom half of the Pool page allows you to establish the criteria used to select the records from the Pool Record.
18. Once you **select** the \*Field Name, you have a variety of techniques to build your criteria.
19.  Selected Detail Values allows you to list multiple individual values for the field by **clicking** the

This is a close-up of the table from the previous screenshot. It shows the 'Value' column with a search icon and a plus icon, and an empty 'To' column.

20.  Selected Tree Nodes allows you to use trees in your criteria

Set Control Value:

Tree Name:  Level Name:

Specify Values/Range of Values/Tree Nodes Find | View All | | First 1 of 1 Last

Value	To		
<input type="text"/>			




21. **Range of Values** allows you to enter a range of values; but in version 9.1, you now have the option to **\*Include/Exclude:** the range of values by making a selection from the dropdown list.

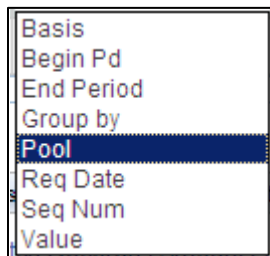
\*Include/Exclude: Include Specified Values

Specify Values/Range of Values/Tree Nodes Find | View All | | First 1 of 1 Last

	Value	To	Exceptions
Include Specified Values	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	0

22. Make sure you have entered all of the necessary criteria to create a “pool” of records for the allocation process.
23. **Clicking** on the **Target**, allows you to identify the target record and how the fields on the target distribution are populated. If journals are to be created in the ACTUALS ledger, the chartfield balancing setup requires if the Fund, Department, Program or Project ChartField is specified in the target or offset, it must be in both.

24. **Select** \*Target Record Type : If 'Journal Records' is selected, the allocation will create general ledger journals.
25. **Enter** Target Ledger : Most allocations are performed on the ACTUALS ledger in SFS.
26. **Enter** \*Time Span : Familiarize yourself with the variety of timespans available and make an appropriate selection. **Selecting** the 'PER' timespan can create journal entries to each period in the pool.
27. The bottom half of the Target page allows you to determine how the fields on the Target Record will be populated.
28. **Select** \*Field Name(s) : by **clicking** on the dropdown icon , a list of field names from the Target Record will appear. **Select** as many of the fields as you want by **clicking** the  and then use the source dropdown icon  to determine how to populate the field. We normally use either the 'Pool' option if we want the information from the pool record or the 'Value' option which allows us to declare the value we want.



29. **Select** Field Mapping – this field will be available with some \*Source selections. If the field name on the pool record and the target record are the same, this field should be left blank.

If the field name on the pool record is different, then you must enter the field name from the pool record. (Normally these field name are the same so the Field Mapping can be left blank.)




30. **Clicking** on the **Offset** tab allows you to identify the offset record and how the fields on the offset record are populated. If journals are to be created in the ACTUALS Ledger, the chartfield balancing setup requires that if the Fund, Department, Program, or Project ChartField is specified in the target or offset it must be in both.

*Field Name	*Source	Field Mapping	Value / Mask
Account	Value		1979
Department	Value		304023
Fund Code	Pool		
Journal Line Description	Value		ALLOCATED CLASS FRINGE 48.44%
Program Code	Pool		
Project	Value		

31. **Select** \*Offset Record Type : Usually “Journal Records” (should match the Target).

32. **Select** Offset Ledger: Usually “ACTUALS” (should match the Target).

33. The bottom half of the Offset page allows you to determine how the fields on the Offset Record will be populated.

34. **Select** \*Field Name (s) by clicking on the dropdown Icon  and a list of field names from the Offset Record will appear. Select as many of the fields as you want by clicking the  and then use the source dropdown icon  to determine how to populate the field. We normally use either the “Pool” option if we want the information from the pool record or the “Value” option which allows us to declare the value we want.

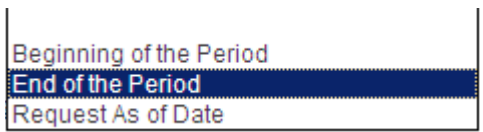
- Basis
- Begin Pd
- End Period
- Group by
- Pool**
- Req Date
- Seq Num
- Value

35. **Select *Field Mapping*** – this field will be available with some \*Source selections. If the field name on the pool record and the target record are the same, this field should be left blank. If the field name on the pool record is different, then you must enter the field name from the pool record. (Normally these field name are the same so the Field Mapping can be left blank.)

