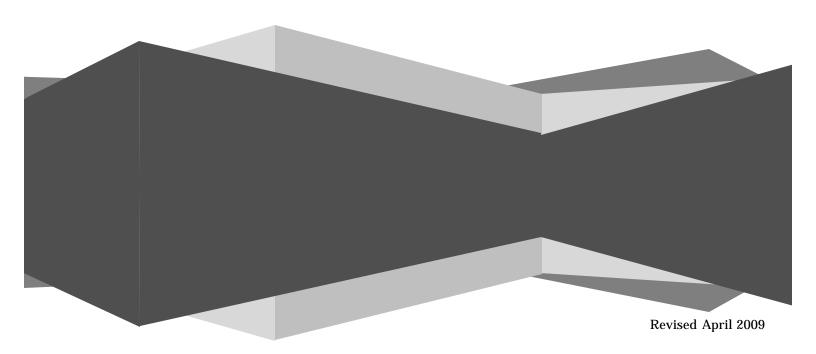
# **Weber State University**

# e-PAR

# Electronic Payroll/Personnel Action Requests Handbook



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# Overview of the Electronic Payroll/Personnel Action Requests (e-PAR) Policy

The e-Par system is being implemented in phases to replace the old paper-based PAR system. It is designed to run in a web-based environment and is accessible through eWeber. This manual will explain how to use the e-PAR system, which e-PAR should be used in various situations, and how to check the status of the e-PARs you have submitted.

#### When are e-PARs required?

- ☑ e-PARs are used to report all status changes to employment status (hourly, salaried, and adjunct) which occur after the hiring process has been completed, e.g. salary changes, and to separate employment for salaried employees.
- ☑ At this phase of roll-out, e-PARs must be completed, submitted, and approved:
  - 1) Prior to the separation date of all salaried employees.

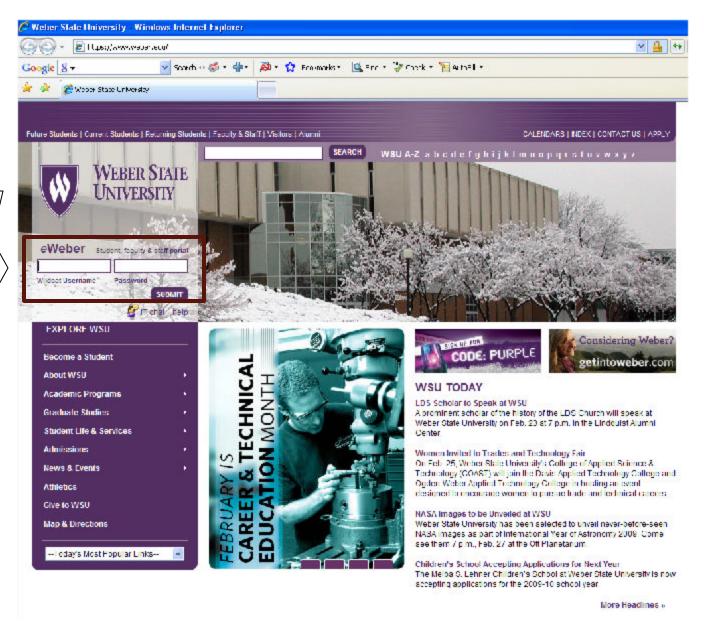
#### **Basic Process:**

- a. Originator completes the appropriate e-PAR
- b. Via workflow, two approvals are obtained and up to three (optional) notifications are sent.
- c. Once approvals are completed, Human Resources and Payroll will be notified of the e-PAR and the action(s) requested will be processed.

# Part 1: Accessing the System

# Logging into eWeber

To access the e-PAR system, log into the eWeber portal. Go to the WSU homepage at <a href="www.weber.edu">www.weber.edu</a>, enter your Wildcat Username and password in the boxes under the eWeber student, faculty & staff portal option (see graphic below), and select Submit.

