

The **HR 2020** project provides a vision for expanding strategic payroll and accounting functions, advancing HR transaction processes and systems, and enhancing HR service delivery initiation.

Case for change

Like other recent UHR initiatives, this project aims to **streamline operations** and **develop HR professionals as strategic partners** to university leaders and units across campus.

The project also advances these priorities:

- Enhancing the **employee experience** for UHR staff, other HR pros, and UI staff/faculty as a whole
- Improving **accuracy** and reducing error rates, especially in transactional work
- Improving **compliance** with increasingly complex requirements
- Distributing **workloads** fairly and efficiently, including through strategic use of technology
- Improving **workplace safety** through renovations to the University Services Building

Five parallel tracks

The project is organized in five tracks that are interdependent on one another:

Track 1: Payroll Department Realignment

Reorganize current Payroll staff into separate teams responsible for payroll and HR transactions

Drawing on findings from a **2018 external review**, Tracks 1, 2, and 3 will organize the existing Payroll department into two teams: **Payroll Services** and **HR Transactions**.

Track 1 will enhance the Payroll Services group's emphasis on **strategic accounting**, including **regulatory compliance**, **data analytics**, and **internal controls**.

Track 2: Transaction Service Redesign

Streamline the current service-delivery model to encourage specialization and reduce errors

Track 2, led by the HR Transactions group, will develop a trained network of **transactional experts**. This shift will **reduce errors**, improve **data consistency**, and **support automation**.

Track 3: Transaction System Enhancements

Enhance IT systems that support HR transaction services

Track 3 will include developing **new tools** to support the new service model and **improving the overall user experience**. Current tools have been in place for 16 years and are due for enhancement.

Track 4: HR Service Delivery Redesign

Establish a central hub for reception and questions about payroll, HR transactions, benefits, and other HR services

Tracks 4 and 5 aim to offer **more effective models for fielding questions** about payroll, transactions, benefits, and other HR services. Together, these tracks will **reduce duplication** and **enhance overall service**.

Track 4 will create a **one-stop welcome/help center** for employees, retirees, and students. Welcome center staff will **address most questions directly**, **triage and track complex issues**, and develop **new employee-service tools**.

Track 5: Welcome Center Construction

Renovate USB space to accommodate the new welcome center and enhance building security

Track 5 will provide **physical facilities** for the welcome center and UHR reception. Renovations will **enhance building security** and **reclaim underutilized space**.