36. **Clicking** on the **Output Options** tab allows you to identify the the information if a journal is being created by the allocation step.

37. **Select \*Journal ID Mask:** Information in this field will become the prefix of the journal id created by this allocation step.

38. **Select Journal Date Code :** The drop down allows you to select what journal date will be on the journal being created by this allocation step.



39. **Select Journal Source :** Use the “ALO” source code for journals created by the PeopleSoft delivered allocation process.

40. **Select Reference Number :** Information entered here will carry to the journal header TRANS\_REF\_NUM field. Some business units enter the rate being used here.

41. There are two hyperlinks available, and these values should default in and do not need to be changed unless your entry differs from the default.



- a. If the first hyperlink is set to *Reversal : Do Not Generate Reversal* and this is what you want (this is the normal setting you don't need to click on the hyperlink). If you do want to process a reversal, click the link and make the appropriate selection.

[Reversal: Do Not Generate Reversal](#)

**Journal Entry Reversal**


**Reversal**

Do Not Generate Reversal


Beginning of Next Period

End of Next Period

Next Day

Adjustment Period    Adjustment Period:  

On Date Specified By User

Reversal Date:  

- b. The Commitment Control hyperlink should default in as “Actuals and Recognized”.

**Commitment Control**

**Commitment Control Amount Type**

Actuals and Recognized  
 Encumbrance  
 Pre-Encumbrance  
 Collected Revenue  
 Actuals, Recognize and Collect  
 Planned

**Budget Entry Type**

Original  
 Adjustment

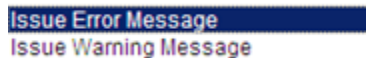
**Parent Budget Options**

Generate Parent Budget(s)  
 Use Default Entry Event  
 Parent Budget Entry Type:

42. The option to edit budget check and post journal when the allocation process is run can be selected by checking the following boxes :

- Post Journal(s)                       Edit Journal(s)                       Budget Check Journal(s)

43. When No Journals are Created: Usually has been set to "Issue Error Message". This message will appear in process monitor.



44. Currency Conversion (section) – We are not currently performing currency conversion in SFS, so this section can be ignored.

## II. Allocation Group

The allocation group allows multiple allocation steps to be scheduled together. The allocation steps are performed in the order they appear in the allocation group, so make sure the allocation steps are listed in the appropriate order.

The allocation group is now effective dated. The date used in the allocation request will use the allocation group with an effective date equal to or less than the allocation request date. The allocation request date will also determine which effective dated allocation step listed in the allocation group will be used.

*Navigation: Allocations > Define and Perform Allocations > Define Allocation Group*

**Define Allocation Group**

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

Find an Existing Value | Add a New Value

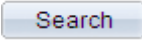
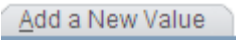
▼ Search Criteria

SetID: = [UWOSH] 🔍

Allocation Group: begins with [ ]

Include History  Correct History

Search | Clear | Basic Search | Save Search Criteria

1. **Enter Setid** : Enter your setid (should default in from User Preferences)
2. **Select Allocation Group** : Click the  icon to get a list of the allocation groups. If your allocation group is in the list, then click on it in the list to open it up. If the allocation group does not appear in the list, you will need to click on the  tab to enter a new group.