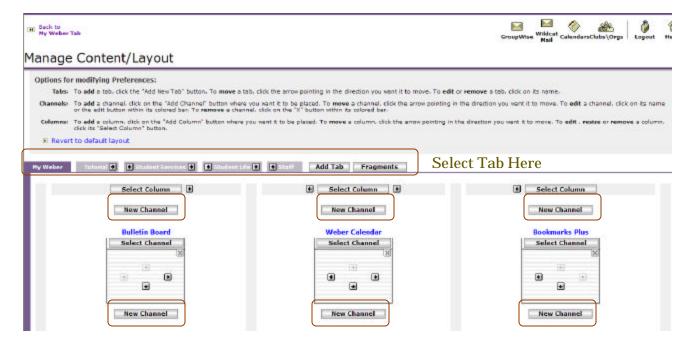


# Adding the e-PAR Channel

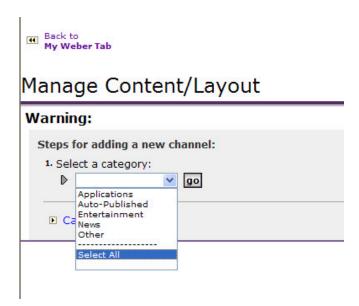
In order to use the e-PAR system, you must add the e-PAR channel to your e-Weber portal. To add this channel, log into e-Weber and select Content/Layout in the upper left hand corner.



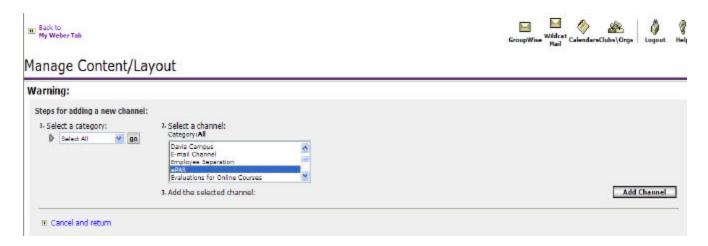
In the Content/Layout section, left click the Tab where you want the channel to appear. Then, select New Channel next to the location where you want the channel to appear.



From the new screen that appears, select "Select All" from the drop down list. Then left click "Go"



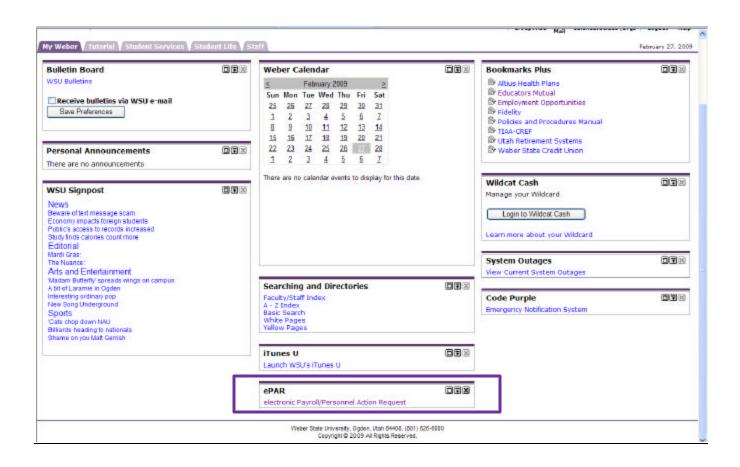
From the Select a Channel drop down list, scroll down to and highlight "ePARs", then left click the "Add Channel" button on the far right hand side of the screen. This will return you back to the main Content/Layout screen. Left click "Back to My Weber Tab" to return to the main e-Weber portal.



Once the e-PAR channel has been loaded, it will remain part of the main eWeber portal. It will not have to be loaded each time access is needed.

# Entering the e-PAR system

Locate the ePARs channel on the eWeber portal. Left click on the blue (or purple if it has been recently accessed) "electronic Payroll/Personnel Action Request" link.



