Leave Information for Department Analysts

Roles and Responsibilities:

Department Analysts

Department Analysts are responsible for:

- Providing employees with general policy information and guidance.
- Reviewing employee policy leave eligibility.
- Providing general legal leave entitlement information (FMLA, CFRA, PDL) to employees (via the AP website).
- Assisting employees with AP Folio:
 - o Assisting with Leave request questions
 - o Uploading leave endorsements
 - Initiating a leave request on the employee's behalf, as needed.
- Managing department leave parcel uploads, routing, and following up on the approval process as needed.
- Monitoring existing approved leaves (in Job Data and via reports) and following up with employees as needed (e.g.: return to work transitions, paperwork follow-up, reasonable accommodations, etc.).

College Analysts

College Analysts are responsible for:

- Providing expert policy guidance and interpretation to departments and Deans.
- Confirming employee policy leave eligibility and working with departments to resolve issues.
- Uploading/routing college policy leave approvals via AP Folio leave parcels.

AP Analysts

AP Analysts are responsible for:

- Providing expert policy guidance and interpretation to College and Department Analysts, upon request.
- Post audit of college leave approvals.
- Managing exception and AVC leave approval processes.
- Providing pertinent leave approval details to AP-Path for UCPath entry and to AP Office manager for entry in AP Folio, as appropriate.

Leave Administrator

The Leave Administrator is responsible for:

- Managing FMLA, CFRA and PDLL processes:
 - Providing the necessary resources, notices and corresponding paperwork to employees. (e.g. FMLA Notice of Eligibility, Certification forms, Designations, and Return to Work paperwork.)
 - Including Department Analysts in non-confidential communications with the employee.
- Providing guidance to Department Analysts related to legal leave entitlements.
- Overseeing the entry of all leave transactions in UCPath, following receipt of policy approvals.

Leave Administration from a Department Perspective

Leave Inquiries

- Assist employees with locating and understanding appropriate leave information:
 - <u>Red Binder Section VI Leaves & Compensation</u> local policy related to leaves of absence.
 - <u>Academic Personnel Manual (APM) Section 5</u> system-wide policy on leaves of absence.
 - <u>Legal Leave Entitlements</u> information and resources related to state and federal leave entitlements that are applied to approved policy leaves, when applicable.
 - <u>Union Contracts</u> system-wide union agreements on leaves of absence.
- Review employee information in AP Folio and UCPath to identify leave options available to the employee (Sabbatical credits available, quarters of paid leave available, accruals available to remain on pay status, etc.)
- Provide employees information on initiating leave requests in AP Folio.
 - <u>AP Folio</u> Request a Leave (requires sign in).
 - <u>Leaves User Guide</u> Instructions on initiating a leave request in AP Folio.

Leave Requests

- Review leave requests for completeness, assisting employees as needed, (may initiate on an employee's behalf).
- Prepare department leave endorsements and route requests to the department approval authority.
- Monitor in-process leave requests in AP Folio, ensuring they are moving through the process in a timely manner.
- Work with College and AP Analysts when additional information is needed.

Approved Leaves

- Review Job Data and Data Warehouse Reports to validate data compared to approvals, contacting <u>AP-</u> <u>Leave@ucsb.edu</u> if discrepancies are noted.
- Stay in contact with employees on leave, confirming employees' intent to return, and/or assisting with leave extensions or other questions.
- Notify College and AP Analysts of changes to existing leave approvals as needed.

Returning from Leaves

- Review Job Data to confirm the Return from Leave appears on the employee's job.
- Review first paycheck following a return from leave to confirm pay is issued correctly.
- Notify the AP-Path team of any issues/discrepancies.

Medical Leaves

- The AP Leave Administrator initiates all required employee notifications and paperwork related to legal leave entitlements; department contacts are cc'd on all non-confidential communications.
 - Departments may forward emails to other appropriate contacts when they know the employee is not checking their work email in order to ensure the information is received by the employee or delegate.
 - Departments may be asked to follow up with employees when needed.
- General legal leave entitlement information can be found on the <u>AP site</u>; questions related to these entitlements can be addressed to <u>ap-leave@ucsb.edu</u>.

