Abbreviations Used in this Presentation

- **DOAS** - Department of Administrative Services (State of Georgia)
- **SAO** - State Accounting Office (State of Georgia)
- **BOR** – Board of Regents
- **USG** - University System of Georgia
- **KSU** - Kennesaw State University
- **OFA** - Office of Finance and Accounting (Kennesaw State University)
Office of Finance and Accounting (OFA)

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Are you using the correct User Name for Concur?

NetID@ksu
If you are still having trouble...

Contact your Admin. Associate

-or-

Contact Stephanie Vaughn
svaugh41@kennesaw.edu

-or-

Email the KSU Travel Team
travel@kennesaw.edu
Travel Request Tips & Policy Reminders
6. Policy

The Georgia SAO, USG, and BOR travel regulations and policy govern KSU employee travel. Further clarification and restrictions pertaining to KSU employees are provided below.

a. Employees are responsible for acquiring the lowest possible coach airfare at the time of travel.

b. Employees are required to submit additional documentation if their expense is questioned during review for payment by the Office of Finance and Accounting (OFA) or during review by auditors.

c. Employees attending a conference, meeting, or other organized event are required to submit with their travel expense report an official agenda that includes the dates of the event and any meals provided so that supervisors can ensure compliance with travel policy.

d. Employees are required to use the TMS/Concur online tools for travel requests, travel cash advance requests, travel bookings (airline, hotels, and vehicles), and travel expense reports.

e. Employees can use the paper KSU Travel Request Form for standing authorization to travel and are required to attach that form to their travel expense report.

f. Employees are not required to use the TMS/Concur online tools for KSU Study Abroad program travel.
Travel Requests

▪ Per SAO, BOR, and KSU policies, Travel Requests are **REQUIRED** for all employee out-of-state, international, and in-state overnight travel.

▪ Travel Requests must be completed, submitted, and **FULLY APPROVED** in the Concur system **prior** to any registration purchase and/or travel booking.

▪ Travel Requests should be submitted no less than 14 days in advance of trip*

*There are a few exceptions to this rule – please ask
Please remember to include the CONFERENCE NAME on your travel request!

Enter the conference name in the “Purpose” or “Comment” box please!
If any portion of your trip is being funded by another Department or Grant, please remember to include the additional Approvers to your request.
Question: What if I am going to be traveling for business but I am not going to claim any travel expenses for reimbursement?

Answer: If an employee is traveling on business but will NOT be claiming any travel expenses for reimbursement, a paper “Travel Request” form will need to be completed, signed, and submitted to Stephanie Vaughn for recordkeeping (email is fine).
Travel Request Form

- Form is located under the Travel Resources and Job Aids link on the WCHHS Financial Resources webpage.
- Form must be signed by the employee AND their supervisor.
- Send copy of form to Stephanie Vaughn for recordkeeping (you do not need to send a copy to the Travel Dept.).
- Keep original for your records.
If you are planning to travel internationally on university business but at no cost to KSU (ex: organization is paying all travel expenses) please send an email to

Michael Sweazey
KSU Director of International Safety and Security
msweazey@kennesaw.edu
Booking Tips & Policy Reminders
Policy Reminder

Airfare and Rental Cars must be booked online using Concur, or by a travel agent at Travel, Inc.

Travel, Inc.
770-291-5190 or 877-548-2996
SOG@travelinc.com
Airfare Rules & Regulations

- Select the LOWEST priced airfare that meets the approved itinerary (Tip: look for the green checkmark – this indicates that the airfare meets SAO/BOR policy requirements)
Airfare Rules & Regulations

- A minimum 14 day advanced ticket purchase is required. If booking is less than 14 days prior to travel, written approval (email or memo) must be obtained from your supervisor PRIOR to booking.

- If a trip is canceled after airfare is booked, an expense report is still required in order to charge the department for the unused airfare.

- Baggage fees are reimbursable for the first checked bag only.

- Baggage fees for excess weight are NOT reimbursable unless an appropriate business explanation is provided and approved by your supervisor.

- Priority seating fees are NOT reimbursable.
Car Rental Rules & Regulations

- For business trips that will be an estimated 100 miles or more ROUND-TRIP, the Car Rental Cost Comparison Tool should be utilized to determine the most cost-effective means of transportation (rental car vs. personal car)

http://ssl.doas.state.ga.us/vehcostcomp/
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Car Rental Rules & Regulations

There are two **MANDATORY** contracts for rental cars for State employees:

- **All airport locations including Atlanta**
- **All in-state/non-airport locations in Georgia**

**Policy Note:** renting a vehicle from another vendor outside the Statewide vendor contract will require an approved waiver from DOAS (Form # SPD-N10005) *prior* to travel.
Car Rental Rules & Regulations

Approved rental car sizes:
• Compact (*Dodge Neon or similar*)
• Mid-Size (*Chevy Cobalt or similar*)
• Full Size (*Ford Taurus or similar*)
• Mini-Vans – *for more than four employees*
Policy Reminder

The State liability policy is only in effect while the employee is using the rented vehicle for official business. For this reason, personal use of the vehicle, including allowing friends or family members to ride in a State rented vehicle, is prohibited.
Hotels can be booked without using Concur or Travel, Inc. for one of the following situations*:

- The conference rate is cheaper than the Concur government rate
- The hotel or resort cannot be reserved via Concur or by a travel agent at Travel, Inc.

*Tip: remember to add a comment to your expense report to explain why you booked your hotel without using Concur and/or Travel, Inc.
Hotel Rules & Regulations

- Using a private residence for business lodging (e.g. “Airbnb”, “VBRO”, “HomeAway”, etc.) for DOMESTIC travel is **prohibited** and will NOT be reimbursed by the State – no exceptions.