# Part 2: Accessing e-PARs

# **Security Access**

The access an e-PAR originator has in the e-PAR system is controlled by the originator's Home Org Number. Based on this number, the originator should be able to initiate e-PARs on all individuals who are governed by the same Vice President.

In cases of multiple job assignments or split FOAPALs, the originator with a Home Org that matches the individual will be able to issue the e-PAR.

If an originator does not have a matching Home Org, the following error message will be displayed:



Not authorized to submit an ePAR on this person.

When Home Org questions arise, please contact either Human Resources (x6032) or Payroll (x6031) for assistance.

#### e-PAR Welcome Screen

Upon entering the e-PAR system, you will be presented with the "Welcome" screen. This screen, like many of the screens in e-PAR, is broken into two sections, the Navigation Bar, and the main screen.



The Navigation Bar displays the "Select Function" drop down list on the left hand side. To the right, it shows the current date, followed by a "Help" link, where an electronic copy of this manual can be found, followed by an "Exit" option, which closes the e-PAR session and closes the window.

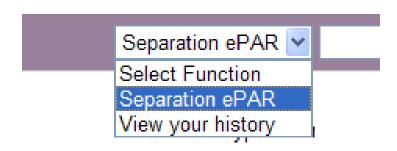
The Main Screen will vary based on where you are in the e-PAR system. On the Welcome screen, it will show system messages, if any, that are applicable to the e-PAR system.

# **Selecting a Function**

In order to access the various e-PARs and functions in the system, a selection must be made from the "Select Function" drop down box in the left hand side of the Navigation Bar.

The e-PARs and functions available are:

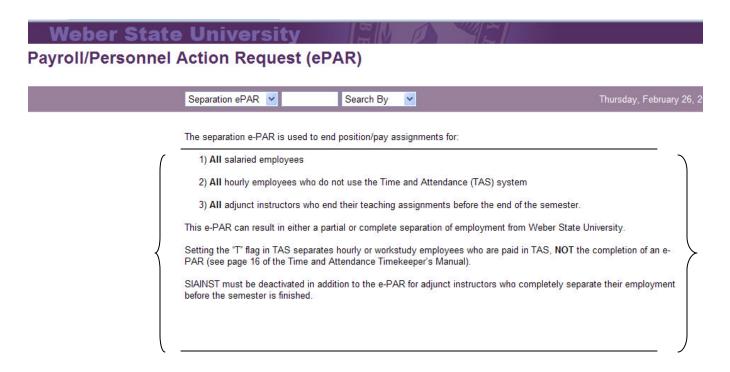
- ✓ Separation e-PAR Used to end employment for all salaried and specific hourly and adjunct positions/pay assignments (See page 13)
- ✓ View your History Tracks the status of e-PARs through the workflow system



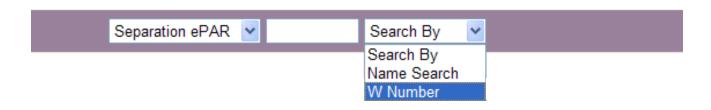
From the drop down list, select the desired e-PAR or option.

# Selecting an e-PAR

When, an e-PAR is selected, the main screen will list a brief description of the e-PAR and the scenario(s) it can be used for. **Please read this information to ensure the appropriate e-PAR is selected. This is where the most up-to-date information about the selected e-PAR will be maintained.** 

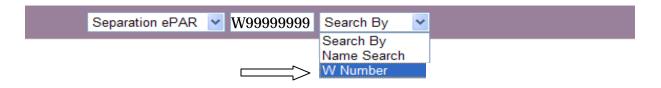


The Navigation bar will expand to include a data entry field and a "Search By" function. Enter the information for the employee who is being impacted by the e-PAR through one of two options: 1) W# entry and search or 2) Name entry and search



# **Option 1 - W Number Search**

In the data entry field, enter the complete W#, including the W, and then select W number in the "Search By" drop down box. The system should automatically redirect to the Separation e-PAR.



