

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

BOARD ACTION
APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDITING

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Policy 1A.4, Part 5, Executive Director of Internal Auditing, the Board of Trustees will consider the appointment of an individual as executive director for the Office of Internal Auditing.

Eric Wion has spent over 22 years as an audit professional. He was hired as Deputy Director of Internal Auditing for Minnesota State in 2010. Prior to joining Minnesota State, Eric led the information technology audit practice for the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Since July 2017 Eric has served as Interim Executive Director, a role not unfamiliar to him. He also served in that role for just under a year during 2015/2016. During Eric's tenure, he has helped transform the internal audit function into a more forward looking one that serves as a strategic partner and resource to the board, chancellor, presidents, and others on a wide range of strategic, operational, financial, reputational, and compliance issues and risks. In this role Eric helps to provide vision, leadership, advice, and insight in the development of enterprise level strategies in support of the Minnesota State mission.

Eric holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Bemidji State University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), and Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP).

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE MOTION

The Audit Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion.

RECOMMENDED BOARD MOTION

The Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, appoints Mr. Eric Wion as executive director of the Office of Internal Auditing effective, March 20, 2019. The terms and conditions of the appointment shall be governed by the Personnel Plan for MnSCU Administrators.

Date Presented to the Board of Trustees: March 19, 2019