

Effortless Facts: February 2017 Edition

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*Changes were made to ecrt to ensure appropriate faculty have access necessary to certify federal effort. These **enhancements** will only affect a limited number of effort statements. Please review the attached email “Changes to ecrt User Access Groups” to learn more about these changes and determine whether there is any impact in your area.*



*We will be offering a **Faculty Effort Reporting Workshop** on Thursday, February 16th from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. Please encourage any faculty member in your area who is new to or has questions about the certification process to attend. Registration is available on our website: <https://www.cfo.pitt.edu/fcr/workshops/register.php>*



*If you have concerns about or anticipate a SPAR modification to an effort statement, it is best to **place the statement on hold** to prevent an inappropriate certification. Remove the hold as soon as the situation is resolved. The **PI certification window will not be extended** for the time the statement was unavailable.*

**As a professional courtesy, do not remove a hold placed by someone else, particularly by a Central Administrator, without contacting them to ensure the reason for the hold has been resolved.*