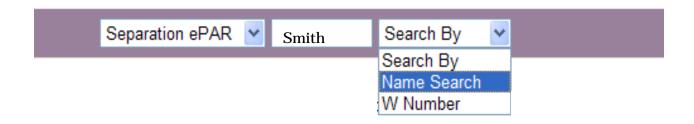
If the W# entered is invalid, then the error message, "Person not found." will appear.



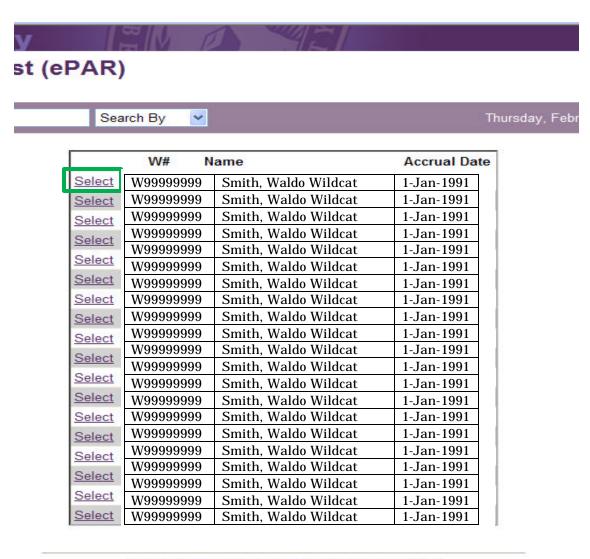
If this message appears, reenter the correct W# and search again. If this message still appears, search for the employee via the Name Search.

# **Option 2 - Name Search**

In the data entry field, enter a partial or complete **last** name of the individual you are trying to locate, then select Name Search in the "Search By" drop down box.



This search will bring up a list of all applicable people with that last name. The screen will show the W# associated with the name and their accrual date. Locate the correct individual and left click on "Select" next to the name. The system should automatically redirect to the Separation e-PAR.



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Once a correct W# has been entered or a name selected from the Name Search, the selected e-PAR will appear.

# Part 3: Completing an e-PAR

# Separation e-PAR

# **Brief Description:**

This information is subject to change. For the most up to date information on when to use this e-PAR, review the dialogue posted on the main screen of the e-PAR (before entering the W# or name – See page 10).

As of 3/31/09, the separation e-PAR is used to end positions and/or pay assignments for:

- 1) All Salaried employees,
- 2) **All** hourly employees who do not use the Time and Attendance (TAS) system, and
- 3) **All** adjunct instructors who end their teaching assignments before the end of the semester

This e-PAR can result in either a partial or a complete separation of employment at Weber State University.

If the e-PAR is a complete separation, then all systems access will be discontinued at midnight of the last working day selected.

# Things to remember:

- ✓ Hourly and workstudy employees who use the TAS system are separated by setting the "T" flag in TAS (see page 16 of the TAS Timekeeper's Manual)
- ✓ For adjunct instructors who completely separate before the end of the semester, the SIAINST (Lynx INB) screen must be deactivated in addition to the completion of the e-PAR.

# The Separation e-PAR screen

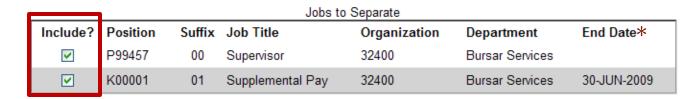
The following is how the separation e-PAR screen appears when first entered.

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Departr			Payroll	- 32500 ed Full T	ima						
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						Jobs to	Separate				_
Inclu	ude?	Position	on	Suffix	Job T	itle	Organizati	ion l	Department	End Date	
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12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	16	17	18				Chair, Dean, Vic	
19	20	21	22	23	24	<u>25</u>		First	Optional		~
26	27	28	29	30				Notification	: Optional		
								Second Notification	Optional		*
All syste	ems ac	cess wi	ll stop af	ter this d	late.			Third Notification	Optional		~
Remark	s:										
								Vacation ho of separatio	ours used during on: 0	month	
							Submit	Cancel			

# **Types of Separation**

A separation e-PAR can result in a 1) complete or a 2) partial separation.

