

# Recruit Release Notes Changes Launching 2017-01-26

## Committee Chair Survey see it on your QA site

This sprint we made some quality of life changes to the survey, namely allowing users to **click in the general area of a radio button** to select it and **unanswered questions are now highlighted** when you try to submit them.

d	Made committee members aware of "best practices" regarding hiring diverse faculty.
e	Required transparency regarding pre-existing relationships of committee members (perhaps "recusing" in cases where lo evaluation/have undue influence).
f	Conducted retrospective analyses of recent faculty recruitment (Were the applicant pools/finalists appropriately diverse?) during the current job search.

We also changed the **affirmative action statement** at the top of the survey, but that's not as fancy.

## Soft Offer Status

- Soft offer extended:** A verbal or informal offer details
- Declined soft offer:** The applicant decline given

We have launched the soft offer status project! In order to allow campuses to maintain a record of informal offers and offer declines, we have added two new applicant statuses: **soft offer extended** and **declined soft offer**.

## Recruitments

Visit/Seminar Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

Contact [Katheryn Smith V](#) with any questions about this visit/seminar

Title	Meet and greet
<b>Event</b>	
10:00am-11:00am (Jan 3, 2017) Breakfast (Dining hall)	
<a href="#">+ Add event</a>	

In our efforts to build a unified applicant page, this sprint we **added applicant visit/seminar management to the review page**. The rest of your favorite features from the applicant's manage page are making their way over soon.

Reference request emails will now include a **link to the recruitment description** for which the requesting applicant is applying. This will provide the reference with some context from which they can base their letter of reference. We can't write those letters for you, though.

For more information about the position, see <https://recruit.ap.uci.edu:31002/apply/JPF00986>

At your convenience, please consider providing this letter electronically by using the following information:

Easy Login Link:  
<https://recruit.ap.uci.edu:31002/r/a/46217/d539506f55317691081f1e9379ac69dd>

## Special Characters

We have also made a large backend change that now allows Recruit to accept **special characters** in every text field. Previously, a special character like a  $\pi$  or a would have caused an error. Now, any user can input as many  $\pi$  symbols as they wish.

## Documentation

We've made some serious headway in **documenting all the emails sent by Recruit!** You can find them in the new Online Helpdocs section titled "Notifications." You'll also find a new description of Search Waiver locking functionality in the Waivers documentation section.

## Bugs 'n Stuff

- Attempting to submit a blank reference letter will no longer make Recruit explode. References will still have to submit a (non-blank) letter.
- On Search Reports, applicants who did not complete their application (or did not meet basic qualifications) before the final review date were confusingly put into a section adjacent to other review dates that implied there was a ghost review date in the future. Now, they're called out explicitly as incomplete.
- In case you missed it, last sprint we had a record-setting bug-hunt sprint where we squashed a whopping 63 bugs. You can find the full list [here](#).