### Allocation Group

SetID: UWOSH      Group: FRINGES


Effective date: Find | View All | First | 1 of 1 | Last

\*Effective Date: 07/01/2013      Status: Active

Description: FRINGES

Comments: ALLOCATED FRINGES FOR GIFT/FEDERAL FUNDS

*Step	Description	Continue		
CLASS	Classified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
CLASS\$	Classified Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
GRADASST	Graduate Assistants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
GRADASST\$	Graduate Assistants Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
LTE	LTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
LTE\$	LTE Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
RESASSOC	Research Associates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
RESASSOC\$	Research Associates Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
STUDENT	Student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
STUDENT\$	Student Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
UNCLASS	Unclassified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
UNCLASS\$	Unclassified Cash	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	
UNDERGRAD	Undergraduate Associates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	+ -	

3. **Select \*Effective date** : New to 9.1, the effective date fields allows you to maintain a history of the allocation group over time. Multiple effective dates rows for each allocation group can be created by clicking on the  icon. The allocation request will select the effective dated allocation group equal to or preceding the date used in the allocation request.
4. **Enter Status**: Should be Active.
5. **Enter Description**: Enter a description of the group to differentiate it from other allocation groups.
6. **Enter Comments**: Enter any additional information about the allocation group.

### III. Allocation Request

The allocation request initiates the allocation process (FS\_ALLC) for the selected business unit allocation group based on the request date option. The request date will determine the period of the information used in the calculation and also determines what effective date allocation group and allocation step is selected.

The allocation request can be run multiple times for the same period, make sure the allocation process for a period is only run as often as required.

*Navigation: Allocations > Define and Perform Allocations > Request Allocation*

You can setup add a Run Control ID to be used each time you run allocation or

#### Allocation Request

Find an Existing Value | Add a New Value

Run Control ID:

Add

[Find an Existing Value](#) | [Add a New Value](#)

you can select an existing run control.

**Allocation Request**

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank if

Find an Existing Value | Add a New Value

Search Criteria

Run Control ID: begins with

Case Sensitive

Search | Clear | Basic Search | Save Search Criteria

**Search Results**

View All | First | 1-100 of 177 | Last

Run Control ID	Language Code
1099	English
A	English
ACTUAL_EXCEL_UPLOAD	English
ADB	English
ADPADHOC	English
ADBMTD	English
ADBMTDCUM	English
ADBMTD_UWMSN	English
ALLCRYSTAL	English
ALLJOBS	English

The list of run controls varies with each user. Each run control in the list was created by the user logged on PeopleSoft.

**Allocation Request**

Run Control ID: ALLOCATION [Report Manager](#) [Process Monitor](#)

As of Date:

Process Request Parameters						Personalize   Find   View All      First   1 of 1   Last
*Process Frequency	*Unit	*Allocation Group	*Request Date Option	As of Date	*Output Options	Description
Always	UWEAL	FRINGES	As-Of Date	10/31/2011	Create Calc Log and Output	Fringe Benefit Allocation

1. **Enter** \*Process Frequency - Select “Always” or “Once”
2. **Enter** \*Unit – Should default in from your user preference setup; make sure the appropriate business unit is selected.
3. **Enter** \*Allocation Group – Select the desired allocation group
4. **Enter** \*Request Date Option – Usually select the “As of Date” option and then enter an “As of Date” in the desired period, usually the last day of the month.
5. **Enter** \*Output Options – Usually “Create Calc Log and Output” is selected, this allows you to troubleshoot problems if they occur.

Create Calc Log - No Output  
**Create Calc Log and Output**  
 No Calc Log - Create Output

6. **Click** the  icon to complete the Process Scheduler Request:

**Process Scheduler Request**

User ID: 00313193 Run Control ID: A

Server Name:  Run Date:

Recurrence:  Run Time:

Time Zone:

Select	Description	Process Name	Process Type	*Type	*Format	Distribution
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PS/FS Allocations	FS_ALLC	Application Engine	Web	TXT	Distribution

7. All values should default in.

8. Click the  icon to run the process.

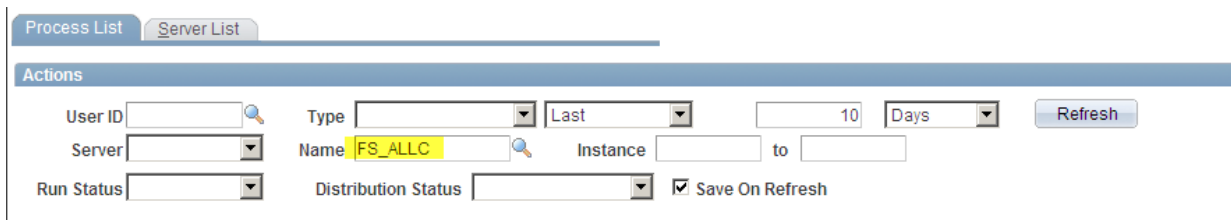
## Review PeopleSoft’s Allocation (FS\_ALLC) Results

