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A. PURPOSE

Travel outside the boundaries of the United State, and its territories requires PRIOR written approval of the appropriate Vice resident and the Provost or President. The purpose of this procedure is provide needed guidance to University employees for international travel.

B. DESIGNATED STAFF & RESPONSANCE DEPARTMENT(S)

Individual travelers Budget Unit Directors Office of Finance

C. PROCESSING CYCL

Daily or upon negatising for business travel

D. REQUIRED ÆSOURCE MATERIALS

Pre-Approval Request – online in Chrome River Expense Report – online in Chrome River Business Related Meal Expense State0 g0 se

APPROVED BY: Melissa Snowden EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/20/09

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 a. When it does not cost more than the lowest available tourist/coach fare (comparison must be attached to the Expense Report) or

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- b. For travel to Western Europe if the business meeting is conducted within three hours of landing, or
- c. For transoceanic, intercontinental trips involving flight time of more than eight consecutive hours, or
- d. If the traveler pays the difference.
- 6. Reimbursement for first-class travel is prohibited.
- 7. A higher level of coach class service that charges a premium for a desired seat is an upgrade or enhancement to the coach fare and is not reimbursable.
- **8.** Boarding passes are required for all air and rail reimbursements if procured via the Internet.
- **9.** Personal mileage reimbursement for out-of-country travel will be at the rate established in the current Appropriations Act.
- **10.** The Commonwealth of Virginia uses the lodging and M&IE per diem rates for foreign travel as defined by the Federal Government and for non-foreign, non-contiguous United States areas by location (refer to procedure 6-706).

For Non-Foreign, Non-Contiguous U.S. Areas by Location (GSA OCONUS) Rates for cities and countries outside the 48 contiguous states can be found at the following web site by selecting "Other Per Diem Rates" and choosing the appropriate year in the left-hand column and then the current updated Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowance for Non-Foreign areas. If a specific city is not listed, use the "Other" rate shown for that country. The M&IE portion of the maximum per diem rate covers the cost of meals as well as incidental expenses.

https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp

<u>Foreign Locations by Area</u> - International travel destinations may justify higher reimbursement amounts. The Commonwealth of Virginia uses the lodging and M&IE per diem rates for foreign travel as defined by the U.S. General Services Administration. Please note that for travel reimbursement

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purposes, Alaska and Hawaii are considered international destinations, even though they are part of the United States (refer to GSA OCONUS rates). The Secretary of State establishes these maximum rates of per diem allowances for travel in foreign areas.

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Records Retention:

All original travel documentation for reimbursements processed in Chrome River must be centrally maintained in a department file for a minimum of three (3) years and/or until audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) and/or Department of Accounts (DOA) per CAPP Topic 20310. After three years, all records may be disposed of in accordance with the University's Records Management Program.

Contacts:

For questions regarding this procedure and/or practice contact the Accounts Payable Manager at 683-4813 or the Accounts Payable Travel Supervisor at 683-5020.

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