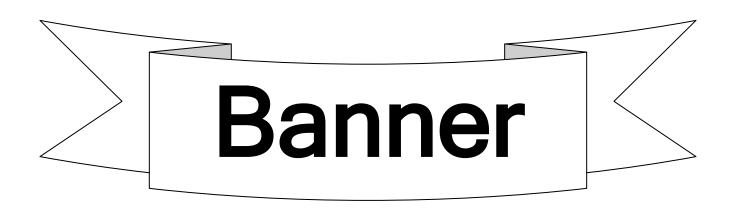
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Overview

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Session Overview

Introduction

Beginning September 1, 2009, Stephen F. Austin State University began using Banner Finance to record and manage all of its financial information. This training workbook is intended to help provide support and guidance in understanding key elements of the Banner system.

Prerequisites

The following are prerequisites for completing this session:

None

Expected Outcomes

In this training session, Banner users will learn:

- The basic concepts of the Banner Finance System
- How to log into Self-Service
- How to query budget status three different ways
- How to request Budget Transfers
- How to view documents
- Download data from gueries into Excel

Learning Guide Icons

In this Banner learning guide, watch for these icons to highlight important information.



Indicates a shortcut or tip.



Indicates hands-on exercise or activity.

Chart of Accounts (FOAP)

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Overview

The Chart of Accounts (COA) is a systematic classification of accounts and is an essential part of any accounting system. These accounts have been developed to be compatible with our organizational structure. The form and content are then arranged to be in agreement with financial reports that are issued.

Chart of Accounts

The Chart of Accounts in Banner is known at the FOAP. This is an acronym for:

Fund - Organization - Account - Program

Element	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Ban</u>	ner Example
Fund	Indicates the	107550	Educational & General Funds
	source of money	150001	Designated Funds - General
	and how it can be used	130472	HEF Instructional Capital
Organization	Who is responsible	20	Provost & VP Acad Affairs
3	for the money	260	College of Sciences & Math
	(Dept.)?	2660	Physics & Astronomy
		26602	Planetarium
Account	What are the funds	772730	Printing & Reproduction
	used for or the	773000	Consumables
	nature of the	670160	Wages - Classified
	expenditure?		
Program	What is the	100	Instruction
	functional	200	Public Service
	purpose?	250	Academic Support

In Banner the fund is detailed and is broken out to specific <u>sources</u> of funds. Each Fund/Org combination has to be unique. Below is a <u>partial</u> list of funds:

107550 107551 107556 107557	Current Unrestricted Funds General Appropriations & Other Educational and General Funds Educational and General Funds GR Budget Reduction E&G GR E&G GRD
107600	E & G Cost Share
	HE Performance Incentive
120355	HE Performance Incentive
	HEF Funds
130471	HEF General Allocations
130472	Instructional Capital
130473	PC Replacement
130474	Library Books
130475	HEF Budget Reduction
	Designated
	Designated Funds
150001	Designated Funds - General
150002	Designated Tuition
150003	Designated Course Fee
150004	Designated Technology Fee
150005	Designated Library Fee
150006	Designated Publication Fee
150007	Designated Installment Fee

Organizations (Orgs): More organizations (departments) were created to allow specific reporting and to facilitate a hierarchy for reviewing management reports. An example of an organization structure is below:

220	College of Education
2220	Elementary ED
22200	Elementary ED
22201	Early Childhood Lab
22202	Early Childhood Education
22203	Charter School
22204	ECRC
22205	Environmental Education
22210	Elem Ed Pattillo

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Accounts: A partial listing of accounts for Sales and Services, Educational Sales and Services, Outsides Sales and Services, and Rental Revenues is below. In coding it is important to use the account that best represents the source of the revenue.

55000 55101 55102 55103 55104 55105 55106 55310 55320 55321 55362 55363 55364 55365 55366 55368 55368	Sales and Services Retail Sales Concession Revenues Game Guarantees Bus Revenues NCAA Revenue Distributions Media Revenues Press Box Revenues Advertising Revenues Camp Revenues - Auxiliary Student Ctr Catering Rev Parking Fines Postal Box Rent Student Housing Room Damages Bookstore Commissions Bank Center Lease SC Room Charge	55370 55371 55372 55373 55374 55375 55376 55377 55378 55379 55380 55384 55389 55401	Health Clinic Services Special Events Student Meal Plan Dining Dollars Parking Garage Fee Housing Deposit Forfeit Yearbook Revenues Food Service Commission Vending Contract Soft Drink Contract ID Cards Housing Break Fees Entry Fees Technical Service Fee
55601 55602 55603 55604 55650 55651 55652 55653	Educational Sales and Service Dept Sales and Services Workshop/Class Fees Lab Manuals & Publication Rev Surplus Sales ECH Child Care Fees ECH Supply Fee ECH Late Pickup Fees Charter School Food Service		
55700 55701 55702 55703 55704 55705 55706	Outside Sales and Services Rec Center Fee for Employees Rec Center Camp Revenues Rec Center Retail Sales Rec Center Guest Fees Massage Therapy Fees Personal Trainer Fees Summer Pool Membership		
55800 55801 55802	Rental Revenues Facilities Rental Equipment Rental Lease or Rental Revenues		

BUDGET POOLS

The following Budget Pools for accounts will be used:

67B1	Employee Benefits Budget Pool
71B1	Travel Budget Pool
72B0	O&M Budget Pool
74B0	Grant, Scholarship & Fellowships Pool
80B0	Transfers Budget Pool

Program: The Program is the functional purpose. Some examples of these are:

100	Instruction
150	Research
200	Public Service
250	Academic Support
310	Student Services - Non-Athletic
320	Athletics
350	Institutional Support
400	Operation and Maintenance of Plant
450	Scholarships
500	Auxiliary Enterprise
AGC	Agency Funds