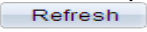
### I. Process Monitor

Processes Monitor provides information for the PeopleSoft allocation process (FS\_ALLC). Numerous pages in PeopleSoft provide hyperlinks to process monitor, if you don’t have a hyperlink available, below is the navigation:

*Navigation: PeopleTools > Process Scheduler > Process Monitor*

You might want to save Process Monitor to your PeopleSoft Favorites.



1. You can get a list of a specific process by entering the name of the process in the “Name” field and click the  icon.

Select	Instance	Seq.	Process Type	Process Name	User	Run Date/Time	Run Status	Distribution Status	Details
<input type="checkbox"/>	6890914		Application Engine	FS_ALLC	MAESTRO	10/16/2013 11:22:38PM CDT	Success	Posted	<a href="#">Details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6890837		Application Engine	FS_ALLC	MAESTRO	10/16/2013 8:18:09PM CDT	Warning	Posted	<a href="#">Details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6890539		Application Engine	FS_ALLC	MAESTRO	10/15/2013 11:29:49PM CDT	Success	Posted	<a href="#">Details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6890462		Application Engine	FS_ALLC	MAESTRO	10/15/2013 8:15:01PM CDT	Warning	Posted	<a href="#">Details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6890170		Application Engine	FS_ALLC	MAESTRO	10/15/2013 1:45:35AM CDT	Success	Posted	<a href="#">Details</a>

2. Click the  hyperlink

**Process Detail**

Process	
Instance 6890837	Type Application Engine
Name FS_ALLC	Description PS/FS Allocations
Run Status Warning	Distribution Status Posted

Run	Update Process
Run Control ID UWGR-GL_ALLOC-MIL	<input type="radio"/> Hold Request
Location Server	<input type="radio"/> Queue Request
Server PSUNX	<input type="radio"/> Cancel Request
Recurrence	<input type="radio"/> Delete Request
	<input type="radio"/> Restart Request

Date/Time	Actions
Request Created On 10/16/2013 8:18:09PM CDT	<a href="#">Parameters</a> Transfer
Run Anytime After 10/16/2013 8:18:09PM CDT	<a href="#">Message Log</a> <a href="#">View Locks</a>
Began Process At 10/16/2013 8:18:17PM CDT	<a href="#">Batch Timings</a>
Ended Process At 10/16/2013 8:18:27PM CDT	<a href="#">View Log/Trace</a>

OK Cancel



3. Click on the [Message Log](#) to get a high level listing of the results from each step.

**II. Review Journals**

If the allocation process (FS\_ALLC) created journals, you should review these journals to ensure the appropriate rate was applied to each funding string. The source code of “ALO” and the journal prefix should allow you to query the journal information or you can review it on the journal entry page.

*Navigation: General Ledger > Journals > Journal Entry > Create/Update Journal Entries*



**Create/Update Journal Entries**

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list of all values.

Find an Existing Value    Add a New Value

Search Criteria

Use Saved Search:

Business Unit:    =

Journal ID:        begins with

Journal Date:     =  06/30/2013

Document Sequence Number: begins with

Line Business Unit: =

Journal Header Status: =

Budget Checking Header Status: =

Source:            =  **ALO**

Entered By:        begins with

Attachment Exist: =

       [Basic Search](#)    [Save Search Criteria](#)    [Delete Saved Search](#)

**Revision History**

Author	Version	Date	Description of Change
Jon Ahola	1.0	06/19/2013	Initial Draft
Jon Ahola	1.0	10/17/2013	Revision related to effective date on allocation group.
Brendan McHugh	1.1	10/17/2013	Review
Susan Kincanon	1.2	10/17/2013	Format, edit, review
Laura Parman	1.3	10/21/2013	Finished formatting, editing and review and ready to publish
Laura Parman	1.3	10/21/2013	Published to website