

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Name: Audit Committee

Date: May 20, 2015

Title: Proposed Amendment to Policy 1D.1 Office of Internal Auditing (First Reading)

Purpose (check one):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed
New Policy or
Amendment to
Existing Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals
Required by
Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring /
Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Information | |

Brief Description:

Policy 1D.1 Office of Internal Auditing was reviewed by the Office of Internal Auditing. Changes are proposed throughout the policy to clean up language and to comply with changes to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, cabinet, then sent out for formal consultation from the presidents, employee representative groups, student associations and campus leadership groups. All comments received from the consultation were taken into consideration.

Scheduled Presenter(s):

Beth Buse, Executive Director, Office of Internal Auditing

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BOARD POLICY		1D.1
Chapter	1	SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION
Section	D	Office Of Internal Auditing

1D.1 OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING.

Part 1. Mission. The mission of the ~~Office-office~~ of ~~Internal-internal Auditing-auditing~~ is to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting ~~services-activity~~ designed to add value and improve the operations of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Internal ~~Auditing-auditing~~ helps the ~~Boardboard-of-Trustees~~, ~~C~~chancellor, presidents, and ~~all~~ other levels of management accomplish their objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

~~**Part 2. Values and Principles.** The Office of Internal Auditing is committed to shall:~~

- ~~• Supporting the success of public higher education, including (student success and learning);~~
- ~~• Practicing with integrity, honesty, and objectivity;~~
- ~~• Complying with professional and ethical standards;~~
- ~~• Protecting confidentiality of information;~~
- ~~• Conveying results first to appropriate management (no public surprises) and as necessary to other stakeholders;~~
- ~~• Promoting accessibility to internal auditing services, both geographically and by fostering relationships with campus personnel;~~
- ~~• Understanding the unique needs of individual institutions;~~
- ~~• Maintaining excellence through innovative and proactive methodologies, professional development, and continuous learning; and~~
- ~~• Celebrating success.~~

Part 32. Vision Statement. The ~~Office-office~~ of ~~Internal-internal Auditing-auditing~~ is a catalyst for improvement.

Part 43. Standards of Practice. Internal ~~Auditing-auditing~~ activities ~~will~~ must be conducted in compliance with ~~the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities board policies and system procedures.~~ as well as with the In addition, ~~the Office of Internal A auditing shall comply with relevant professional standards and the Institute of Internal Auditors' mandatory guidance including the Definition of Internal Auditing, the Code of Ethics, and the~~ International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards). ~~International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the Code of Ethics promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.~~

Part 54. Services. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing shall be an advocate to improve and maintain accountability and promote the proper management oversight of the system office, and college and university programs and activities. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing is intended to complement, and not replace, other services available either on campuses or in the system office. It has particular expertise in topics such as auditing, accounting, internal controls, financial risk management, and information technology. When dealing with matters outside its expertise, ~~Internal~~ internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing shall seek the assistance of ~~other~~ experts in the organization or obtain external consultative services, ~~if~~ as necessary. It offers the following types of services in order to assist the ~~Board~~ board ~~of Trustees~~, ~~Chancellor~~ chancellor and presidents in accomplishing their objectives and in improving operations.

- a. **Subpart A. Assurance Services** consist of examinations designed to inform interested stakeholders about the reliability and accuracy of information and information systems. System-wide topics may be selected by formal action of the ~~B~~ board ~~of Trustees~~. Internal ~~A~~ auditing may also enter into agreements to conduct special studies requested by the ~~Chancellor~~ chancellor or a president. Studies may focus on (1) compliance with board policies, laws, and regulations, (2) reliability of information, (3) economy and efficiency of operations, (4) effectiveness in meeting goals and objectives, (5) design and effectiveness of information technology security controls, or (6) safeguarding of assets. Internal ~~A~~ auditing shall coordinate all audit-related activities conducted by the Office of the Legislative Auditor and external auditors within MnSCU. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing must follow-up on audit findings generated by either internal or external audits to monitor and ensure that management actions have been effectively implemented or that senior management has accepted the risk of not taking action. ~~findings are satisfactorily resolved.~~
- b. **Subpart B. Fraud Inquiry and Investigation Support Services** are intended to augment the efforts of colleges and universities to ensure that evidence of fraud or dishonest acts is investigated professionally and promptly. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing shall ~~look to consult with~~ legal counsel ~~for leadership~~ on any issues that may involve criminal action or reveal potential legal exposures. ~~Internal A auditing shall notify~~ It is recognized that these matters must be reported ~~to the Legislative~~ legislative Auditor ~~auditor~~ as required by state law.
- c. **Subpart C. Professional Advice** shall promote an understanding and implementation of state laws and rules, federal laws and regulations, board policies and system procedures, professional accounting and auditing standards, and best practices in management ~~and organizational development~~. ~~Advice may be communicated in response to questions for which Internal Auditing has expertise, through availability of self-assessment tools, by broadly relaying or publicizing information on selected topics, or by offering workshops, offering education and training opportunities workshops and inservices on-site or via technology such as webinars.~~

Part 65. Authority and Responsibilities. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing has the authority to audit all parts of ~~MnSCU~~ the system and ~~shall be~~ is granted full and complete access to all ~~MnSCU~~ system records ~~(manual or electronic)~~, physical properties and personnel relevant to any services provided according to this policy. Access ~~is also~~ shall ~~must be~~ be granted without limitation ~~limitation, by contract,~~ to relevant records of all ~~MnSCU~~ system related foundation agreements, contractors, and partners ~~other written agreements~~. The internal-audit activity shall be free from interference in determining the scope of work and communicating results. Documents and information given to internal auditors shall be handled in compliance with ~~provisions of~~ the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and other applicable laws.

Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing shall have no direct authority over or responsibility for any of the activities or operations ~~they~~ it ~~reviews~~. Unless extenuating circumstances dictate, internal auditors should not develop and implement procedures, prepare records or engage in activities which would normally be reviewed by ~~Internal~~ internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing. Internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing may review proposed systems and processes prior to implementation to assure adequate controls will exist.

Part 76. Organization.

Subpart A. Reporting sStructure. ~~The E~~ Executive D ~~director of Internal Auditing~~ reports directly to the ~~Board~~ board of Trustees through the ~~C~~ Chair of the ~~Board of Trustees~~ Audit C ~~Committee~~. The executive director has direct and unrestricted access to the Bboard. The ~~C~~ Chancellor ~~will~~ shall handle matters related to audit departmental operations in consultation with the ~~C~~ Chair of the ~~A~~ Audit C ~~Committee~~.

Subpart B. Annual Audit Plan. ~~The E~~ Executive D ~~director of Internal Auditing~~ shall present and seek approval from ~~to~~ the ~~A~~ Audit C ~~Committee~~ on an annual audit plan based on a system-wide audit risk assessment. The plan shall include all ~~Internal~~ internal ~~Auditing~~ auditing and external audit activities planned for the ensuing fiscal year. In addition, the plan shall include the Iinternal Aauditing budget and resource allocation. The ~~E~~ Executive D ~~director~~ shall report to the audit committee any significant changes to the audit plan throughout the year.

Subpart C. Reporting sSignificant vViolations. ~~The Executive Director has direct and unrestricted access to the Board of Trustees.~~ ~~The E~~ Executive D ~~director~~ has the right and responsibility to report to the ~~Trustees~~ board any circumstances that are significant violations of ~~internal~~ MnSCU controls, board ~~policy~~ ies or system procedures and any other matters that the ~~E~~ Executive D ~~director~~ believes warrant ~~Trustee~~ notification. Internal ~~A~~ auditing is a function shared with the ~~C~~ Chancellor and the presidents. ~~Therefore,~~ ~~t~~ ~~The E~~ Executive D ~~director~~ has the right and responsibility to report any matters to the ~~C~~ Chancellor and presidents that warrant their notification or assist them in improving their operations.

The appointment, removal, and compensation of the executive director shall be consistent with Policy 1A.4, Part 5.

Part 87. Internal Auditing Data. ~~As required by~~In accordance with Minnesota Statutes ~~Section §~~ 13.392, ~~Subdivision subd.~~ 1, data notes, and preliminary drafts of reports created, collected, and maintained by ~~Internal-internal Auditing-auditing~~ are confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic data while work is in progress. The final report is public data, except as provided under ~~the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act~~Minn. Stat. ch. 13 or other applicable law.

~~Also, as required by Minnesota Statutes Section 13.392, Subdivision 2,~~In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 13.392 subd. 2, data on an individual supplying information for an audit or investigation that could reasonably be used to determine the individual's identity, ~~are shall be classified as~~ private data on individuals if the information supplied was needed for an audit or investigation and would not have been provided to ~~Internal-internal Auditing-auditing~~ without an assurance to the individual that the individual's identity would remain private.

Part 98. Reporting.

Subpart A. Distribution of Reports. Internal ~~Auditing-auditing~~ reports resulting from services requested by the ~~Audit C~~ommittee shall be distributed to ~~all members of the Board of Trustees.~~ ~~Copies of these reports also shall be distributed to management as appropriate.~~ The ~~E~~xecutive ~~D~~irector shall enter into an agreement with the ~~C~~hancellor, other senior administrators, or a president to direct the distribution of ~~Internal-internal Auditing-auditing~~ reports resulting from services not requested by the ~~A~~udit ~~C~~ommittee. Such reports shall be distributed to the ~~Board-board of Trustees~~ if ~~warranted under the circumstances that are cited in Part 76 of this policy are revealed.~~

Subpart B. Follow-up Reporting. The ~~E~~xecutive ~~D~~irector shall ~~provide present~~ periodic follow-up reports to the ~~A~~udit ~~C~~ommittee ~~that shows on~~ progress toward implementing internal and external audit findings ~~previously reported to the committee.~~

Subpart C. Annual Report. The ~~E~~xecutive ~~D~~irector shall ~~present provide~~ an annual report to the ~~A~~udit ~~C~~ommittee including:

- ~~1. that shows the results of a~~ Audits conducted during the previous fiscal year, including a summary of significant audit results.
- ~~2. Whether Internal Auditing was organizationally independent and free of any scope and resource limitations in performing its audits.~~
- ~~1-3. Review of the Definition of Internal Auditing, the Code of Ethics, and the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (Standards) with senior management and the Bboard of Trustees.~~

Date of Implementation: 7/19/00

Date of Adoption: 7/19/00

Date and Subject of Revisions:

XX/XX/15 - Amended throughout to clean up language and comply with changes to the

International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

11/16/11 - Amended throughout to clean up language and comply with International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. Removed Part 5c, Consulting Services.

7/19/00 - repealed MnSCU Policy 7.2 Parts 1-2 & 4-7.