Accessing Financial Information

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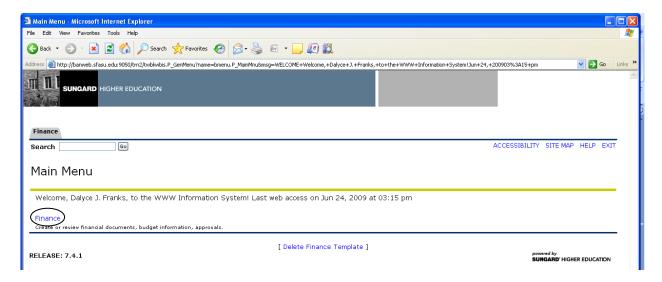


Finance Self-Service Banner (SSB) is a web browser based tool that allows users to do many common tasks without having to log into the Banner System. Anyone with regular Internet Native Banner (INB) Finance rights has those same rights applied during a Self-Service session. This means they can only query accounts and documents or initiate budget adjustments for Orgs they have rights to in INB Finance. Likewise, they must be an INB Finance approver to be able to approve documents in Self-Service.

Logging on to Self-Service

Self-Service Banner (SSB) is accessed through the mySFA site. Simply click on the **Employee** tab and you will see **Self Service Banner**. You will then click on **the Finance** tab.

The following screen should appear: (Please note that you may have several other options also (For example: Student, Financial Aid, etc.)



CLICK on the "Finance" tab or the word "Finance" to open the following options list.

Any time a word, title, code or amount appears in a **blue color** it is a hyperlink that will bring the user to a new functionality or will drill down to some supporting documentation. As you work in Self-Service you can move backwards through your steps by clicking the left navigation arrow in the upper left of the screen.

If a Self-Service session is inactive for over <u>30 minutes</u>, the session will expire for security reasons and you will have to log in again.

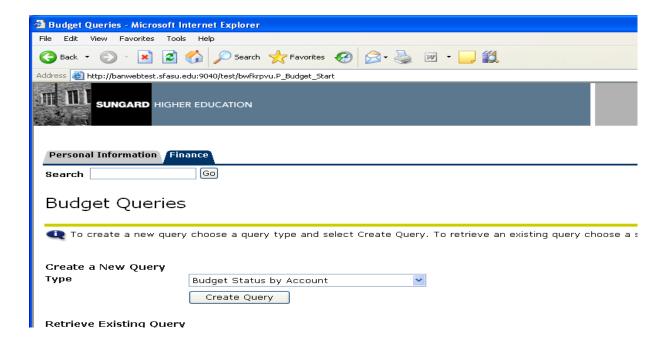
Budget Queries (Determining Available Balance)



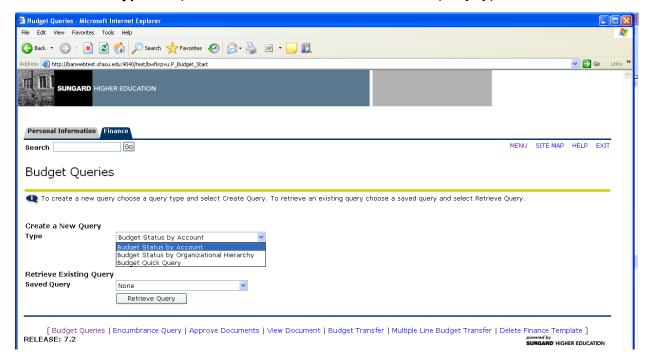
There are several different ways to query budget vs. actual in Finance Self-Service.



CLICK on "Budget Queries" to open the page below.



CLICK on the "Type" dropdown to access the three different query types.



The differences in the three Budget Query types are:

- by Account one specific FOAP string must be a data-enterable FOAP with actual transactions in it cannot use hierarchy
- by Organizational Hierarchy can create high level summary reports
- Quick <u>cannot drilldown</u> to detail transactions or documents supporting the numbers reported - only returns four check-marked data elements below. The other two query types allow you to specify which of these ten available data elements to present in the report.

Budget Status by Account

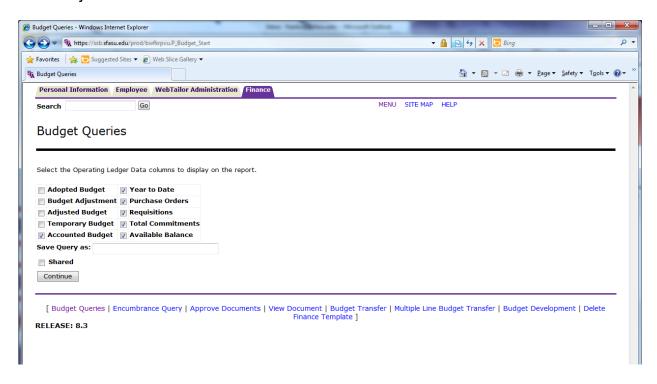
The ten possible data elements shown at the bottom left of this page are:

- Adopted Budget original budget entered or rolled from a prior year (B20 and B26)
- Budget Adjustments budget changes (B21)
- Adjusted Budget net of two above elements
- Temporary Budget (we do not use this)
- Accounted Budget Includes any budget changes in the past or future.
- Year to Date actual transactions booked (JVs, invoices, direct pays, deposits, etc)
- Encumbrances Generated by purchase orders and salary encumbrances; funds committed for future payments.
- Reservations net open Requisitions

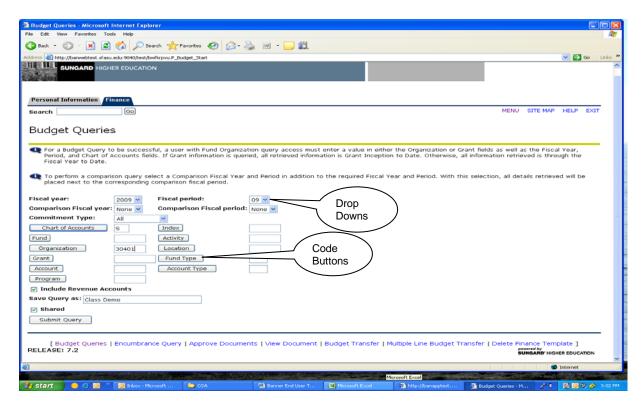
- Commitments -Equal to the total budget set aside for future obligations. These are made up of Reservations and Encumbrances.
- Available Balance net available budget.
 Formula is: Adjusted Budget less Year to Date less Commitments equals Available Balance

CLICK "Submit Query".

