

BudgetPak User Guide

Overview

This Getting Started Guide contains instructions for how to complete your FY2017 Budget.

BudgetPak supports several levels of users. In your budget there may be information you cannot view and operations you cannot perform because the scope and role assigned to you does not allow it. The permissions you are granted depend upon your BudgetPak "role," which the Administrator has assigned to you based on your budget responsibilities within your department. Each user's role is associated with his or her user login profile.

Your BudgetPak Administrator is Tom Hammar, Assistant Director of Budgeting. If you have any questions you can reach him at x2850 or hammart1@tcnj.edu. You can also call the Office of the Treasurer at x2186 for assistance.

About Your FY2017 Budget

In BudgetPak your department(s), their general ledger accounts ("accounts"), and baseline FY2017 budget have already been set up for you. You will be accessing each account and reviewing/modifying its annual budget amount.

The FY2014, 2015, and 2016 Original Budget, Revised Budget and Actuals and the FY2017 Baseline Budget have been loaded into BudgetPak. The instructions below describe how to view reports, so that you can use these numbers as a guide to creating this year's budget. You can also obtain current and historical budget and actual information from Web Reports.

Logging In to BudgetPak

To open BudgetPak:

- 1. Locate the <u>BudgetPak link</u> on the Office of the Treasurer webpage at http://treasurer.tcnj.edu/ under Tools & Logins. The BudgetPak Log In box displays.
- 2. In the first box, enter the username you use to access your computer and email.
- 3. In the second box, enter the password that was assigned to you.
- 4. Click the **Log In** button.
- 5. Change your password when prompted if it is your first time logging in to BudgetPak.

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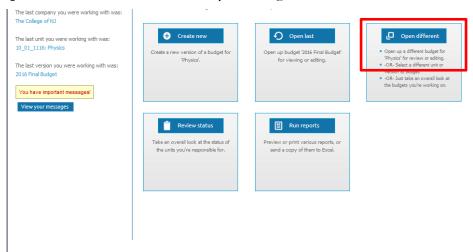


Creating Your FY2017 Budget

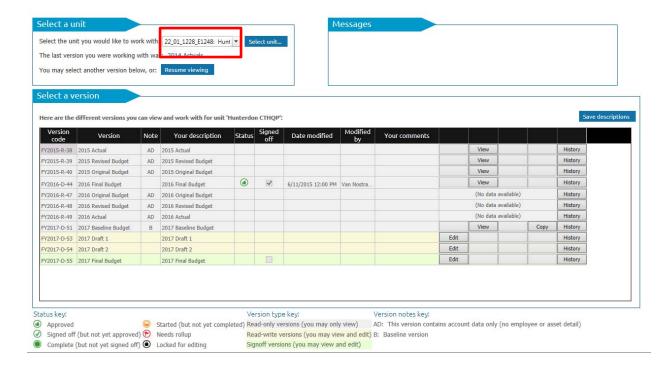
NOTE: All Budgets were started for you using FY2016 original budget as the FY2017 baseline.

From the Main Menu:

1. Select **Open Different** to view and modify the budget.



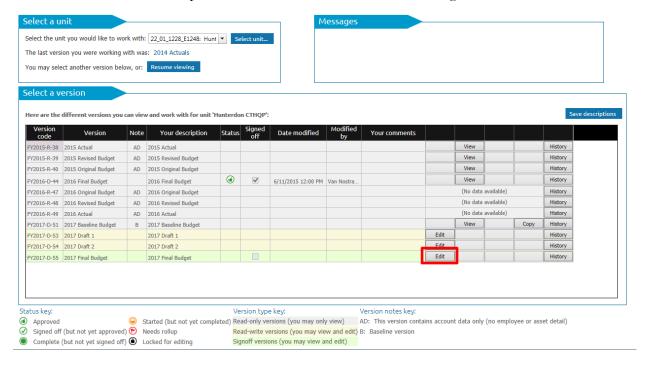
2. In the **Select a unit** panel of the box that displays, select the department or unit you want to budget (use the drop-down menu or click the 'Select unit' button to view the list of options).



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3. In the **Select a Version** panel, click **Edit** in the FY2017 Final Budget row.



4. This brings you to the Navigation Window for the budget.



NOTE: In BudgetPak each column in the Navigation Window is called a "**stack**;" and each box is called a "**section**." If at any time you wish to return to this window, click Navigation at the top left of the window.

NOTE: The Version Comparison box at the top shows the budget amounts for each version and the variances between versions. FY2017 Final will change as you make modifications. The variance from FY2017 Baseline Reference to FY2017 Final should be zero when you are done unless you submitted an ActionPak request to fund a strategic priority or have reallocated existing funds to or from the budget.

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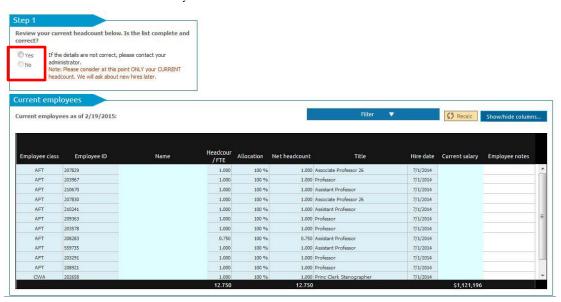


Reviewing Headcount & Salaries

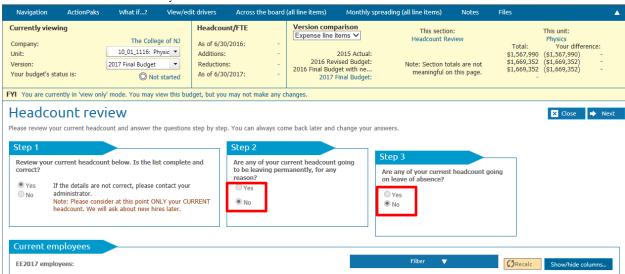
If you have Headcount (employees) in your unit and if you are authorized to review Headcount & Salaries, you will see a stack called **Headcount & Salaries** in your Navigation window.

