

**What’s New . . .**

**March, 2008**

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**Reminder: March Business Managers’ Meeting Canceled**

**April Business Managers’ Meeting Reminder** – Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 10th from 9:00-10:30 am in the Sanctuary Room at Berea Hall. Berea Hall is located on 3050 Olive Blvd. just east of Compton. More details to follow in the April issue of ‘What’s New?’.

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**Travel Department Announcements**

**US Airways** will start charging passengers $25 to check in a second bag. The new charge will begin May 5 for tickets bought after 2/28/08. The carrier has decided to add the charge with the operating cost of $100 a barrel for oil.

About 8 percent of US Airways customers check more than one bag.

Under the new program, passengers will get one checked bag free plus their carry-on bags, and we suspect other airlines to follow suit.

The below table shows the new charges:

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<th>Weight Range</th>
<th>First Checked Bag</th>
<th>Second Bag</th>
<th>Third-ninth Bag(s)</th>
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<td>Under 50 lbs</td>
<td>Free</td>
<td>$25*</td>
<td>$100*</td>
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<td>51-70 lbs</td>
<td>$50*</td>
<td>$75*</td>
<td>$125*</td>
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<td>71-100 lbs</td>
<td>$100*</td>
<td>$150*</td>
<td>$200*</td>
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**American Airlines** allows name changes on unused tickets. There is a $50.00 fee in addition to the normal penalty that is charged by American Airlines. The ticket must be wholly unused. If the new ticket is lower than the unused ticket, the residual amount cannot be used towards the penalty and/or name change fee.

Ticket numbers starting with 001 are identifiable as American Airlines tickets. These can be changed for the normal exchange fee, plus the additional $50 name change fee by calling Beth and Mike at American Express 1-800-955-7497 option 2. This cannot be done online.

**Southwest** also allows name changes, charges no penalty, and can be a partial ticket. Ticket numbers starting with 526 are identifiable as Southwest tickets.

These are the only two airlines that allow name changes on non-refundable tickets.
Salary Planner Update

The Financial Planning & Budget office has added an enhancement to report PWB0013 located under the “Current Live Salary Reports” heading within the Salary Planner domain. A column has been added to list the current hourly rate for those employees whose grades correspond to an hourly rate rather than an annual salary.

You can now compare the employee’s current hourly rate to the low, midpoint, and high for their respective grade.

If you have any questions, you can reach Bruce Andres at 977-7073.

eSeeIDO Update

- Both ITS and our Banner Finance consultant are aware of the slow system response time for the eSeeIDO query and approval screens. Thank you for your patience as they work to resolve this issue.
- Please note that when you enter a Generic IDO to Fresh Gatherings, the debit account code should be 771070, Inter-Departmental Professional Service. The only exception would be for grant (3xxxxx) funds, which do not use account code 771070.
- There is also a new account code, 771120, SLU Workshops/Seminars, for IDO payments for workshops and seminars offered by University departments.

New Account Code

There is a new account code, 721209, Exam/Board Certification/Credentialing Fees. For further assistance, please contact the MC Finance Office at 977-9880.