

AGENDA

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Meeting: **3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2018**
 Glenn S. Dumke Auditorium

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Hugo N. Morales, Vice Chair
Jack McGrory
Lateefah Simon

- Consent** 1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of July 24, 2018, *Action*
- Discussion** 2. Status Report on Current and Follow-up Internal Audit Assignments, *Information*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
COMMITTEE ON AUDIT**

**Trustees of the California State University
Office of the Chancellor
Glenn S. Dumke Conference Center
401 Golden Shore
Long Beach, California**

July 24, 2018

Members Present

Douglas Faigin, Chair
Jack McGrory
Adam Day, Chairman of the Board
Timothy P. White, Chancellor

Trustee Douglas Faigin called the meeting to order.

Public Comments

A representative of the California State University Employees Union spoke about a recent California State Auditor report pertaining to health and safety compliance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 24, 2018, were approved as submitted.

Status Report on Current and Follow-up Internal Audit Assignments

Mr. Larry Mandel, vice chancellor and chief audit officer, provided a status on the 2018 audit plan and follow-up on past audit assignments. Mr. Mandel explained that updates to the status report are displayed in green numerals and indicate progress toward or completion of recommendations since the distribution of the agenda. Audit assignments for 2018 for 20 areas are currently in process and include a variety of topics.

Mr. Mandel reported that the campuses and the Chancellor's Office continue to complete recommendations on a timely basis. Consultative reviews continue to be offered through the advisory services function and investigations are performed as needed.

Additionally, Mr. Mandel provided information on two external audits recently completed by the California State Auditor pertaining to health and safety compliance and higher education

compliance with the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Crime Statistics Act. An overview of the recommendations from each respective report and timeline for follow-up responses was presented. Mr. Mandel noted that beginning in 2019 Audit and Advisory Services will be conducting health and safety compliance audits similar to those conducted by the state auditor at the 19 CSU campuses not included in the state auditor's review and will eventually conduct follow-up reviews at the four campuses reviewed by the state auditor.

Revenue Generation Enhancement Opportunities

Mr. Mandel presented a proposal for a review of system-wide and campus policies, procedures, and outcomes related to revenue generation beyond state appropriations, student fees, and philanthropy, and the procurement of outside consulting services to conduct such a review and subsequently provide a report to the Committee on Finance. Trustee Faigin outlined his interest in pursuing reliable and acceptable new revenue enhancement opportunities.

Following the presentation of the item, trustees discussed various options and considerations for evaluating and potentially pursuing the proposal. Mr. Steve Relyea, executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer, provided information on what campus chief financial officers have been working on with regard to identifying and pursuing new revenue opportunities. Chancellor White suggested consideration of a chancellor-appointed task force to work on the proposal. Trustee McGrory made a motion directing the formation of a taskforce to evaluate how to move forward on the item and Trustee Faigin seconded the motion. Trustees discussed the various options and considerations of a trustee directed task force and a chancellor-appointed task force. President of California State University, Chico, Gayle Hutchinson, amongst others, expressed support for a chancellor-appointed task force. Trustee McGrory withdrew his motion directing the formation of a task force and Trustee Faigin withdrew his second.

Trustee Faigin adjourned the Committee on Audit.

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT

Status Report on Current and Follow-up Internal Audit Assignments

Presentation By

Larry Mandel
Vice Chancellor and Chief Audit Officer
Audit and Advisory Services

Summary

This item includes both a status report on the 2018 audit plan and follow-up on past assignments. For the 2018 year, assignments were made to develop and execute individual campus audit plans; conduct audits of Information Technology (IT), Sponsored Programs and Construction; implement continuous auditing techniques; and to provide advisory services and investigation reviews. Follow-up on current and past assignments was also being conducted on approximately 35 completed campus reviews. Attachment A summarizes the audit assignments in tabular form.

AUDITS

General Audits

The new organization structure provides for individual campus audit plans that are better aligned with campus and auxiliary organization risks. Risk assessments and initial audit plans have been completed for all campuses. Eighteen campus reports have been completed, fieldwork is being conducted at five campuses, report writing is being completed for four campuses, and seven reports are awaiting a campus response prior to finalization.

