1. **Announcements**
   - **New Purchasing Services Staff:**
     - Randy Poesy: new buyer focused on facilities purchases
     - David Rovetto: new buyer focused on contracts
     - Chris Long: new office assistant
     - Carrie Johnson: new fiscal specialist in University Stores
   - **Contract Management System:** Thank you to everyone who took time earlier this year to provide us with input on our requisition process. Your number 1 request was to create an electronic requisition system. You have spoken and we have listened! WSU is acquiring a new contract management system that will eventually replace the entire requisition process for all Purchase Orders, Blankets, and Contracts (including contracts going to the Contracts Office or the Real Estate Office). Purchasing Services will be setting up a working group composed of people from various departments to execute the implementation. Contact lauralea.edwards@wsu.edu if you have interest or questions.
   - **Spend Compass Enhancements:** Contact lauralea.edwards@wsu.edu if you want a demonstration of the new enhancements.
   - **P-Card Updates:**
     - Over the next several months, card information will be updated to reference cardholders’ date of birth and last four of their SSNs.
     - Revisions to BPPM 70.08 are expected to be published any day now. Revisions include allowing food purchases on PCard (alcohol restrictions will remain unchanged). Changes will take place once policy is published and members of the purchasing-news listserv will be notified when the new policy is published. Questions: contact jeff.senkevich@wsu.edu To sign up for notifications, go to http://lists.wsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/purchasing-news
   - **Requisition Lead-time:** A friendly reminder to submit requisitions at least 30 days ahead of when you need your goods or services to be delivered; for contracts, 30 days in advance of period of performance. In addition, Purchasing Services would like to thank everyone for their patience through Purchasing Service’s changes in personnel. Purchasing Services is working as quickly as possible to eliminate the backlog that built up while our staff was transitioning.
   - **Direct Buy Changes:** A possible change in federal regulations that would lower the direct buy limit on federal grants to $3,000 has been postponed for institutions of higher education. The initial reprieve will definitely be effective through June 30, 2015. The exact expiration date of the reprieve is still being worked out and Purchasing Services will keep departments informed as things develop.
• **Update on Produce Bid:** WSU is collaborating with Eastern Washington University to contract for produce on campus. Timeline posted within next 2 weeks

2. **Questions**
   • What is the status of the project to clean up object and sub-objects?
     • This project has been pushed back as a result of WSU’s migration to PaymentNet4. We expect the project to begin moving again in October. If you are interested in participating on this project or are facing hardships as a result of this project getting postponed, please contact joy.morton@wsu.edu
   • P-Card Alcohol Purchasing Policy?
     • There will be no changes to the alcohol purchasing policy. Alcohol purchases on the PCard are still prohibited.
   • Copy Machine Purchasing Policy?
     • Please see [http://purchasing.wsu.edu/vendoragreements.html](http://purchasing.wsu.edu/vendoragreements.html) for a list of all copier vendors WSU currently has contracts with. If you are having difficulties with an existing contract, please contact paul.papiese@wsu.edu
   • Will the tax exemption on research equipment be going away soon?
     • The tax exemption on research equipment is still valid and is expected to continue into the foreseeable future.
   • How to get on Purchasing Listserv?
     • To sign up for the Purchasing News listserv visit [http://lists.wsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/purchasing-news](http://lists.wsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/purchasing-news)
   • Listening Tour sign up?
     • If you are interested in having Purchasing Services come to visit your department to get more acquainted with your department’s unique procurement needs, contact lauralea.edwards@wsu.edu