For now just select the data elements that are checked below.



CLICK "Continue".





Note the information balloons at the top of the screen describe:

- the minimum input requirements (fiscal year, fiscal period, chart and Organization or Grant)
- the <u>difference</u> between a grant query and a non-grant query (inception-to-date versus fiscal-year-to-date
- how to do comparison reporting for two fiscal years.

The dropdown boxes will display the valid values that can be used in those fields. CLICK on a dropdown value from the list to select it.

"Fiscal Period" is monthly. 01 is September, 02 is October, 12 is August and <u>14 is the Accrual Period which includes all the final entries for the fiscal year</u>. The query results will always be cumulative year-to-date through the end of the fiscal period specified. <u>Using period 14 will always give you the cumulative up-to-date total for a fiscal year</u>.

"Comparison - Fiscal Year/Period" dropdowns allow you to see comparable data for two fiscal years in the query results. The comparison fiscal period does not have to be the same as the primary fiscal period. For example, you may want to see the current year as of period 04, but the prior year as of period 14.

"Commitment Type" relates to budgeted values and the query options are Uncommitted,

Committed or Both. All normal budget transactions are Uncommitted - meaning the budget can be used by any type of transaction charged to that FOAP string. When purchase orders are rolled from one fiscal year to another the related budget is also rolled - but as Committed. This means that rolled budget can only be used by that purchase order and invoices tied to it.



"Chart of Accounts" will always be S.

Note that you can query using a specific "Fund Type" or "Account Type" by populating those fields.

Common Fund Type queries would be:

- 11 Current Unrestricted Funds
- 16 Designated Funds
- 21 Grants
- 22 Endowment Spending

Common Account Types used would be:

61 for Salaries and Wages

64 for Benefits

71 for Travel

72 for Operating Expenditures (O&M)

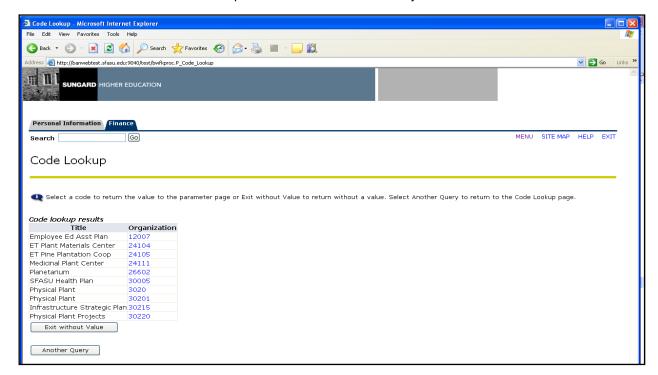
How to Look up Unknown Numbers

Clicking on any of the FOAPAL code buttons will open the Code Lookup window where a wildcard (%) can be used to find an unknown code. Remember, this is casesensitive and you must use upper and lower case.



The above query looking for all ORG codes with the word "Plan" anywhere in their title returned the following results:

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The above results also demonstrate hierarchy. 30201, 30215, and 30220 are the dataenterable ORG codes, which rolls up to 3020.

For example: A "Budget Status by Account" query can only be done on the 30201, 30215, and 30220 data-enterable ORG codes. To view the 3020 ORG a "Budget Status by Organizational Hierarchy" query must be used.

Clicking on one of the **blue codes** in the **"Code lookup results"** screen above will return that value to the query parameters screen . Reminder: Your security must allow you access to that ORG.

You must enter either an "Organization" code or a "Grant" code in the query parameters.

- Using an **Organization** code views the Operating Ledger which holds information by fiscal year.
- Using a **Grant** code views the Grants Ledger which holds information on an inceptionto-date basis (grants can cross multiple fiscal years). If you leave any of the nonrequired FOAPAL fields blank, it is the same as specifying ALL.

The "Include Revenue Accounts" check box is unchecked by default. This is because the vast majority of queries will be done for FOAPs with no revenue. If the FOAP being queried has revenue transactions, checking this box will include them in the query results. When the box is checked, the total formula for the columns in the resulting report will be:

Revenue less Expense equals Column Total.

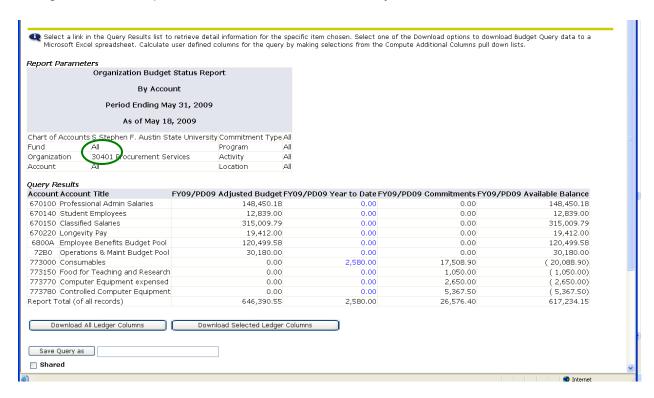
If expenses are greater than revenue, this will result in column totals with a leading minus sign.