Information Technology Audits

The initial audit plan indicated that reviews of Information Security, IT Disaster Recovery, Cloud Computing, and Decentralized Computing would be performed at those campuses where a greater degree of risk was perceived for each topic. Scheduled reviews may also include campus-specific concerns or follow-up on prior campus issues. Five campus reports have been completed, fieldwork is being conducted at two campuses, report writing is being completed for three campuses, and three reports are awaiting a campus response prior to finalization.

Sponsored Programs

The initial audit plan indicated that reviews of both post-award and pre-award activities would be performed. Post-award areas to be reviewed include operational, administrative, and financial controls to determine adherence to both sponsor terms and conditions, and applicable policies, procedures, and regulations. Pre-award reviews emphasize compliance with conflict-of-interest and training requirements. Scheduled reviews may also include campus-specific concerns or follow-up on prior campus issues relating to sponsored programs activities. Three campus reports have been completed, fieldwork is being conducted at one campus, and one report is awaiting a campus response prior to finalization.

Construction

The initial audit plan indicated that reviews of recently completed construction projects, including activities performed by the campus, general contractor, and selected subcontractors would be performed. Areas to be reviewed include approval of project design, budget and funding; administration of the bid and award process; the closeout process; and overall project accounting and reporting. One campus report has been completed, fieldwork is being conducted for one project, report writing is being completed for one review, and one report is awaiting a campus response prior to finalization.

ADVISORY SERVICES

Audit and Advisory Services partners with management to identify solutions for business issues, offer opportunities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operating areas, and assist with special requests, while ensuring the consideration of related internal control issues. Advisory services are more consultative in nature than traditional audits and are performed in response to requests from campus management. The goal is to enhance awareness of risk, control and compliance issues and to provide a proactive independent review and appraisal of specifically identified concerns. Reviews are ongoing.

INVESTIGATIONS

Audit and Advisory Services is periodically called upon to provide investigative reviews, which are often the result of alleged misappropriations or conflicts of interest. Further, whistleblower investigations are being performed on an ongoing basis, both by referral from the state auditor and directly from the CSU Chancellor's Office. In addition, the investigations unit tracks external audits being conducted by state and federal agencies and offers assistance to campuses undergoing such audits.

CONTINUOUS AUDITING TECHNIQUES

The initial audit plan indicated that continuous auditing techniques for more focused and higher quality audits would be implemented and used to review credit card data for twelve campuses. Continuous auditing uses data analytics tools and techniques to analyze large volumes of data, look for anomalies and trends, and complement the existing risk assessment process. Reviews are ongoing.

COMMITTEES/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Audit and Advisory Services is periodically called upon to provide consultation to the campuses and/or to participate on committees such as those related to information systems implementation and policy development, and to perform special projects.

AUDIT SUPPORT

Annual Risk Assessment

Audit and Advisory Services annually conducts a risk assessment to determine the areas of highest risk to the system, as well as campus-specific risks.

Administration

Day-to-day administration of the Audit and Advisory Services division includes such tasks as scheduling, personnel administration, maintenance of department standards and protocols, administration of the department's automated workpaper system and SharePoint website, and department quality assurance and improvement.