1. Click the top section **Headcount Review** to make sure that you have the correct list of employees for your unit. If not, please contact your BudgetPak Administrator.

NOTE: In this section, you are verifying the current headcount, including vacancies. You do not need to verify salaries.



a. In **Steps 2, and 3,** answer "No". Enter notes in the Employee Notes field to add commentary.

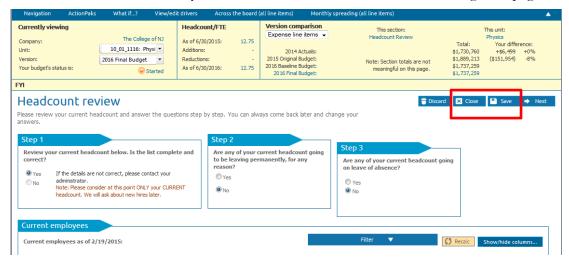


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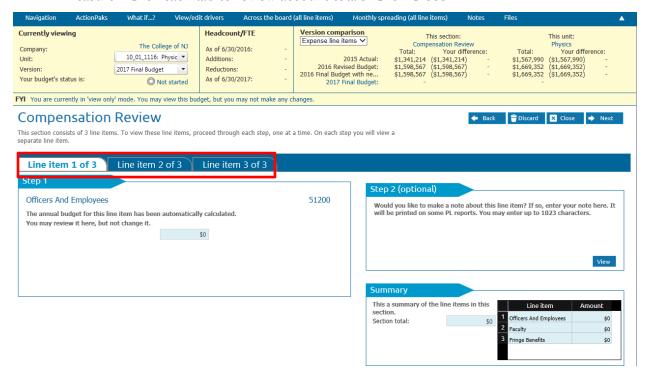


You can display additional columns or hide current columns by clicking the **Show/hide columns...** button.

b. Click **Save** to save your entries then **Close** to return to the Navigation page.



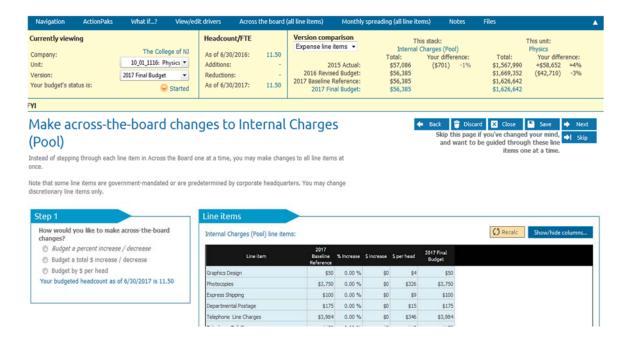
- 2. Skip the New Hires and Salary Increases sections. They are centrally managed by the Office of the Treasurer in collaboration with HR.
- 3. Review all **Salary and Fringe Benefit** detail in the next section, **Compensation Review**. No changes are necessary. Fringe benefits are centrally managed by the Office of the Treasurer. Click each tab to review account totals. Click **Close**.



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- 4. In each of the non-salary stacks, you have the option to review the accounts and make changes either **Across the Board** (for all accounts in the stack at once) or for each account individually.
- 5. To make changes **Across the Board**, click the **Across the Board section** at the top of the stack; the <u>Make across-the-board changes</u> window displays. If you wish to review and modify each account individually, skip to step 12.



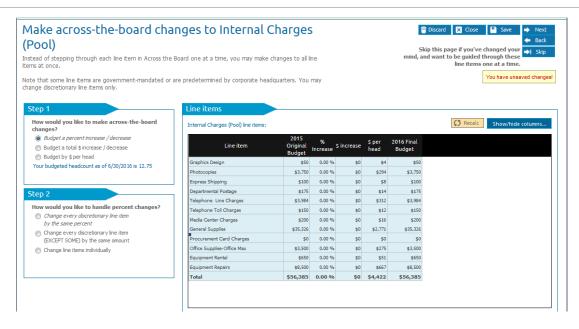
- 6. In **Step 1** of the <u>Make across-the-board changes</u> window, select the option you would like to use.
 - a. Budget a percent increase/decrease will apply the specified percentage to each line item shown in the Line items box on the right side of the window.
 - b. Budget a total \$ increase/decrease will allocate the specified dollar amount to each line item so the total increase/decrease in the stack is the specified dollar amount.
 - c. Budget by \$ per head will allocate the specified dollar amount per head to each line item so the total dollar amount per head in the stack is the specified dollar amount per head.

NOTE: The Budget by \$ per head may be used but is not recommended by the Office of the Treasurer.

