

Financial Workflows PSU

Lightning Talk on Financial Workflows

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A couple of years ago, I participated in one meeting about workflow at Penn State.
Turned into a lifetime of meetings.

In the financial operations of Penn State most access management mechanisms were hard coded.
When someone resigned or changed departments, there was a need to manually remove them.

This was an expensive solution.

PSU used an LDAP approach to create a better system, using roles to control access. Took the policy and made it into actual software called WebRAT.

http://ais.its.psu.edu/newsletter/jul_09.asp?page=2

Now we need to figure out how to take WebRAT and make it work for the academic/research community.

Q: Are roles are different for academic than for finance dept?

A: Yes. In academic side we don't have spending limits. Couldn't reuse sane roles.
Tool has to gather info to define roles.

Comment: U-M has a similar situation. Debating if we need to build something to capture who is everyone's budget approver, etc. Haven't started or scoped the project.

Comment: Data sources are the big problem.