Beacon 7.04 Release Notes

Beacon 7.04 has arrived, and with it, some new functionality to explore.

Highlights from this release

- **Throughout:** Shifted the help icon to the top of the page.
- **Beacon FLOW:** Added new paging and sorting options on the list page, the ability to change due dates as needed, and ability to add supporting documentation and notes outside the approval process.
- **Beacon Finance:** Added alerts for duplicate CANs, as well as ability to set preferences about which FY to show you by default when you log in.
- **Beacon HR:** Improved column filtering options on Positions list, and improved the logic for updating supervisors automatically when end dates are provided for an employee.

Specifics

Module	What we did	Why we did it
ALL	Moved the help icon to the top right menu area.	The floating help icon blocked part of the page contents in the bottom left corner, especially in Finance. We relocated it to the top of the page throughout Beacon to eliminate this user interface issue.
FLOW	Added paging and sorting options to FLOW list page.	Now you can more easily find specific workflows via page and sorting features as the number of your workflows increases at you institute.
FLOW	Added ability to change the end date of a FLOW task at any point in the process.	Deadlines sometimes change once the workflow is underway and FLOW now supports agile workflows with changing deadlines.
FLOW	You can now append supporting documents that don't need to be part of the routing and approval process.	Sometimes there are cases where adding additional documentation or minor adjustments at the EO level to the package after it has been approved makes sense and does not require re-routing the entire package back to inception. Sometimes, you may want to add supporting artifacts after the package is approved.
FLOW	Added optional notes at review/approval points.	Now you can collaborate with peers and share notes throughout the routing process.

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Finance	Added alerts for duplicate CANs in view structures.	Duplicate CANs in a view skew the aggregate numbers across Finance. Now you can get an alert for cases where there is a duplicate can in a view.
Finance	You can opt to always default to the current FY when you log in, rather than the FY you looked at last. This can be set in your Finance profile page.	Often, it's convenient to apply default settings in Beacon Finance that you use most often. Here's an addition to your default settings so you can get back to work more quickly.
HR	Improved and expanded column filtering options on the Positions list screen. Now you can add multiple columns and conditions and save your choices to make reports on the fly.	Many of you use the Positions screen as an ad-hoc reporting tool. We've expanded this capability. Column filtering is now its own control and allows you to specify ranges, exact matches, and other conditional filters based on data type. Any filters you add can be part of saved searches.