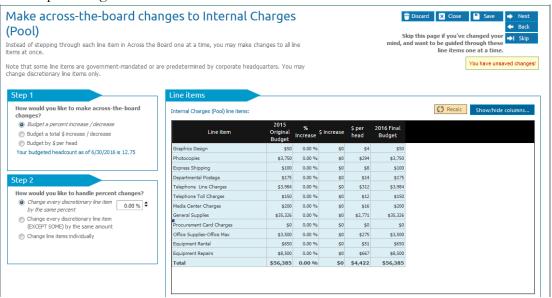
7. When you select a method in **Step 1**, the **Step 2** box will appear. In the **Step 2** box, select the option you would like to use to apply the across the board change.

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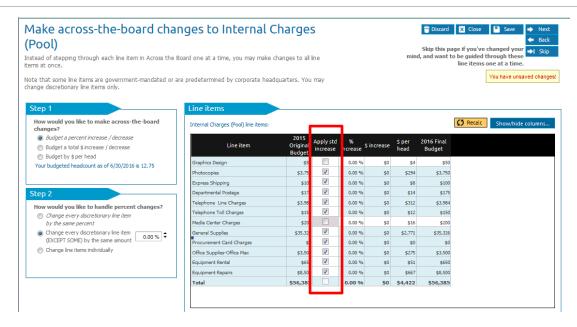
- 8. If you selected Budget a percent increase/decrease in **Step 1**:
 - a. Change every discretionary line item by the same percent will allow you to enter a percentage to increase or decrease all line items.



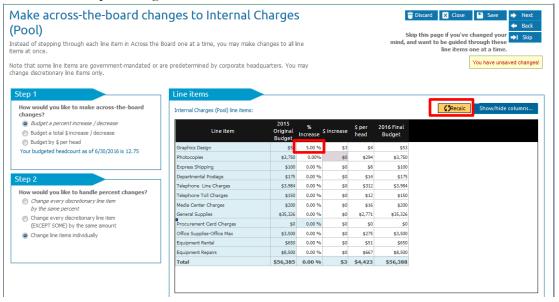
b. Change every discretionary line item (EXCEPT SOME) by the same amount will allow you to check/uncheck line items in the Apply std increase column and enter a percentage to increase or decrease the selected line items. The percentage entered will only be applied to the checked line items.

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c. Change line items individually will allow you to manually enter a percent increase/decrease in the % increase column for each line item. To enter a percent increase/decrease, double click the % increase box for the line item and type in the desired percentage.

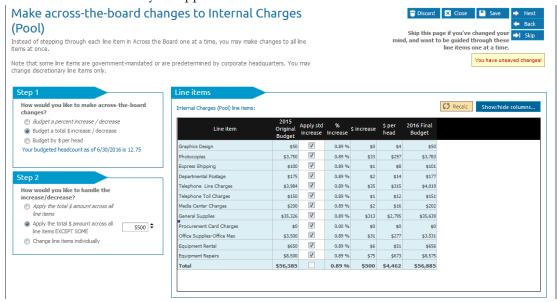


- 9. If you selected Budget a total \$ increase/decrease in Step 1:
 - a. Apply the total \$ amount across all line items will allow you to enter a dollar amount to increase or decrease all line items. BudgetPak will automatically allocate the total dollar change specified to each line item.
 - b. Apply the total \$ amount across all line items EXCEPT SOME will allow you to check/uncheck line items in the Apply std increase column and enter a dollar

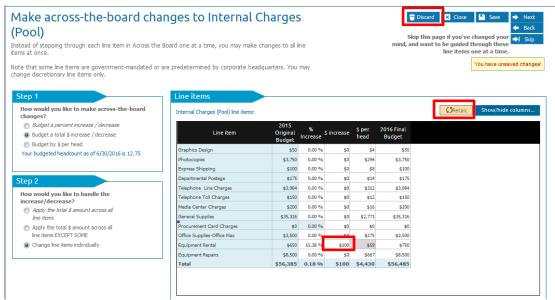
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amount to increase or decrease the selected line items. The total dollar amount entered will only be applied to the checked line items.



c. Change line items individually will allow you to manually enter a dollar increase/decrease in the \$ increase column for each line item. To enter an increase/decrease, double click the \$ increase box for the line item and type in the desired dollar amount.



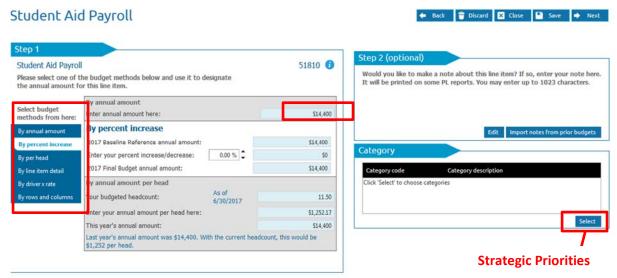
NOTE: To enter a decrease, enter the percentage or dollar amount with a minus sign (i.e. -5.00% or -\$500). To apply manual changes made in the Line items table, click the Recalc button at the top right of the table. If at any point you need to clear the changes made in **Across the Board**, click the **Discard** button.

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NOTE: The <u>Version Comparison</u> box will show both the total budget and variances for the stack you are viewing as well as the total budget for the unit. Note the 2015 Actual in comparison to the 2017 Baseline Reference as an indicator that reallocations may be necessary in the 2017 Final Budget to better align the budget to actual spending. You should also review the current FY2016 actuals from the Web Report for the unit and factor any variances from budget to actual into the 2017 Final Budget request (keeping in mind the variance between the 2017 Baseline Reference and 2017 Final Versions must be zero unless you submitted an ActionPak).

