

SECTION A-5

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Charge of the Audit and Compliance Committee

The audit and compliance committee has oversight of all audit matters and all compliance activities, including ensuring sound fiscal and management policies and practices. It also provides oversight to ensure full compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

To help the audit and compliance committee to fulfill this charge, a Charter, Checklist and a Planner were developed. The Charter defines the role of the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Checklist defines the responsibilities of the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Planner indicates the frequency of when the Audit and Committee carryout their responsibilities.

Reporting to the Audit and Compliance Committee

The Chief Audit Executive meets with the Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee prior to each Board of Regents meeting, or more frequently if requested, to discuss audits in progress. The Chief Audit Executive prepares an agenda for these meetings and provides the Chair with a copy of the Internal Auditing Job Status Report and other items of interest.

The Board of Regents Policy on Internal Audit states:

- A. The Chief Audit Executive will report directly to the Chair of the Audit and Compliance Committee of the Board, and have access to the Chancellor.
- B. The Board is responsible for the employment and dismissal of the Chief Audit Executive; however, the Chancellor has the authority to make recommendations to the Board on the employment and dismissal of the Chief Audit Executive.
- C. The Department of Internal Auditing will perform its duties in accordance with the Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing and the Code of Professional Ethics, as established by the Institute of Internal Auditors.