Leave Issues to Watch For

- <u>Leaves and Pay Issues</u>: delays in approvals, revisions, or receipt of paperwork can lead to missed- and over-pay. Departments are responsible for initiating any actions with BFS related to pay corrections.
- <u>Sabbatical Credits</u>: Sabbatical credit deductions are incorrect in UCPath. Verify employee Sabbatical accruals are correct, and notify <u>ap-path@ucsb.edu</u> of any issues.
- <u>Partial Paid Leaves</u>: For non-accruing titles, partial paid leaves are managed via JED (Job Earnings Distribution), and issues are common. Please review pay regularly, and notify <u>ap-path@ucsb.edu</u> ASAP if issues are noted.

Understanding Leave Information in Job Data

Leaves are entered in Job Data by UCPC. Review leave entries by paging through Job Data for all leave related actions.

- 1. The **Effective Date** of the start of leave will appear in Job Data with the corresponding leave Action/Reason.
- 2. The Action/Reason provides information on leave type entered and pay status during leave.
- 3. **Payroll Status** provides information regarding the pay status while on leave. This remain unchanged unless the pay status of a leave changes during the course of the leave, or until the return is processed in Job Data.
- 4. The **History/Current/Future** field provides context to the status of that data row in Job Data.
 - a. **History** are all data rows *before* the top, current-active data row. If a change is entered in Job Data while the leave is active, page through to find the leave transaction Action/Reason.
 - b. **Current** is the *top* data row currently active. When a leave is active, the Payroll Status will always reflect the Leave status (exception reduced schedule and intermittent leaves do not appear in Job Data).
 - c. **Future** shows all Job Data entries with a future Effective Date. (Note: AY leaves typically have the future dated return entered in Job Data in advance.)
- 5. The < and > buttons are used to navigate through **History**, **Current** and **Future** rows of Job Data.
- 6. The **Expected Return Date** and **Last Date Worked** dates related to the leave.

Work Location Job Information	Job Labor Payroll Sa	alary Plan	
Employee Name Employee		Empl ID 0000000 Empl Record 0	
Work Location (2)			5 Find First ④ 1 of 1 ④ Last
1 Effective Date	10/15/2020		Go To Row
Effective Sequence	0	Action Paid Leave	e of Absence
HR Status	Active	2 Reason Pregnancy	/ Disability Leave
3 Payroll Status	Paid Leave of Absence	Job Indicator Primary Jo	
Position Number	00000000 Override Position Data	ACADEMIC COORD II-FY	4 Current
Position Entry Date	09/01/2018 Position Management Re	cord	
Regulatory Region	USA	United States	
Company	UCS	University of California	
Business Unit	SBCMP	UC Santa Barbara Campus	
Department		Department	
Department Entry Date	07/01/2018		
Location	GIRVE-2317	Girvetz Hall	
Establishment ID	UCSB	UC Santa Barbara	Date Created 10/09/2020
Last Start Date	08/03/2015		
Expected Job End Date	07/01/2021	End Job Automatically	
Expected Return Date	12/18/2020	Override Last Date Worked	
6 Last Date Worked	10/14/2020		
Job Data Em	ployment Data	Earnings Distribution	Benefits Program Participation

Once the **Return from Leave** (2) is added to Job Data, **Payroll Status** (3) returns to active, and the **Expected Return Date** and **Last Date Worked** fields (6) no longer appear. {Note the **Future** status (4), shown below denoting a future *Effective Date* entry.}

Work Location 🛞	Find First 🕢 1 of 2 🕢 Last
Effective Date 11/26/2020	Go To Row
Effective Sequence 0 Action Return fr	rom Leave
HR Status Active 2 Reason Return F	rom Leave
3 Payroll Status Active Job Indicator Primary	
	4 Future

Departments can also review <u>Data Warehouse reports</u> to review Job Data and Extended Absence transactions.