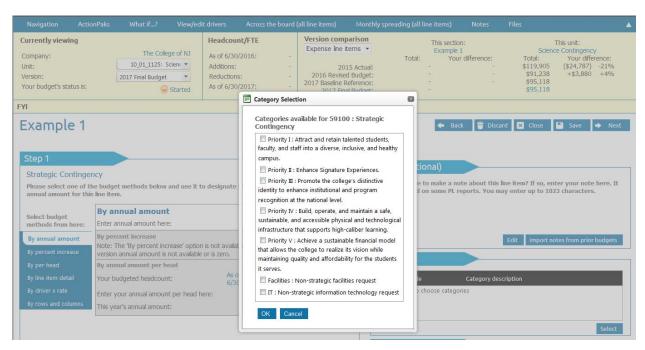
- 10. Click **Save** (located just below the <u>Version Comparison</u> box) to save your changes. Click **Close** (located just below the <u>Version Comparison box</u>) to return to the <u>Navigation</u> window and select the next stack you wish to review/edit.
- 11. If you use the Across the Board method, SKIP to Item # 17 and repeat the process for the other Stacks and Sections.
- 12. To view and make changes to each account individually, click any section (account) you want to budget. The <u>Account</u> window displays.
- 13. In **Step 1** of the <u>Annual total for [account name]</u> window, an annual amount based on last year's budget is displayed. You can either accept this amount or use one of the other methods (**by annual amount, by percent increase, by per head, by line item detail, by driver x rate, by advanced modeler) to change the annual amount.**



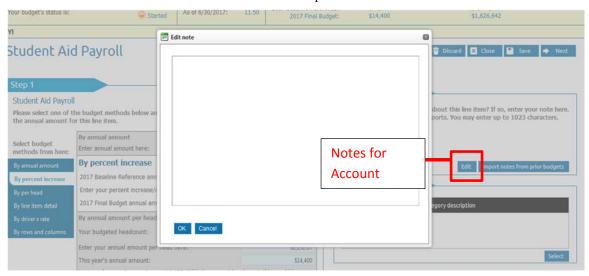
14. In **Step 2**, enter any relevant comments about the account and its annual budget amount in the text box provided. Click Select in the Category box to link the account to a Strategic Priority, if applicable. The Facilities and IT non-strategic categories should only be used for ActionPaks.

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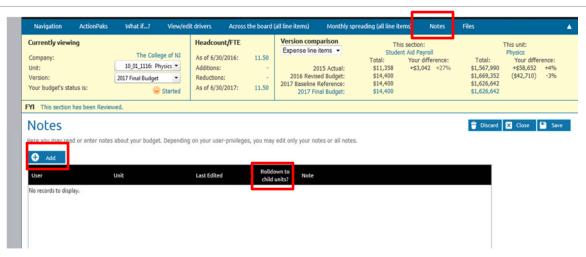


15. Indicate the Strategic Priority associated with a particular account. When a Strategic Priority has been selected, include a brief description of the budgetary item in the Notes section. Notes can be added on the account level or roll-up to all units.

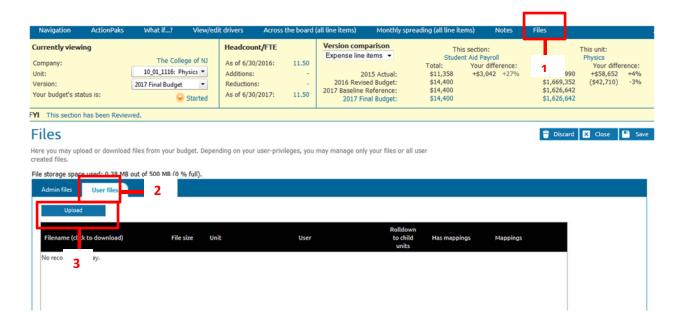


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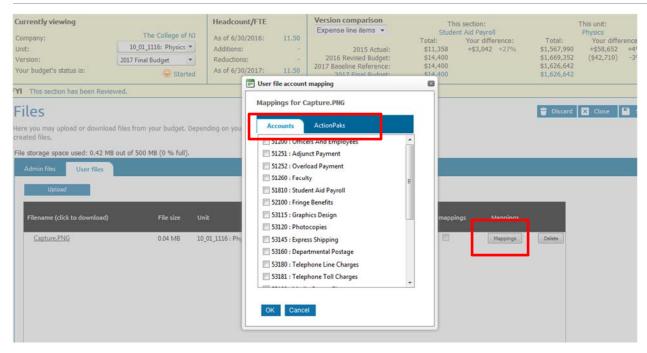


16. Supporting files can be attached in BudgetPak. Files can be attached for a single account, ActionPak or roll-up unit. BudgetPak has limited file storage, so please don't upload large data files.