**1)** A complete separation occurs when **all** positions an employee holds are included in the separation process.



A complete separation will result in the deactivation of all applicable systems access as of midnight on the last working day. This is the most common type of separation.

Please include all positions, even if an end date is listed when the individual is completely separating employment.

- \*The End Date is any pre-existing end date for the position, not the last working day being requested by the e-PAR. Generally, only Supplemental Pay, Adjunct Pay, and Workstudy assignments have a pre-existing end date.
- **2)** A partial separation occurs when one or more of the positions an employee holds are not included in the separation process.

Jobs to Separate									
Include?	Position	Suffix	Job Title	Organization	Department	End Date			
	P99457	00	Supervisor	32400	Bursar Services				
✓	K00001	01	Supplemental Pay	32400	Bursar Services	30-JUN-2009			

# The 10 Steps to completing a Separation e-PAR

#### Step 1 – Verify Pre-filled Information is Correct

In the upper left hand corner of the e-PAR, the type of e-PAR, Person's Name, Job Title, Department, and Category of the employee is listed. Verify the correct e-PAR type and person has been selected.

#### Separation Request

Name: Wildcat, Waldo W01100837

Job Title: Payroll Technician
Department: Payroll - 32500
Category: Classified Full Time

#### Step 2 – Select an Action.

The only actions are: Separation, Early Retirement, Retirement, or Deceased



#### Step 3 – Select a Reason

The reason field fills automatically when the action is early retirement, retirement, or deceased. If the action is separation, a reason for the separation (to the best of your knowledge) must be selected from the drop down menu.



#### Step 4 – Select Which Jobs to Separate

Verify if a complete or partial separation is being initiated. Select the appropriate positions to match the type of separation needed.



# Step 5 – Select the Last Working Day

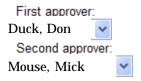
Highlight, with the blue box, the last working day that applies to the position(s) being separated. When a complete separation of all position(s) is selected, all systems access will be discontinued after this date.

Last Working Day										
<u>Feb</u>	March 2009									
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>				
<u>8</u>	9	<u>10</u>	11	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>				
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>				
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All systems access will stop after this date

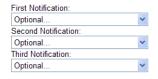
# Step 6 – Approval Routing

The primary supervisor (First approver) and next supervisory level (Second approver) are assigned by the system. **These cannot be changed.** In certain specific instances, a second Approver is not available. For instance, executives may have only the University President as the first approver. If this occurs, a Second Approver must be selected from the Second Approver drop down menu.



# Step 7 – Notification Routing

These fields are optional. If a functional area specifies that another supervisory level above the Second Approver be notified of the separation or if additional notifications, due to grants, etc., need to be made, an email notification can be selected here.



#### Step 8 – Enter Vacation Hours

Select the total number of vacation hours used by the separating employee during the month of their separation. This information should match what is loaded into Leave Tracker at the time of separation.

Vacation hours	s used	dur	ing month
of separation:	0	<b>×</b>	

# Step 9 - Remarks

Furnish any additional information HR or Payroll will need to process the e-PAR.

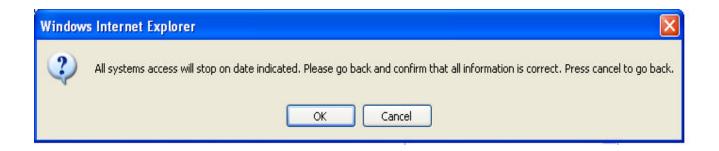
Remarks:								
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# Step 10 - Submit

Select the Submit button to process the e-PAR.



After the Submit button is selected, a confirmation message will appear



**OK** – This option will proceed with the e-PAR. It is CRITICAL that all information be correct before you select OK. **Please always remember that** once the e-PAR is submitted, the only way to stop the e-PAR is to contact the first or second supervisor in the workflow approval routing and have them reject the e-PAR in their workflow.

