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ANNUAL REVIEW OF AUDIT POLICIES

Action Requested: Receive the report.

Executive Summary: Board policy affirms that audit oversight enhances accountability and that continued evaluation and improvement of policies encourages adherence to all Board and institutional policies, procedures, and practices at all levels. The established Committee work plan addresses the need for an annual review of audit policies.

In 2004, the Board voluntarily adopted key provisions associated with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. In 2005, the Board focused its internal audit strategy toward a more enterprise-wide approach and modified policy for new legislation enacted. In 2006, a state auditor report on the procurement card programs at the three Regent universities suggested enhancements to on-going efforts for improving controls and reducing risk. Policy revisions are before the Board for a second reading and final approval directing the universities to develop specific procedures for the use of procurement cards. (Agenda Item 7e.)

Current audit committee literature was reviewed. No changes are recommended for the Board's audit policies or audit committee responsibilities.