Important Note: If you want to look at <u>both revenue and expenses</u>, take out the Program Code that you either entered or defaulted from the use of the Index.

Only posted documents appear with the normal query results. Click on the tab View Pending Documents to see any transaction that is incomplete or still in an approval queue.

1. Operating Ledger (Fiscal Year) Queries

For this section, use one of the valid ORGs for which you have access rights. The Procurement Services account is used for demonstration purposes - you should try doing the same steps as the demonstration but use your own account.



The query for a regular fund (non-grant) produced this report. The header information shows the data-enterable budget FOAP and the period ending date. The As-of date is the date the query was run. The query parameters are listed.

Query results can display 15 ACCT codes on the screen at one time. If there are more than 15 ACCT codes with activity, summary numbers appear as shown below.

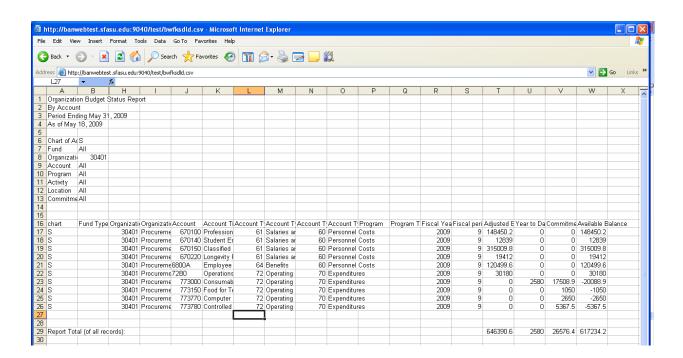
Data will appear in ACCT code sequence (the first column). The four columns of numbers presented are the data elements selected when the query was first initiated. Clicking the "Next 15" button will display the next 15 ACCT codes in the report. Some screens may display both a "Previous 15" and a "Next 15" button if a FOAP has a lot of ACCT code activity.

DOWNLOAD TO EXCEL

After the report totals section there are two "Download" buttons.

The "Selected Ledger Columns" button will download the data elements (budget, Year to Date, Commitments, etc) specified at the start of the query. The "All Ledger Columns" will download all 10 data elements - even if they are not in the query's report.

Clicking "Download Selected Ledger Columns" on the previous query report and using the "Open" option pulled all the data presented in the report into Excel. But, a lot of other information is also downloaded and clutters the file as seen below.



This Excel file can then be saved wherever you would like to save it.

[&]quot;Screen total" is the sum of the ACCT codes appearing on the current screen.

[&]quot;Running total" is the sum of all the screens viewed so far.

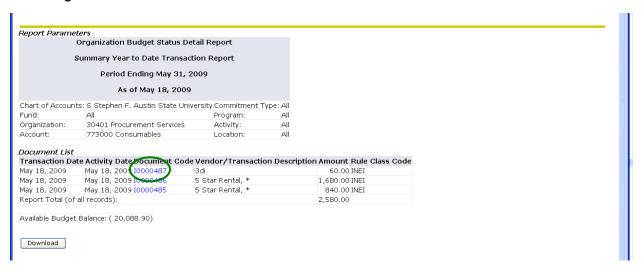
[&]quot;Report total" is the grand total for the entire query - even if you have not viewed all the ACCTs.

DRILLDOWNS

Clicking on any **blue** link in the results of a query starts a drill down sequence where individual transactions and documents supporting a reported number can be viewed.

Note that only "Year to Date" values are drilldowns. There is a separate Self-Service functionality to view "Commitments" that is demonstrated in the Requisitions, Approvals, and Receiving training.

Clicking on the Year to Date value above for the **773000 ACCT** code opened the following screen.



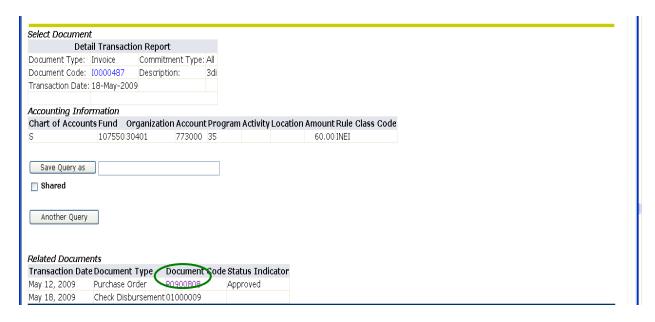
The information on the above screen can then be either downloaded to Excel or you can perform a further query to view the information about a specific document.

Our example only shows a few items, but note that detail transactions list can display 15 items at a time and uses the "Next 15" concepts for totaling and displaying additional records.

You will also note that the Document Code fields are blue, meaning they provide additional drill down functionality.

Clicking on one of the **blue** document links opens the following screen which provides the full FOAP and other information about the document.

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Clicking on the **blue** "**Document Code**" above accesses the following screen which uses the Self-Service "View Document" functionality (which can also be accessed directly without drilling down from a query result).



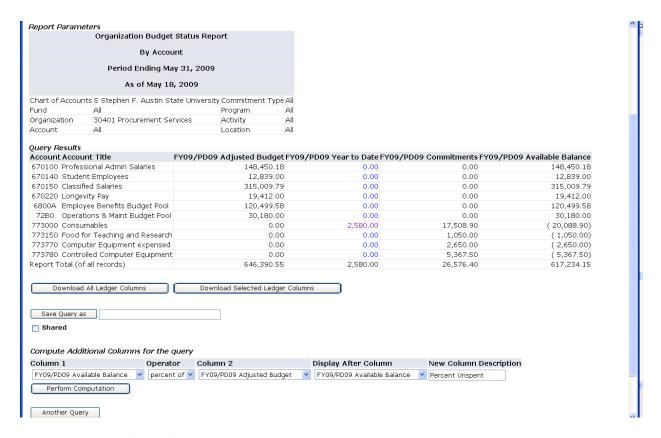
Note that the Document Codes in the "Related Documents" section at the bottom are blue, meaning a further drilldown to the supporting Requisition or Purchase Order can be done by clicking them.

