

Audit Committee- Minutes
Washburn University Board of Regents
October 28, 2021

Attendance:

Beck (Ex-Officio), Dietrick, Parks (Chair), Schmidt (arrived at 3:41pm)

Non-committee members present: Sourk, Buhler, Hulse

Minutes:

Called to order at 3:30pm by Regent Parks.

The committee approved the June 24, 2021, Audit committee minutes with no adjustments.

Vice President Kuwitzky gave a high-level overview of Washburn University's draft audit report for fiscal year 2021. Washburn had an increase in revenue this year. HERRF and capital grants were the largest contributors to this increase.

Kuwitzky introduced Kaleb Lilly, from Rubin Brown, who has been engaged to provide an external, independent audit of the university's financial activities. Rubin Brown's goal is to have the audit process completed by the middle of November and they do not anticipate any changes between now and then. There are no new accounting principles this year, so the audit was relatively straight forward. The Covid-19 footnote is an important aspect for this year and it is included in the fiscal year 2021 audit. GASB 87 will be implemented in the upcoming year. This will require the capitalization of certain leased assets that have historically been classified as operating leases. In addition, GASB 96 will be implemented. This will address subscription-based data technology arrangements.

Kuwitzky clarified that all one-time funds, such as HERRF, were being used by the university for one-time use items rather than ongoing general operating expenses.

Luther Lee, Washburn University Controller, reported on the trends in fiscal year 2021. Washburn has a composite financial index of 9.5, partially inflated due to the increased federal funding this year. Revenue has increased this year and expenses have decreased.

The Audit committee recommended acceptance of the June 30, 2021, Audit Report to the Board. This motion was put forward by Beck, seconded by Dietrick, and approved by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned by Parks at 4:10pm.