

Kuali Board Statement of Philosophical Principles

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The following statements are provided to help guide Kuali Project decisions.

- 1) **Kuali Release 1 and 2** will be based on the existing FIS design, functionality, and business processes.
 - a) Conformance with FIS provides the fundamental basis for Kuali scope control.
 - b) The basic presumption of Kuali is conformity w/FIS, including preservation of where the FIS software is configurable beyond the IU implementation and configuration decisions.
- 2) The **burden of proof for change to scope** falls on the advocate who must show:
 - a) Substantial benefit over cost
 - b) Fit within the Kuali Project reality triangle of Cost/Time/Scope
 - c) It improves the ease of adoption and diffusion of Kuali
- 3) **Changes** should be **approved** by consensus of the Functional or Technical Councils, depending on the nature of the suggested change, with a vote if necessary. Council decisions can be escalated to the Kuali Board for review based on a synopsis of the majority and minority positions on the issue.
- 4) The **general strategies** agreed upon by the Kuali Founders, in priority order, for making the Kuali core system meet disparate institutional practices. Configurability requirements must fit within the project reality triangle of Cost/Time/Scope:
 - a) Maximize commonality of business practices wherever possible using the FIS functionality and capability.
 - b) Make Kuali software configurable enough to meet essential requirements without the need for local code modifications.
 - c) Provide an API-based approach to address local requirements that cannot be met by (a) or (b) above. This approach should be avoided when possible, given the risks associated with future version changes.
- 5) Noting that it may not be possible to implement by Release 2 all of the essential and high priority items identified by the Functional Council, the Kuali Core system architecture and code should anticipate and accommodate these items within future releases as easily and expeditiously as possible.
- 6) There will be a "**Baseline system**" of Kuali **available** for public release by 31 March 2006 (Release 1).