COMPUTED COLUMNS

Hit the "go back" icon to return to the screen where your initial budget query was performed. At the bottom of this query report is a "Compute Additional Columns for the query" section.

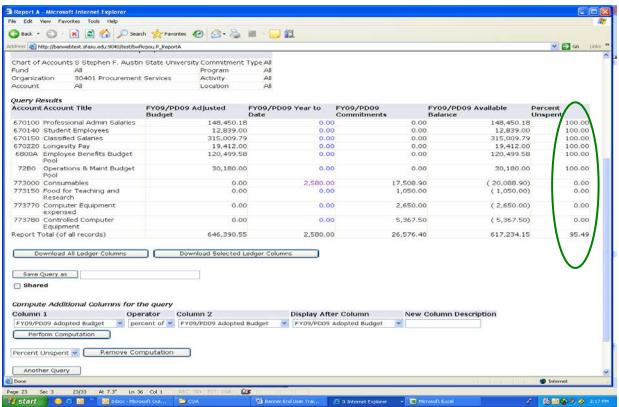
This will create a new column of data which is derived from the values in two other columns. The "**Operator**" field below shows five different types of calculations that can be done.

In the example below, the last column of data in the report (available balance) is being calculated as a percent of the first column of data (adjusted budget); will be displayed as the last column in the report; and will have a column title of "Percent Unspent".



When the "Perform Computation" button is clicked the revised report opens with the computed percent column appearing at the far right.

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At the bottom of this new report a new "Remove Computation" button appears to allow removal of the computed column.

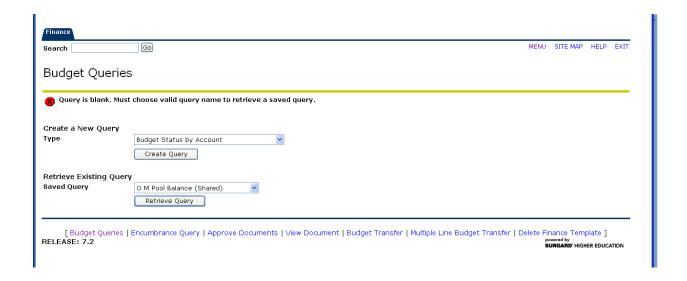
Use the "Another Query" button to start a completely new budget query, or use the left navigation arrow in the top left corner of the screen to back up through your steps in the current query.

Using the "Budget Status by Account" option to create a summary query at a non-data-enterable roll up level will not work.

A query using a non-data-enterable roll-up results in the "Query retrieved no records" report.

VIEWING AVAILABLE BALANCE OF O&M

To view the amount remaining in your O&M account the following query could be done:



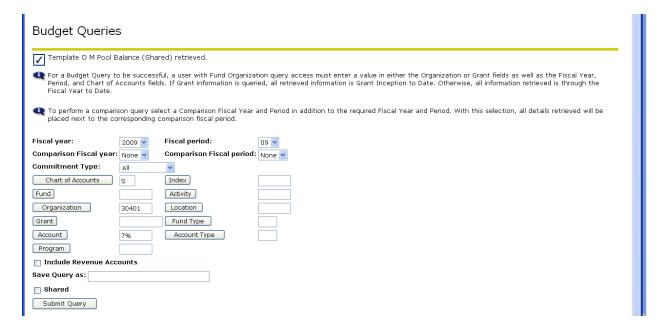
Make the following selections to the Data Elements:



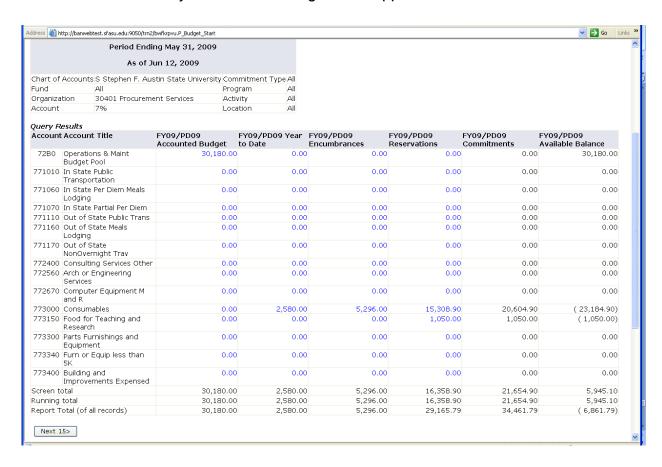
Click "Continue"

The following selections would be made to view only the O & M portion (use your Org):

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Then hit "Submit Query" and the following screen appears:

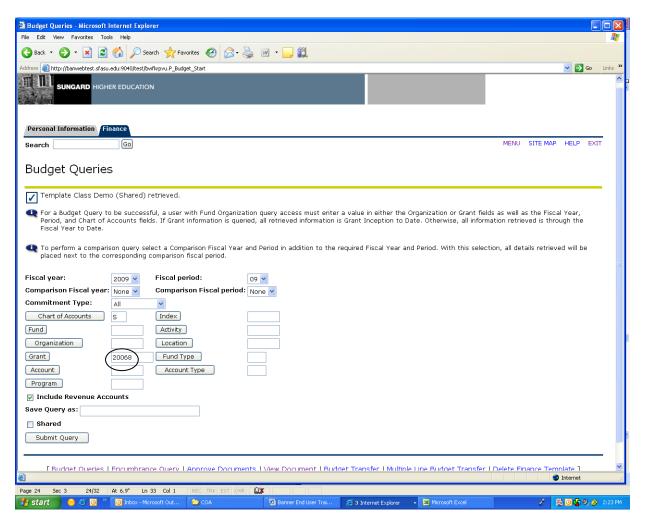


This shows that of the budgeted amount of \$30,180.00; \$2,580.00 has already been spent and there are commitments for \$34,461.79; leaving a budget shortage of \$6,861.79.

