



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT

1 **Policy Title:** External Audit Notification and Reporting

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3 **APS Number:** 2003

APS Functional Area: FINANCE

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6 **Brief Description:** Associate Vice President for Internal Audit is responsible for reporting the status of external and internal audit activities to the Board of Regents. This policy sets forth the University's process for reporting external audit activities.

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10 **Effective Date:** ~~July 1, 2014~~ January 1, 2025 (Pending)

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12 **Approved by:** President ~~Bruce D. Benson~~ Todd Saliman (Pending)

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14 **Responsible University Officer:** President ~~Bruce D. Benson~~ Todd Saliman

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16 **Responsible Office:** Department of Internal Audit

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18 **Policy Contact:** The appropriate campus Controller or audit liaison, who will consult with the Associate Vice President for Internal Audit as appropriate, will respond to questions and provide guidance regarding interpretation of this policy.

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22 **Supersedes:** July ~~14, 2009~~ 14

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24 **Last Reviewed/Updated:** ~~July 1, 2014~~ January 1, 2025 (Pending)

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26 **Applies to:** All Campuses

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29 **Reason for Policy:** The Associate Vice President for Internal Audit is responsible for reporting the status of external and internal audit activities to the Board or Regents. Transparency and collaboration throughout the process provide the Board of Regents with a holistic view on risks and audit recommendations noted by the auditors and help avoid redundancy in assurance activities. This policy sets forth the University's process for reporting external audit activities.

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35 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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37 The University is routinely subjected to audits performed by the Department of Internal Audit and by a variety of external auditors. ~~Because a~~ audits or similar formal reviews differ greatly in their nature and extent; To assist the Board of Regents Audit Committee in fulfilling their charge of risk oversight, as supported by the Department of Internal Audit, and to provide a holistic risk perspective, avoid redundancy in audit activities, and enhance support of the campuses and System Administration, it is important to have timely insight into ~~understand~~ the external audit activities, auditor's process, the scope and objectives of the particular audit project, and the possible impact of the audit results on the University. This policy clarifies the University process for reporting external audit activities.

45 II. POLICY STATEMENTS

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- ~~1. Whenever an external audit agency contacts a University employee or unit to perform an audit, the Department of Internal Audit must be notified.~~
- 1. System Administration and Each campus are responsible for developing policies and procedures a documented process for collection and dissemination of external audit-related information to assure timely evaluation of and response to audit findings and recommendations for audits in process.
- 2. ~~To avoid to the extent possible the redundancy of audit activity and~~ To comply with the provisions of the Federal "Single Audit Act," the Department of Internal Audit will ~~maintain a record~~ consider the impact of external audit activity on its annual audit plan and report ~~this relevant~~ information to the Board of Regent Audit Committee, as required.
- ~~3. Each campus is responsible for developing policies and procedures for dissemination of audit related information to assure timely evaluation of and response to audit findings and recommendations for audits in process.~~
- 43. System Administration and Each campus are responsible for establishing and maintaining a documented process for monitoring the status of open audit recommendations specific to the individual campus or System Administration. ~~The Associate Vice President for Finance is responsible for maintaining a process~~ An appropriate University officer will be assigned to ~~for monitoring~~ the status of audit recommendations with university-wide application impact.
- 54. A designated campus or System Administration representative shall timely notify the Department of Internal Audit in writing about external agency audits after the commencement of such audit or review, or at least quarterly. The Associate Vice President for Internal Audit System Administration and the campuses will shall provide the Board of Regent Audit Committee a ~~periodic~~ quarterly report summarizing the new, ongoing, and completed external audits and the implementation status of audit recommendations.

III. HISTORY

Revised January 1, 2025 (Pending)

- Non-substantive changes June 3, 2015. Title change from Director of Internal Audit to Associate Vice President for Internal Audit.
- Revised July 1, 2014
- Revised July 1, 2009
- Initially Issued January 1, 1992