**Cancel** – This option will return to the e-PAR without submitting the e-PAR through the system.

If you select Cancel, review the information, and select Submit again, the same confirmation message will appear. If everything is confirmed to be correct, select OK to submit the e-PAR.

Once the e-PAR has been submitted, the main screen will reappear.



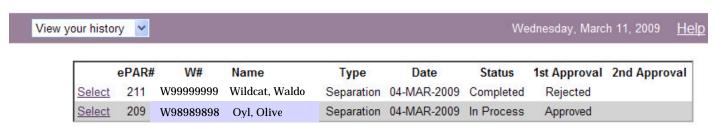
From here, another function, e-PAR, or logging-off the system can be selected.

#### **Part 4: Additional Functions**

View your history

# Main History Screen

From the "View your history" function, all e-PARs and their current processing status can be seen. These e-PARs are listed from most recent to oldest.



# **Options:**

<u>Select</u> – Presents a view-only status of the original e-PAR

e-PAR# - Tracking number assigned to the e-PAR

W# - W# of the person the e-PAR impacted

Name – First and last name of the person impacted by the e-PAR

<u>Type</u> – The type of e-PAR submitted on the person

Date - The date the e-PAR was submitted

<u>Status</u> – Indicates e-PARs status in the workflow. The available options are:

**In Process** – Either the first or second approver has not approved the e-PAR

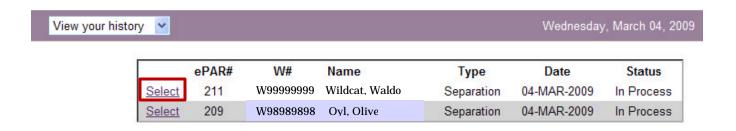
**Completed** – Both the first and second approvers have approved the e-PAR and it has been submitted to HR and/or Payroll for processing.

**Rejected** – Either the first or the second approver rejected the e-PAR

1st Approval / 2nd Approval – Lists the approval status (rejected or approved) given by each of the approvers designated by the e-PAR

# Viewing Submitted e-PARs

To view a read-only version of any e-PARs listed on the history screen, left click on the "Select" option to the left of the e-PAR that needs to be viewed.



# The View Only version of the e-PAR will then appear (see below):

Separati Date:	on K	equesi		VD 2000			ePAR# 211 This will not be a complete separation
Name:			Wildca	at, Waldo	W	9999999	Status: Completed
Job Title:			IT Pro	oject Man	ager		Reviewed By:
Departme	ent:		Inforn	nation Sys	stem	s and Services - 62	1000 1.
Category			Profe	ssional F	ıll Ti	me	2.
Action:			Sepa	ration			3.
Reason:			25				
Submitte	r:		Duc	k, Daisy	WS	9999999	
						Jobs to Separate	
Position			Job Title	8		Organization	Department
K00001		02	Suppleme	ental Pay		62000	Information Systems and Services
Feb			st Working March 200			Арг	Covote. Wile E 05-MAR-2009 Rejected
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Second approver:
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Gonzalez, Speedy
1	2	3	4	5		7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	<u>~</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	First Notification:
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	0.0001111.00000000000000000000000000000
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	Second Notification:
							Third Notification:
Remarks:		300					
Test -	Thi	s is o	only a t	est			Vacation hours used during month
							of separation: 0

# The View Only Layout

In the upper left hand corner, the type of e-PAR, the date of submission, the impacted employee's information, and the name and W# of the individual who submitted the e-PAR will appear.

#### Separation Request

Date: 04-MAR-2009

Name: Mouse, Mickey W99900000

Job Title: IT Project Manager

Department: Information Systems and Services - 62000

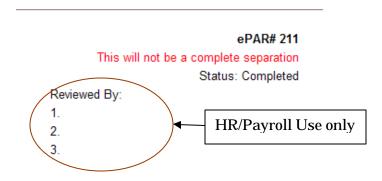
Category: Professional Full Time

Action: Separation

Reason: 25

Submitter: Duck, Don W99900000

In the upper right hand corner, the e-PAR number, any e-PAR specific comments, the workflow status (same as on the main History screen), and a HR/Payroll use only section will appear.



