# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities Board of Regents for Higher Education 61 Woodland Street Hartford, Connecticut Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

#### Minutes

#### REGENTS PRESENT

Craig Lappen, Chair JoAnn Price

#### PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS STAFF PRESENT

Dave Jenkins, Audit Partner; Shannon Smith, Managing Director; Steve Manocchio, IT Director; Heather Lashway, Senior Manager

## **BOR/CONNSCU STAFF PRESENT**

Erika Steiner, Chief Financial Officer; Liz Caswell, Chief of Staff; Joe Tolisano; Chief Information Officer; Chris Forster, Controller; Karen Stone, Director of Internal Audit; Rosalie Butler, Administrative Assistant for Finance

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. On a motion by Regent Lappen, seconded by Regent Price, Agenda Item 5B was postponed for discussion.

## 1. Approval of the January 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved, as written.

## 2. PwC Audit Proposal for the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities

PricewaterhouseCoopers staff provided the Regents with a detailed overview of their FY15 Audit Plan, including the communications framework, areas of audit emphasis, deliverables, staffing, management's responsibilities and timetable.

### 3. Security Assessment Update

CFO Steiner provided the Committee with an update on security and risk assessments conducted on 12 community college campuses, as well as benchmarking, training and associated cost estimates to perform similar assessments at the 4 universities.

#### 4. Status of CSUS 2020 External Auditor Selection

CFO Steiner introduced Controller Chris Forster to Committee members, indicating he had been working with VP Epstein on an RFP for the selection of CSUS 2020 external auditors. The previous audit firm rotated out after 5 years, as mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. RFP responses are expected by the end of the week, with a recommendation forthcoming by the end of July.

## 5. Internal Audit Update

Director Stone provided an update on Internal Audit activities to date and presented the Internal Audit Plan for 2015. Concerns were addressed, as Internal Audit cannot carry out all audit projects in areas of vulnerability with its current staffing level. Director Stone also provided an Internal Tracking Report as of May 31, 2014, indicating that of 165 total comments, 46 had been closed.

The Internal Audit Plan for FY15 was approved on a motion by Regent Price, seconded by Regent Lappen.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.