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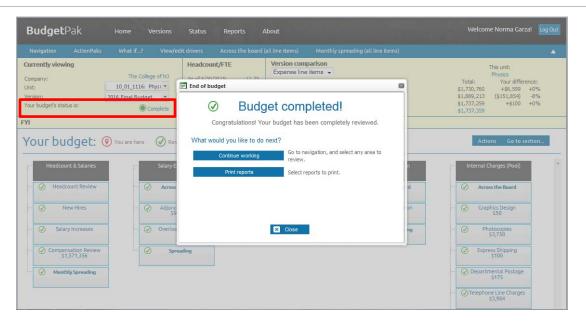
- 17. Click **Save** (located just below the <u>Version Comparison</u> box) to save your changes.
- 18. Click **Close** to close the account window and return to the <u>Navigation</u> window; or, click **Next** to save the current value and move to the next account.
- 19. Repeat Steps 4 through 19until all of your accounts have been populated with an annual budget amount.

NOTE: You may have some accounts that have pre-designated values that you cannot change, such as fringe benefits. You will still need to review these accounts in order to get the green check mark and complete your budget.

20. Once you have completed all the necessary steps (confirming headcount and answering all other headcount questions as "No", completed **Across the Board** or individual review of all sections and stacks) all sections will have a green check mark. A Budget Completed pop up box will appear and the budget status will change to "Complete" with a green circle. From here you can select **Continue working** if you would like to enter ActionPaks or review an area, select **Print reports** if you would like to view reports for your budget, or **Close** if you are done with the budget.

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ActionPaks – Funding Requests for Strategic Priorities

ActionPaks are an optional feature that you can use to budget for unit-specific initiatives, projects, or programs. Any amount entered into an ActionPak is additive to the amount already entered for that line item in your base budget. ActionPaks are used to request **new funding for projects and initiatives tied to TCNJ's Strategic Plan**.

ActionPaks must have a note or attachment describing the initiative and how it is explicitly linked to at least one of the strategic priorities from the Strategic Plan:

Priority I: Attract and retain talented students, faculty, and staff into a diverse, inclusive, and healthy campus.

Priority II: Enhance Signature Experiences

Priority III: Promote the college's distinctive identity to enhance institutional and program recognition at the national level.

Priority IV: Build, operate, and maintain a safe, sustainable, and accessible physical and technological infrastructure that supports high-caliber learning.

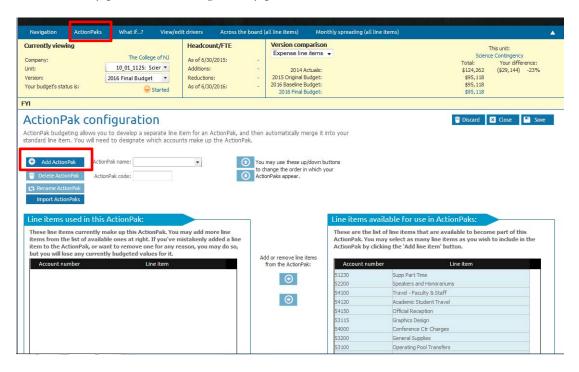
Priority V: Achieve a sustainable financial model that allows the college to realize its vision while maintaining quality and affordability for the students it serves.

The linkage to the strategic priorities must be noted in BudgetPak by assigning a Category to the ActionPak. There are two additional categories that may be selected for ActionPaks – Facilities and IT – which are to be used for facility maintenance and information technology upgrades/projects that are not strategic in nature.

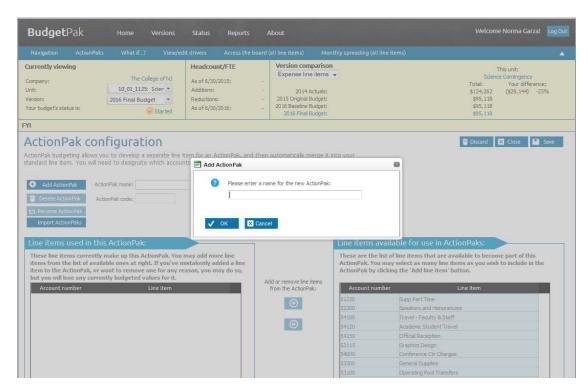
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1. Click **ActionPaks** in the blue navigation menu at the top of your screen. ActionPaks can be entered at any point in the budget entry process detailed in the section above.



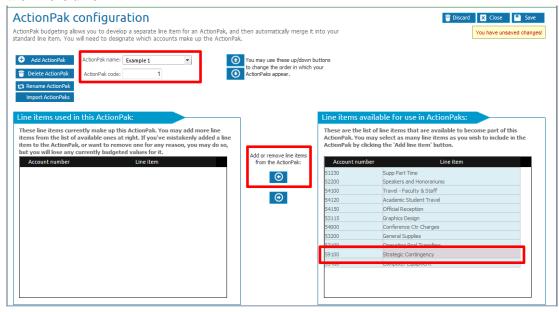
2. Click the **Add ActionPak** button and enter a name for this ActionPak, and Click **OK**.



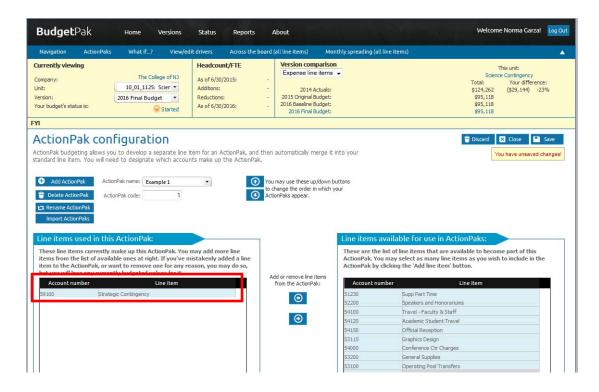
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3. Enter a code for this ActionPak. The code is required and needs to be a unique identifier within the unit.