- We MAY be able to obtain approval for International Travel, but it must be approved by the State in advance. Please contact the Travel Team (travel@kennesaw.edu) for the pre-approval process.
Hotel Rules & Regulations

▪ Overnight stay within Georgia:
  ➢ Requires approval from direct supervisor (Tip: attach an approval email from your supervisor)
  ➢ State employees are exempt from paying “hotel/motel” or “occupancy” tax while traveling within the state (Tip: don’t forget to download and print the “Hotel Tax Exempt Form” and bring it with you!)
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Combining Personal and Business Travel

- **personal time** that will be taken before, during, or after a business trip must be approved by your supervisor **BEFORE** travel.
  
  - Dates (personal + business) should be entered on the TRAVEL REQUEST as well as a comment stating that personal time will be taken during the business trip
  
  - Attach Email approval from your supervisor
  
  - **NEW policy (effective 07/01/18)** If traveling by air, a cost-comparison showing “personal + business” airfare vs. “business-only” airfare must be attached to the Travel Request!

**NOTE:** If due diligence is not completed and cannot be proven after the fact, the employee’s reimbursement may be reduced from the reported amount.
Combining Personal and Business Travel

If an employee wants to add personal time to a business trip however, the airfare is more than the “business only” fare, it is preferred that the employee pays for the airfare out-of-pocket. The university will reimburse the employee for the business portion:

1. Employee contacts Travel, Inc. (770-291-5190) to book airfare (Tip: have your personal credit card ready)

2. Travel, Inc. will charge the employee’s personal credit card for the airfare and email the traveler a quote for the business portion of the trip

3. When the employee returns from the trip, the business airfare is entered as an “out of pocket” expense in Concur and the employee is reimbursed (Tip: include a copy of the airfare receipt or invoice that shows proof of payment using your personal credit card)
Example: “business only” quote (06/12 – 06/15)

From: Danae Quintero <danae.quintero@travelinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:42 AM
To: 
Subject: Delta fare comparison

1 DL2569X 12JUN TU ATL YYY 915A 1131A
2 DL2320X 13JUN FR YYY ATL SS1 355P 612P
TKG FAX NOT PRICED FARE TYPE EX
MAIN CABIN VIEW->BFA01

* NONREF/PENALTY APPLIES
* PRICING RULES VALIDATING CARRIER DEFAULT DL
** 12JUN DEPARTURE DATE/17JAN IS LAST DATE TO TICKET

TICKET Total USD
$429.21 $429.21

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www.travelinc.com
Listening for Opportunities... Globally

Please consider the environment prior to printing this email.
Example: personal + business quote (06/12 – 06/19)

$443.09
Question: What if I am going to DRIVE to a conference, but I am also going to use some personal time while traveling?

Answer: My best advice…

Drive your own vehicle and ask for mileage reimbursement at the Tier 2 rate. (currently $0.18 per mile)
Remember...

Personal use of a State rented vehicle, including allowing friends and family to ride in a State rented vehicle, is prohibited.
### Denver, CO 05/30-06/02/17

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Expense Report Reminders

- Attach a copy of the meeting agenda or conference schedule that includes the dates of the event plus any meals provided.

- Valet parking is **not** an allowable expense unless it is the **only option offered** at the event or hotel. *(Tip: attach an explanation and approval email from your supervisor to the expense report)*

- Don’t forget to import the Travel Agent fee onto your expense report (the fee is for airfare, lodging, and car rentals booked via Concur/Travel, Inc.).

- Appropriate Approvers should be added to the approval flow prior to submission of the expense report.
Remember to pay **careful attention** when building your meal itinerary:

Concur defaults to "In State" per diem. Please make sure you select "Out of State/International 75%".
Mileage Reimbursement

4.5.2 Use of Personal Vehicles

(Last Modified on April 19, 2016)

Section 2.3 of Statewide Travel Policy governs the business use of personally-owned vehicles. Guidance is provided on the following:


2. Proper methodology for calculating reimbursable business miles versus normal commuting miles: Commuting miles are the miles traveled on a regular basis from an employee's residence to the primary work station. This should be a standard distance that does not change from one reimbursement request to the next. The primary work station is the location to which an employee regularly reports to for work. Examples are provided in Appendix A of the Statewide Travel Policy.

3. Allowability of reimbursement for tolls or other parking fees or charges.

4. Extent of State insurance coverage.
Travel on a Work Day:
- left from Home and returned to Home
Travel on a Work Day:
- left from Home, attended meeting, then drove to Campus
Travel on a Work Day:
- left from Campus, attended meeting, then drove back to Campus
Exceptions to the Rule!
No Commute Deductions Required

▪ Travel completed on Saturday or Sunday
▪ Travel completed on a Holiday
▪ Part-Time Faculty & Staff are exempt
▪ Travel completed during official Campus closing* (i.e. Winter Break)

*Spring Break doesn't count!
New BOR policy effective July 1, 2018

Single Day Meal Per Diem

USG employees can no longer claim meals for non-overnight travel (single day).
Please remember to add Stephanie Vaughn to the approval flow for ALL travel requests and expense reports in Concur.
Expense reports should be submitted within 10 days, *but no later than 45 calendar days* after completion of the trip or event.

IRS regulations require employees to submit travel expense reimbursement requests within 60 calendar days after completion of the trip. *Expenses submitted more than 60 calendar days after completion of the trip or event, if reimbursed, will become taxable income to the employee and will be reported on the employee’s Form W-2.*
Questions?

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