



Salem Community College Teams up With UniFund to Streamline Its Accounting Systems—Support Services Praised

Salem Community College, Carneys Point, NJ

“Support has been excellent. In fact, I don’t know how it could be better. Most of the time, our calls are taken right away.”

Larry McKee, Project Manager

At-a-Glance

Active users	31
Budget	\$8 M
Buildings connected	5

Challenge

Convert three stand-alone systems into a single, integrated solution. Develop conceptual vision that communicates to business office staff the changes that are in store, expected benefits, modified responsibilities and workflows, proposed implementation schedules, and anticipated training and support assistance expected from UniFund.

Solution

Migrate to UniFund’s BudgetSense® software solution over a phased 24-month project implementation time table. Reorganize the existing chart of accounts to achieve consistency across all departments. Remove all defunct accounts.

Benefits

Salem experienced almost immediate results from its migration to BudgetSense General Ledger and automated workflow procurement system. The old paper-based five-part requisition form that produced aches and pains to prepare has been eliminated. Requisitions entered into BudgetSense are checked for budget availability and moved along an electronic-approval journey. The “sneaker mail” system of the past has been replaced by an electronic-routing approval process.

Salem Replaced Three Stand-Alone Systems with BudgetSense®

Salem’s previous stand-alone systems stood in the way of the school’s objective to improve the accuracy and timeliness of reporting and budgetary controls. Although the general ledger/accounts payable system was the centerpiece of the system, it did not integrate with the payroll system, a fixed assets database, and budget formulation spreadsheets. As a result, information in the sub-systems required re-entry into the general ledger through numerous monthly journal entries. “It was difficult to get the big picture by merging data from three systems,” notes Larry McKee. “Now with BudgetSense, the systems—including Human Resources—are integrated and information is easy to obtain.”

Starting Off Right with BudgetSense

Salem resisted the temptation to go the easy route with its existing chart of accounts. “We took the opportunity to reorganize the accounts to establish consistency across all departments. Build-time wasn’t really an issue—about two full days of effort, spanning over a couple of weeks. The investment was well worth the effort,” adds McKee.

Now, Salem Community College is benefiting from its investment in BudgetSense:

- The procurement system is completely paperless, including purchase orders that are e-mailed to vendors.
- Monthly reports are e-mailed to Salem’s executive staff.