4. Map the line item(s) to the ActionPak by selecting the line item in the Line items available for use in ActionPaks box on the right of the window and clicking the left arrow to add it to the ActionPak. The accounts selected will appear in the Line items used in this ActionPak box on the left of the window. Map all accounts that will be needed for the ActionPak.

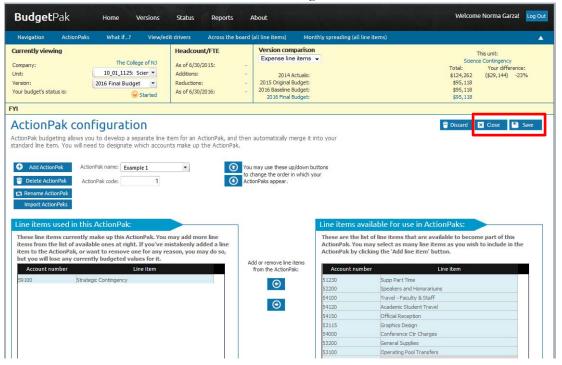


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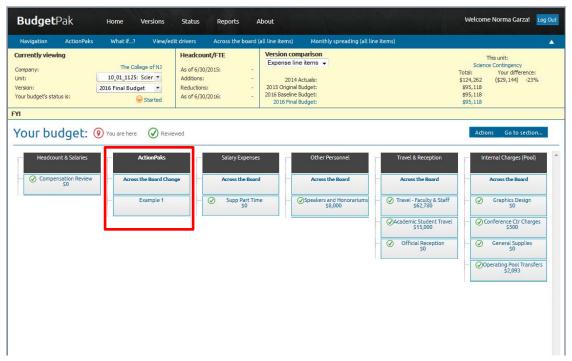


NOTE: A separate ActionPak must be entered for each unique initiative. <u>Do not</u> create one ActionPak for the total funding of all enhanced budget requests for the unit.

5. Click **Save** then click **Close** to return to the <u>Navigation</u> window.



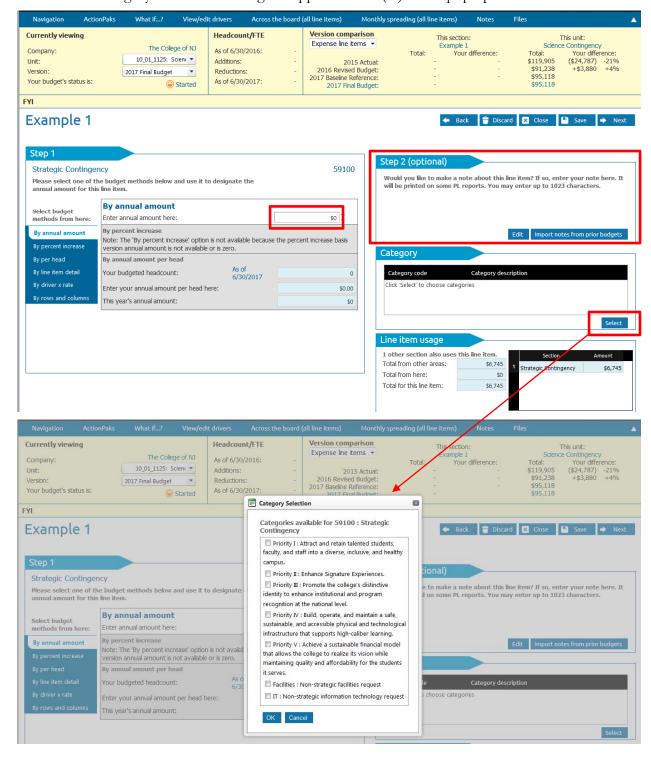
6. A new stack called ActionPaks will appear in your <u>Navigation</u> window. The section underneath will contain the name of your ActionPak.



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7. Click on the new section for the ActionPak and the ActionPak window will appear. Enter the requested amount in the By annual amount box in Step 1. Enter the description of the initiative in the step 2 box. This is required. The description must contain details of the request sufficient to assess the need for the funding requested and the linkage to the noted strategic initiative(s). Link your ActionPak to a Strategic Priority or other category by clicking Select in the Category box and checking the applicable box(es) in the pop up.



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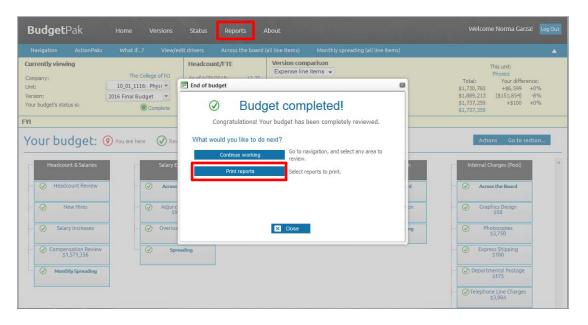
- a. The <u>line item usage</u> box will show you the amount already budgeted for that line item in your general budget. When you click save the ActionPak amount will be added.
- b. The version comparison box will show you the impact of the ActionPak. The total of your ActionPaks should be the only variance for the unit from 2017 Baseline Reference to 2017 Final.
- 8. Continue to add additional ActionPaks as needed.