**Status Report on Current and Past
Audit Assignments
(as of 9/7/2018)**

Campus	Audit Topic	Audit Plan Year	Audit Status	Follow-up on Current and Past Audit Assignments	
				*Recs	**Mo.
Bakersfield	Athletics Fund-Raising	2017	AC	0/5	8
	Cashiering	2018	AC	0/7	2
Channel Islands	Counseling & Psychological Services	2018	AC	0/8	1
Chico	Academic Department Fiscal Review	2018	AC	0/10	3
	Information Security	2018	AI		
	Student Health Services	2018	RW		
Dominguez Hills	Const. - Central Plt. Cooling Twr. & Domestic and Fire Water Line Repl.	2018	RW		
	Centers and Institutes	2018	AI		
	International Activities	2018	FW		
East Bay	Sponsored Programs - Post Award	2017	AC	5/5	-
	International Activities	2018	AC	3/6	5
	Cloud Computing	2018	RW		
Fresno	Const. - Jordan Research Building	2017	AC	4/4	-
	Student Organizations	2018	AC	3/4	4
	Agricultural Foundation	2018	AI		
	Fresno Athletic Corporation	2018	AI		
	Cloud Computing	2018	FW		
Fullerton	Information Security	2018	AC	0/7	3
	Student Health Services	2018	AC	2/5	3
	Const. - One Banting	2018	AI		
Humboldt	Extended Education	2017	AC	4/5	9
	Information Security	2018	AC	0/5	1
	Cashiering	2018	AI		
Long Beach	Student Organizations	2018	AC	6/7	4
	Const. - Pkg. Lot 7 Expansion & Psy. Brain Lab Renovation	2018	AC	1/1	-
	Cashiering	2018	RW		
Los Angeles	Police Services	2018	AC	0/2	2
	Decentralized Computing	2018	FW		
Maritime Academy	Hazardous Materials Management	2018	AC	9/9	-
	Associated Students	2018	RW		
Monterey Bay	Hazardous Materials Management	2018	AC	2/10	4
	IT Disaster Recovery	2018	AI		
Northridge	Student Organizations and Sport Clubs	2017	AC	3/5	6
	Northridge Foundation	2018	AI		
	Sponsored Programs - Post Award	2018	FW		
Pomona	Cashiering	2018	AC	3/4	4
	Information Security	2018	AC	0/12	1
	Special Investigation - Reimb. Claims, Time Rptg. & Add'l Employment	2017	AC	0/8	1
	Associated Students Incorporated	2018	FW		
Sacramento	Sponsored Programs - Post Award	2018	AC	1/3	4
	IT Disaster Recovery	2018	RW		

**Status Report on Current and Past
Audit Assignments
(as of 9/7/2018)**

Campus	Audit Topic	Audit Plan Year	Audit Status	Follow-up on Current and Past Audit Assignments	
				*Recs	**Mo.
San Bernardino	Police Services	2017	AC	3/3	-
	Emergency Management	2018	AC	0/5	1
	Const. - Std. Housing & Dining Commons	2018	FW		
San Diego	Student Disability Support	2018	AC	3/7	4
	Academic Department Fiscal Review	2018	AC	0/2	1
	Decentralized Computing	2018	RW		
San Francisco	International Activities	2017	AC	2/2	-
	Academic Department Fiscal Review	2017	AC	4/4	-
	Decentralized Computing	2017	AC	0/18	5
	Centers and Institutes	2018	AC	0/4	2
	Sponsored Programs - Pre Award	2018	AI		
	Accounts Receivable	2018	RW		
	Decentralized Computing	2018	AC	4/13	3
San Jose	Housing and Residential Services	2018	AI		
	IT Disaster Recovery	2018	AC	0/4	4
	Student Health Services	2018	AC	3/4	3
San Luis Obispo	Cal Poly Corporation	2018	FW		
	Student Health Services	2018	AC	0/7	4
	Sponsored Programs - Pre Award	2018	AC	0/3	1
San Marcos	Information Security	2017	AC	7/7	-
	Student Organizations	2018	AC	0/6	3
	IT Disaster Recovery	2018	AI		
	Sonoma State Enterprises	2018	FW		
Stanislaus	Student Disability Support	2017	AC	7/7	-
	Instructionally Related Activity Fees	2018	FW		
Chancellor's Office	Information Security	2017	AC	7/9	6
	Sponsored Programs - Post Award	2018	AC	0/0	-
	SD - Const. - Open Air Theater Improv. and Confucius Institute Renov.	2017	AC	1/1	-
	FRE - Const. - Jordan Research Building	2017	AC	0/1	5
	Emergency Management	2018	AI		
Systemwide	Sponsored Programs - Indirect Costs	2017	AC	1/1	-
	Student Organizations	2017	AC	0/1	5

Status

FW - Field Work In Progress

RW - Report Writing in Progress

AI - Audit Incomplete (awaiting formal exit conference and/or campus response)

AC - Audit Complete

Follow-Up

* The number of recommendations satisfactorily addressed followed by the number of recommendations in the original report.

** The number of months recommendations have been outstanding from date of report.

Numbers/letters in green are updates since the agenda mailout.