Beacon 7.01 Release Notes

Welcome to Beacon 7.01! We added several timely features to help with the end of fiscal year closeout and user experience productivity enhancements across the Beacon stack.

Highlights from this release

- **New! Near-real time Unposted Transactions available in Beacon Finance**
- New! Better open commitment tracking in Beacon Finance
- More improvements to FLOW, including: opt-out email notifications, to-do checklist document management and a heap of minor user experience enhancements.
- Toggle on/off official field highlights & new upstream data source tracking in Beacon HR.

Specifics

Module	What we did	Why we did it
HR	Modified the FPS As-Of date to reflect the date the HR FPS data was last processed.	Previously, the FPS As-Of date reflected the most recent date of new incoming FPS HR data. Some days, the process runs, but there is no new FPS data to process.
HR	New! Position Count by SAC Code Report	A quick way to view Lead AO, Lead AT, Boss and position counts across your organization.
HR	Provided the ability for users to toggle on highlighted official fields permanently across the HR application as well as provided upstream data source information for official fields.	Previously, you could temporarily highlight official fields on each screen, but it was difficult to know which fields were official across the HR application at a glance. Now, you can toggle on permanent highlighting of official fields. In addition, if you hover over the official field, it will now tell you whether the data was sourced from CapHR, FPS or NED.
FLOW	Individual users can opt-out of email notifications.	Many high level approvers prefer to approve FLOW requests in batches and were receiving too many emails.
FLOW	Added FLOW initiator column to Beacon FLOW list screen to track the origin of the workflow process	This makes it easier to determine who created this FLOW at a glance.
FLOW	New! FLOW Checklist Feature. Your interactive to-do list.	When you're uploading files into FLOW, you can check off which files have already been uploaded previously for a given FLOW route.

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FLOW	FLOW signature validation ensures that Approvers remember to sign document	Sometimes Approvers were just clicking the *Done* button without signing the document.
FLOW	Document link appears only on Completed workflows on Beacon FLOW list screen	Previously, the document link was appearing before it was ready for review.
Finance	New! We now have near real-time unposted transactions which update hourly. This includes a new unposted transactions screen as well as the ability to add unposted obligations to your account structure screen. You can also use the new unposted obligations column in your custom columns to get a timelier Balance of Accounts.	In order to show you unposted Financial transactions in a timelier manner to support end of fiscal year closeout, we added unposted transactions.
Finance	New! Link from open commitments to see commitment details on the Open Commitments screen.	In order to better support tracking open commitments during the end of year fiscal closeout, we added a commitments detail link so you can work faster.