To view only Personnel Expenditures, do the same query as above but use 6% in the Account field.

Grant Ledger (inception-to-date) Queries

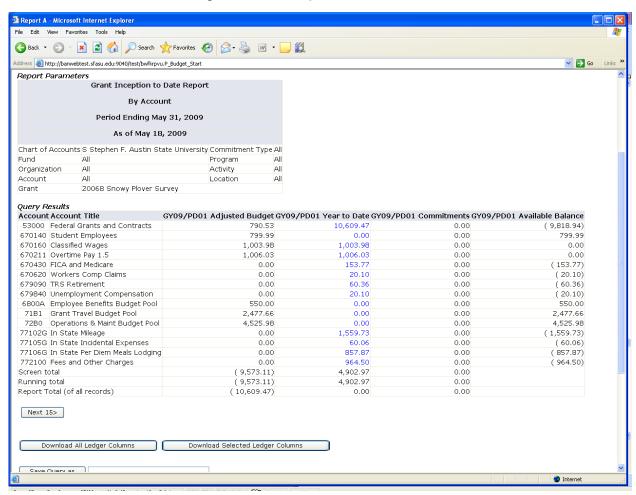
This query is the same process as before except that a Grant code is used.



The above query created the following report from the Grant Ledger. The "Year to Date" column is actually reporting Inception-to-Date data since the beginning of the grant.

If a grant has more than one FUND associated with it:

 Specifying just the Grant code in the query parameters will report the sum of all the FUNDs associated with the grant in one report

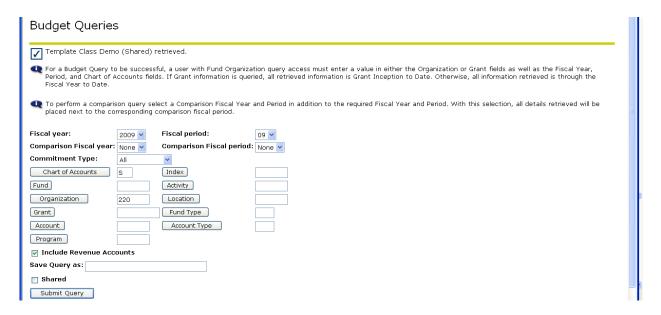


· Specifying the Grant code and a FUND code will report just that FUND's activity

Budget Status by Organizational Hierarchy

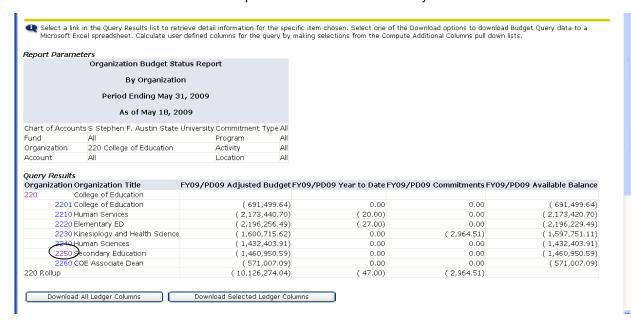
You cannot do roll-up reporting using the "Budget Status by Account" option. You need to use the "Budget Status by Organizational Hierarchy" option to do this type of query. Hierarchy queries <u>cannot</u> be done for Grants.

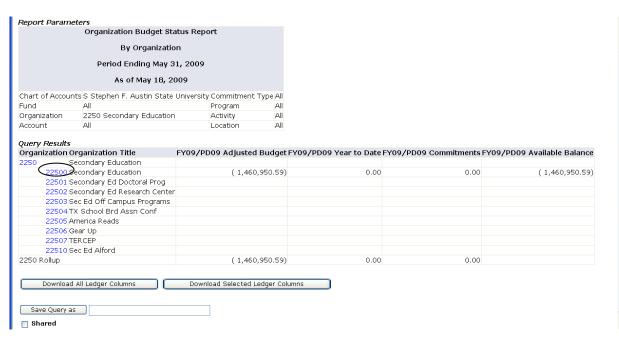
Using this option for the query below yields a report which summarizes each of the ORGs at the next lowest level from that specified in the query. Clicking on a blue ORG code in the report (like 2250) will open a similar report for that ORG listing the mary values for the ORGs that roll up to it, etc.



Once you drill down to the data enterable ORG (22500) you can then drill down to the level 1 Account Types, then to the level 2 Account Types, and finally to the actual ACCT codes, detail transactions and documents as seen in the earlier queries.