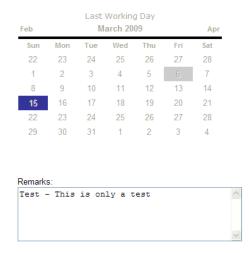
In the center section, the e-PAR will list positions impacted by the e-PAR.

Position

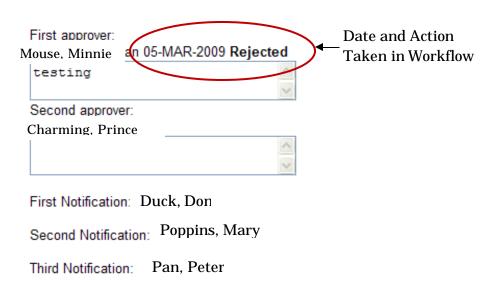
K00001

		Jobs to Separate	
Suffix	Job Title	Organization	Department
02	Supplemental Pay	62000	Information Systems and Services

The bottom left section shows the effective date selected for the e-PAR and comments, if any, that were entered.



The bottom right section shows the status of the e-PAR in the workflow system. Also, the date approver took action on the e-PAR, the status (approved, rejected), and any comments the listed will appear. In addition, any notification emails that were requested are listed.



To return to the main History screen, select the Close button at the bottom of the e-PAR.



#### Part 5: General Information

# Hints and Tips and FAQs

# Things to Remember:

- 1. If you exit the e-PAR screen, all un-submitted data will be lost.
- 2. The supervisor routing on e-PARs cannot be changed. If a supervisor is not going to be available, then a proxy needs to be assigned to manage their workflow to prevent delays in e-PAR processing
- 3. All existing payroll processing timeframes still apply.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. I am receiving a "Not Authorized to submit an e-PAR on this person" message when I try to generate an e-PAR. What does this mean?

This message means that the first two digits (Vice President level) of your Home Org does not match the first two digits of the person you are trying to generate the e-PAR on. In this case, the originator with a Home Org that matches the individual will need to initiate the e-PAR.

Q2. I submitted a separation e-PAR and the separation date is later than I originally entered. What do I do?

No changes are allowed on an e-PAR once they are submitted. In order to stop the e-PAR, contact the first or second approver in the routing and have them **reject** the e-PAR. Then, start a new e-PAR with the correct information. If both approvers have already completed their approvals, contact Human Resources or Payroll for assistance.

Q3. Can I use an e-PAR from my History screen as a template for another e-PAR?

No. All e-PARs must be generated individually. They cannot be cut and paste from the history screen.

# Q4. When are the first, second and third notifications supposed to be used?

The first, second, or third notifications are only used when some individual other than the first approver and second approver needs to be notified of the separation. These individuals are not required to take action on the e-PAR at all; they are just receiving a brief email regarding the separation. For instance, a notification may need to be sent to a Vice President when the individual is not the first or second approver.

# Q5. When I enter vacation hours on a separation e-PAR, do I need to do anything else?

By the individual's final working day, all vacation hours taken should also be entered into the Leave Tracker system. Then, the information in Leave Tracker will be compared to the number of hours reported on the separation e-PAR to ensure the most accurate information in used in calculating the separating employee's final payout.

# Q6. I am receiving a server error or security token error when I attempt access e-PAR. What do I do?

Call computing support at x7777 to verify system availability and to open a work order, if necessary.

# Who Can I Contact with Questions and Concerns?

This manual is not all-inclusive. If you encounter a scenario that is not covered in the manual, please feel free to contact Payroll or HR for additional information.

Human Resources	626-6032	HR@weber.edu
Payroll	626-6031	Payroll@weber.edu