NOTE: Any line item which you used in an ActionPak will now appear in a <u>Line Item Usage</u> box within the general budget. When you click on a section in your <u>Navigation</u> window that relates to an ActionPak(s), you will see the general budget value, the ActionPak value and the total value for that line item.

- All P&L reports will display the total value for each line item.
- Run an ActionPak report to see the individual ActionPaks with their associated line items, amounts and notes.
 - o In Advanced Reporting, Step 1, choose <u>ActionPaks by Account</u> or <u>ActionPaks by Units:</u> box.
- Run the My Budget Decisions report to see the ActionPaks listed along with the final budget.

Viewing FY2017 Budget Reports

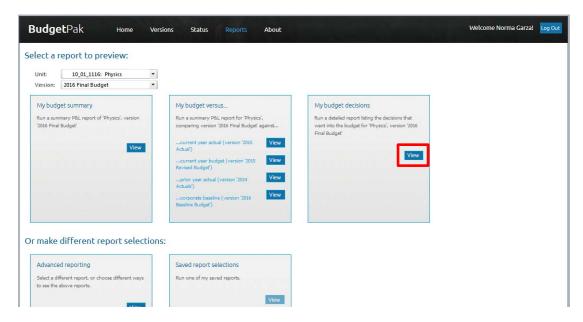
1. You can access the reporting menu either from the Budget Completed box by clicking **Print reports** or by clicking **Reports** in the top bar of the screen.



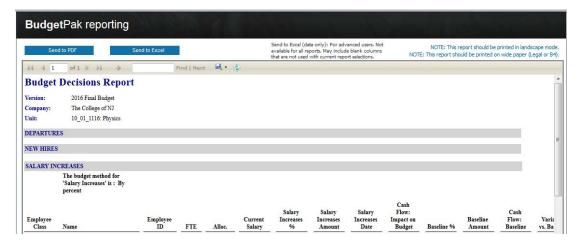
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2. Click **View** in the My Budget Decisions box.



3. Review the report. It can be exported as a PDF or excel file by clicking the button at the top.



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LINE ITEMS Note: Baseline % increase for discretionary line items is -			Increase / (Decrease) vs. 2015 Original Budget			Your Increase / (Decrease) vs. 2016 Baseline Budget				
Section	Line Item	Baseline: 2015 Original Budget	Your 2016 Final Budget	Amount	%	2016 Baseline Budget	Amount	%	FYI	Account notes
Compensation	Officers And Employees	\$109,719	\$114,076	\$4,357	4.0 %	\$114,076	-	4.0 %		-
Compensation	Faculty	\$1,147,649	\$1,007,120	(\$140,529)	-12.2 %	\$1,007,120	-	-12.2 %		
Compensation	Fringe Benefits	\$465,942	\$450,160	(\$15,782)	-3.4 %	\$450,160	-	-3.4 %		
Total nondiscretionary line items		\$1,723,310	\$1,571,356	(\$151,954)	-8.8 %	\$1,571,356		-8.8 %		
Adjunct Payment	Adjunct Payment	\$95,118	\$95,118		-	\$95,118				
Overload Payment	Overload Payment	\$0	\$0	-	-					
Student Aid Payroll	Student Aid Payroll	\$14,400	\$14,400	-	-	\$14,400	-	-		
Graphics Design	Graphics Design	\$50	\$50	-	-	\$50	-	-		
Photocopies	Photocopies	\$3,750	\$3,750	-	-	\$3,750	-	-		
Express Shipping	Express Shipping	\$100	\$100	-	-	\$100	-	-		
Departmental	Departmental Postage	\$175	\$175	-	-	\$175	-	-		
Telephone Line	Telephone Line Charges	\$3,984	\$3,984	-		\$3,984	-	-		
Telephone Toll	Telephone Toll Charges	\$150	\$150	-	-	\$150	-	-		
Media Center	Media Center Charges	\$200	\$200	-	-	\$200	-	-		
General Supplies	General Supplies	\$35,326	\$35,326	-	-	\$35,326	-	-		
Procurement Card	Procurement Card Charges	\$0	\$0		-					
Office Supplies-	Office Supplies-Office Max	\$3,500	\$3,500	-	-	\$3,500	-	-		
Equipment Rental	Equipment Rental	\$650	\$750	\$100	15.4 %	\$650	\$100	15.4 %	Differs from baseline	
Equipment Repairs	Equipment Repairs	\$8,500	\$8,500	-	-	\$8,500	-	-		
Official Reception	Official Reception	\$0	\$0		-					
Total discretionary line items		\$165,903	\$166,003	\$100	0.1 %	\$165,903	\$100	0.1 %		
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$1,889,213	\$1,737,359	(\$151,854)	-8.0 %	\$1,737,259	\$100	-8.0 %		

- 4. You can print a report of your current annual budget compared to last year's budget or actuals. On the toolbar at the top of the window, click **Reports**. The <u>Reports</u> screen displays.
- 5. For a comparison against last year's budget, in the second box, *My budget versus...*, click the **View** button.
 - Your report will open in a new window.
 - Use your browser to print your report, or alternatively choose to send your report to Excel or PDF.

