



# UCF Board of Trustees

*Audit and Compliance Committee*

September 27, 2024

## Agenda Item

DISC- 1: University Audit Update

## Proposed Action

This information is being presented for discussion purposes only. The attachment is intended to provide the committee with information regarding the work of University Audit to assist the committee in successfully completing its oversight duties.

## Authority for Board of Trustees Action

N/A

### Supporting Documentation Included

Attachment A: University Audit Update

### Facilitators/Presenters

Robert Taft, Chief Audit Executive

## Summary of Key Observations/Recommendations

### Current Audit Activities

Ongoing projects include:

- Foreign Influence – (Required Audit)
- Decentralized IT Strategy – (Strategic Audit—being performed by EisnerAmper)
- Management Advisory Services—two projects focused on reviewing
  - 1) UCFAA Construction and Procurement Processes, and
  - 2) Carryforward Fund Management Process
- Performance-Based Funding (Required Audit)

## **Additional Background**

### Staffing Update

Since the June 2024 committee meeting, one Auditor II has been hired along with hiring a student intern for the Fall semester to assist with data analytics and investigations.

An OPS employee (30 hours per week) focused on investigations left the department in August.

Currently, there is one vacancy (Auditor II) which has been posted. Interviews are scheduled for late September/early October.

### Fraud Risk Committee

The committee's inaugural meeting took place on May 30th, and two subsequent meetings were held.

The committee has identified three concepts for their initial focus. They are: 1) time and effort reporting on grants, 2) gift cards, and 3) payroll fraud.

The committee has made some membership adjustments to bring additional perspectives to the group and have leveraged internal subject matter experts to analyze all three of the initial fraud concepts. For time and effort reporting, the committee has already identified multiple potential recommendations to provide to management.

We will provide a detailed update at the December committee meeting.

### Conformance with the Institute of Internal Auditors' Global Standards

In addition to the charter update previously discussed, work continues developing the department's strategic plan. The strategic plan will be included in the December committee meeting agenda.

We recently provided the committee with the results from our stakeholder survey on reporting and communication practices including identifying preferences on document content, frequency, etc. We will continue to work in partnership with our stakeholders to make adjustments that reflect their preferences.

### Upcoming Activities

In September, the Chief Audit Executive (CAE) will be co-presenting with the CAE from the University of Colorado at the Association of College & University Auditors annual conference.

In October, the CAE will be participating in the Quality Assurance Review for the University of Florida's Internal Audit Department along with the CAE from the University of Texas-Audit and the University of Colorado.

### **Implementation Plan**

We will continue to follow the Audit Plan through the remainder of the year and inform the committee of any significant changes.

### **Resource Considerations**

Audits and other projects will be performed based on the anticipated level of internal and co-sourced resources.