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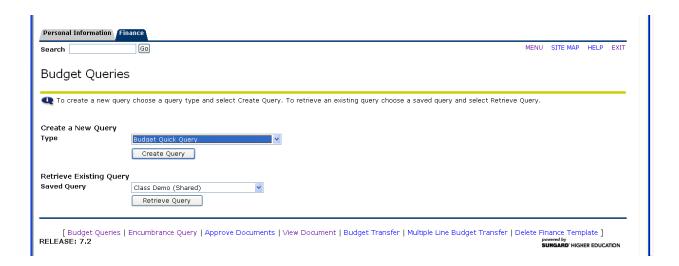
Budget Quick Query

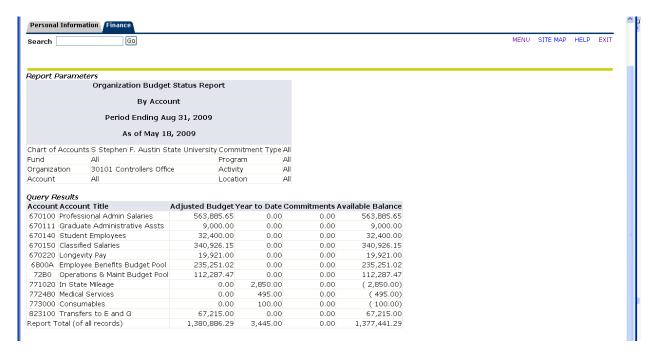
This query option does not ask which data elements to report. Instead, the Adjusted Budget, Year-to-Date, Commitments and Available Balance are automatically reported.

This query yields the following report header and the following detail report listing. This report is similar to the first "Budget Status by Account" report run earlier because the same four data elements were specified.

Note that there are <u>no</u> <u>blue</u> drilldown links. The Quick query has no drill down capability. Quick query also has no hierarchy, download or computed columns capability.

Budget Quick Query is just that - a quick snapshot report with no additional functionality.





Budget Transfers

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Return to either the **Menu** or the choices at the bottom of the screen to access **Budget Transfers**.

Certain types of budget transfers can be initiated through Self-Service instead of sending a hard copy budget request form to the Budget Office. The budget transfer from Self Service will be routed to an approval queue in their office. If approved, the transfer will be posted.

Budgeting Revenue

These are the instructions from the Budget Office website for budgeting revenue:

- 1. Click on "Budget Transfer"
- 2. Journal Type Departmental Budget Revenue (BDR)
- 3. Enter transfer amount (the amount in the available column, but not more than 10,000 for each transaction)
- 4. Enter "S" in Chart field
- 5. Enter Fund, Org, Account, Program (always R99 for revenue portion), and revenue amount that you wish to budget in the "From" section
- 6. Enter Fund, Org, Account, Program (normal program number for expense portion), and matching amount that you wish to move into O&M in the "To" section
- 7. Description should state what you are actually processing, usually a statement such as: "Overrealized income" or "Increasing revenue to reflect actual"
- 8. Budget period will always be "01"
- 9. Save as template if desired; do NOT check "shared"
- 10. Click on "complete" and a message should appear at the top of the screen that reads: **Document JXXXXXXX completed and forwarded to the approval process.**

These are the steps for preparing a budget transfer:

There are two separate Self-Service functions available for budget transfers -

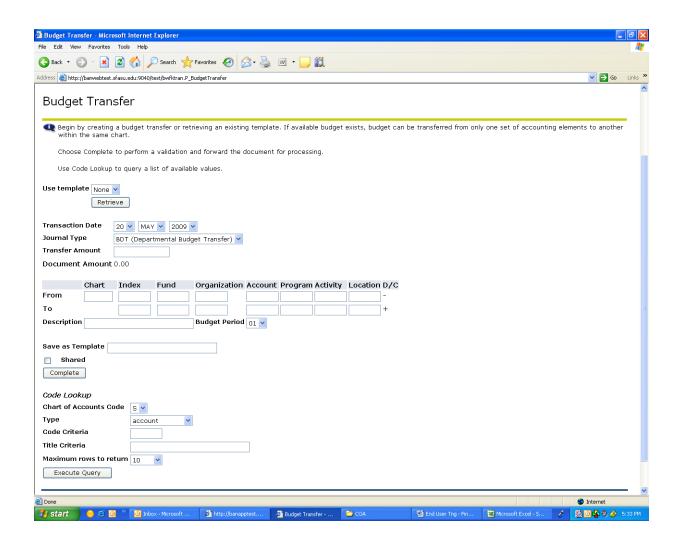
"Budget Transfer" - a simple two line entry form with 'from' and 'to' FOAP strings which have minus and plus signs automatically associated with them. The "Transfer Amount" is entered in only one field and that amount will be posted for both lines of the entry.

"Multiple Line Budget Transfer" - Is in journal input form with a 5 line maximum. A hash total of all the individual amounts (ignoring the sign) is entered in "Document Total" field and any combination of plus and minus lines are input. The plusses must equal the minuses. Only one "Journal Type" option is available.

Budget checking is applied to budget adjustments. A budget transfer cannot be completed if it is NSF (non-sufficient funds).

2-Line Budget Transfer

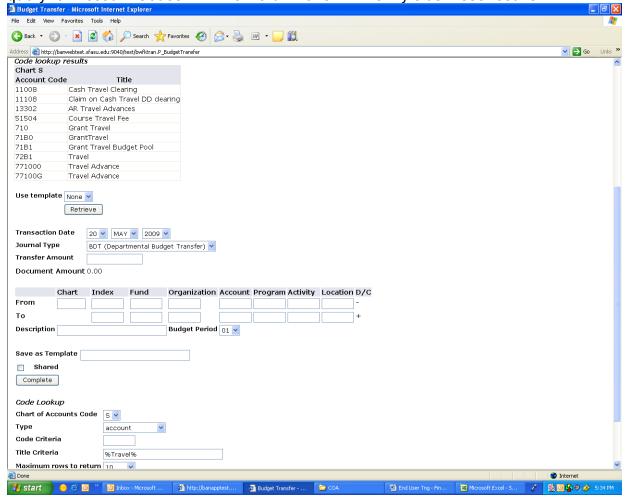
Using "Budget Transfer" the following entry to move budget from one pool to another was created. Note that "01" is the only acceptable value in the "Budget Period" field.