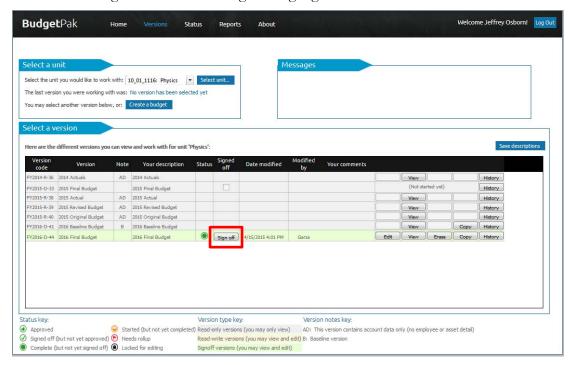
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Completing and Signing-off on your Budget

In order to complete your FY2017 budget, each stack/account must be reviewed. Green check marks will already appear some sections since your budget has been prepopulated.

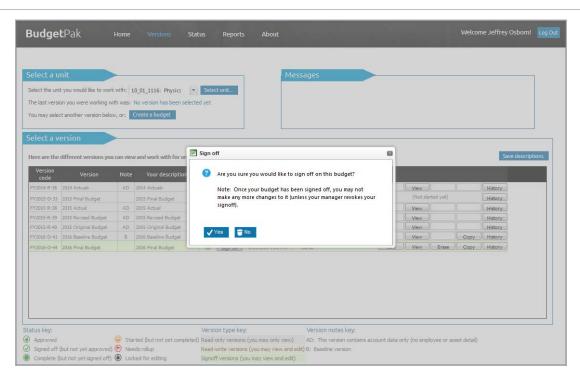
- 1. On the toolbar at the top of the window, click **Versions**. The <u>Version Selection</u> window displays.
- 2. In the Select a Unit panel, select the department you want to submit for approval.
- 3. You will see a sign-off button in the green highlighted row.



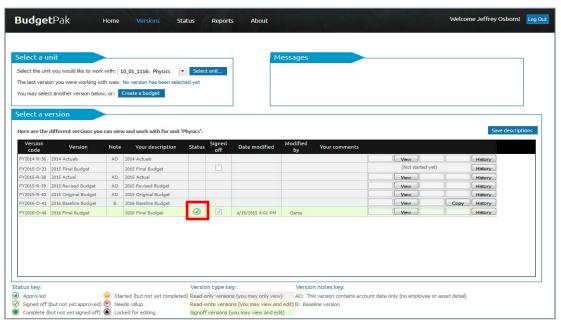
- a. Click the **Sign-off** button;
- b. Click **Yes** to confirm you want to sign-off on the budget. The budget is now signed-off and ready to be approved by Approval Managers. Once a budget is signed-off, you can no longer make any changes to it, unless your Approval Manager re-opens that budget for you.

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4. Your budget is now complete and you may log out of BudgetPak.



NOTE: For <u>each</u> department for which you are responsible for submitting a budget, all of the steps in all of the sections above must be completed.

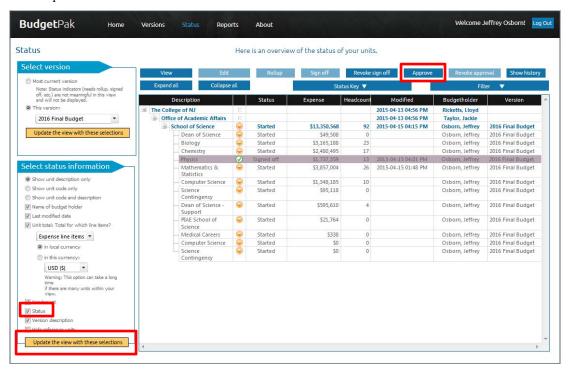
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Approving Budgets

Approval Managers have the responsibility of approving the budget for each of their units, as well as the roll-up unit to which they are assigned.

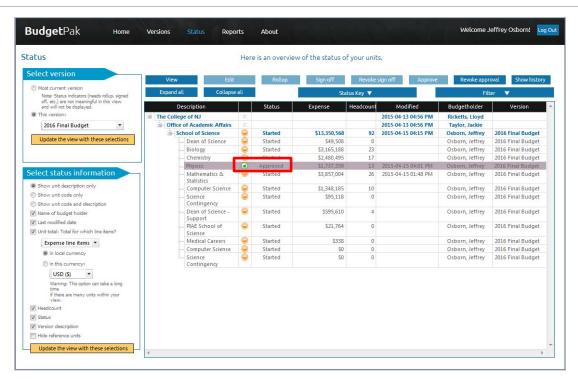
- 1. On the toolbar at the top of the window, click **Status**. The unit <u>Status</u> window displays, showing the budget status for all departments for which you are responsible.
- 2. In the upper left <u>Select Version</u> panel of the <u>Status</u> window, verify that you are viewing the FY2017 Final Budget.
 - In the <u>Select Status Information</u> panel, make sure that status box is checked.
 - Click update view with these selections.



- 3. Click on the row containing the first unit that contains the "signed-off" icon, which is a green checkmark inside a green circle. (When you select the unit, the row will be highlighted in blue.)
- 4. Click the **Approve** button (located above list of units). Note that the icon changes to a green thumbs-up and the status changes to 'Approved.' This indicates that the budget for that unit is now approved by you.

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- 5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all of the units for which you are responsible have been approved.
- 6. At the roll-up unit level, which contains your name as the budgetholder, click the **Rollup** button to consolidate all the budgets in that unit, then click the **Sign-off** button.
- 7. Once you have signed-off, your budgets can be reviewed and rolled up by the next level of Approval Managers.

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