Clicking the "Complete" button will finish the process and a message will appear saying the document was forwarded to the Approvals process.

Code Lookup

There is a "Code Lookup" available at the bottom of both budget transfer forms that allows lookup of predefined FOAP component and procurement codes. The "Type" drop-down box shows the various codes that can be queried. For example: the wildcard query for Account Codes with the word "Travel" in them yields these results.

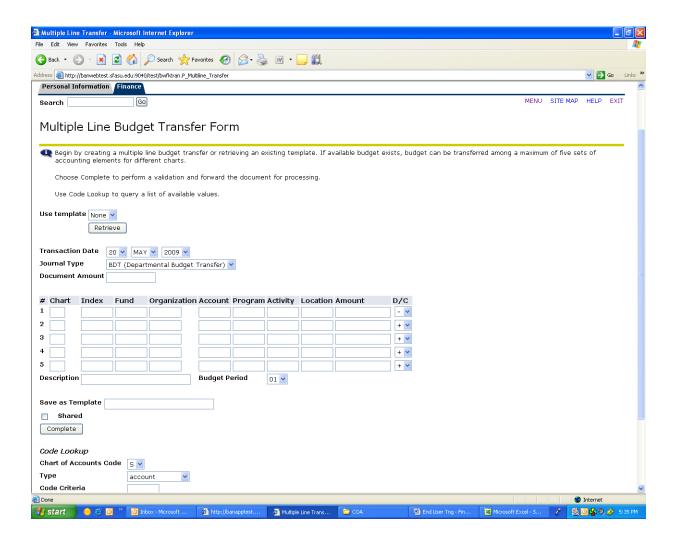


Multiple Line Budget Transfers

Multi-line budget transfers work the same as the 2-line budget transfers except:

• the "Transfer Amount" on the 2-line "Budget Transfer" form is the amount that will post for both lines

- the "Document Amount" on the "Multiple Line Transfer Form" is the hash total the sum of the absolute value each of the 5 FOAP string amounts ignoring their signs
- the "D/C" debit/credit indicator for any of the lines on the multiple line form can be set at either + or using the drop-down box. Plusses must still equal minuses in total.



When the "Complete" button is clicked, the input is subjected to budget checking. If there is insufficient budget an error message will appear. If the FOAP code is correct and there is a NSF condition the entry cannot be completed in Self-Service.

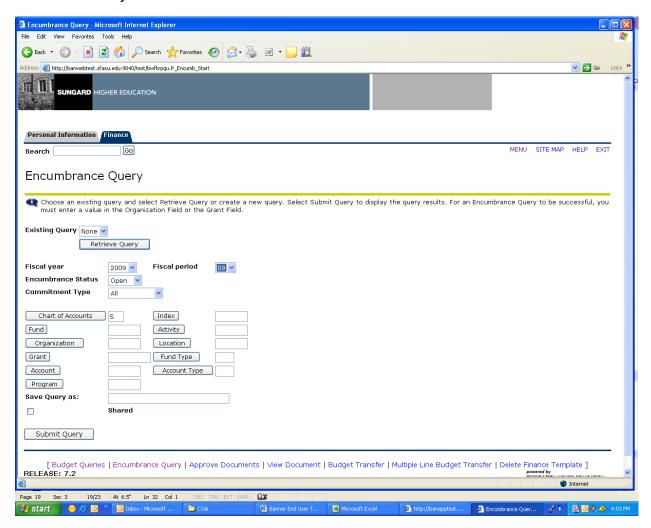
Both budget input screens have a "Save as Template" area near the bottom. The template can be used the next time you use the budget input functionality.

Encumbrance Queries

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The query parameter screen for Encumbrance Query is similar to the Budget Query screens already seen.



The "Encumbrance Status" field allows a query of "Open", "Closed" and "All" encumbrances. Keep in mind that only POSTED transactions will appear. If a document is incomplete, or still in an approval queue, it is not posted. Such a document will effect budget availability, but it does not appear in either Self-Service or INB Finance queries until it has posted.

This query ... yields the following report header and the following detail listing of all Open encumbrances for ORG 30401 in ACCT 773000.



Note the following:

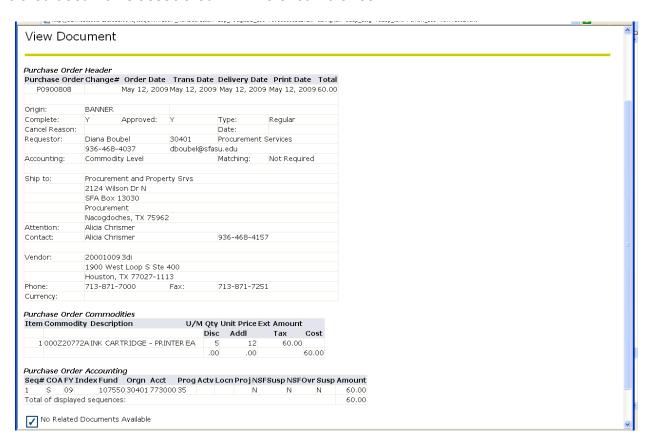
- The final column indicates if the budget related to the encumbrance is Uncommitted or Committed. All encumbrances are Uncommitted except for purchase orders rolled forward from the prior fiscal year which are Committed (meaning the budget can only be used by that PO).
- Payroll ACCT codes (those starting with a 6) have HRxxxxxx document codes because we encumber annual salaries and update those encumbrances each payroll cycle.

Clicking on the **blue** Document Code opens the following screen displaying all the related documents associated with the encumbrance. The sum of the various columns on this screen tie back to the summary values shown on the previous screen for this document.

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Clicking on the **blue** Document Code opens the following screen displaying all the related documents associated with the encumbrance.



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