

Audit, Compliance, Ethics and Risk Committee

The Audit, Compliance, Ethics and Risk Committee (ACERC) serves as the local audit committee for University of California, Davis.

The role of the ACERC is to assist Audit and Management Advisory Services in achieving the objectives of the internal audit program, which are to:

- ❑ Review management, financial, and operational controls to appraise their soundness and adequacy, and to advise management on matters of material importance
- ❑ Provide recommendations to improve operating efficiency and internal controls
- ❑ Provide consultation on current and proposed operating policies and procedures and changes in the system of internal controls
- ❑ Conduct investigations in support of the University's compliance with laws governing improper government activities

Scope of Responsibilities

To assist Audit and Management Advisory Services in carrying out its mission and maintaining its objectivity and independence, the Audit Work Group will:

- ❑ Review annual reports to the UCOP Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Audit Services and be advised as to the progress against the Annual Audit Plan
- ❑ Propose changes to the Annual Audit Plan that more appropriately address risks that the campus has identified
- ❑ Approve proposed changes to the Annual Audit Plan that result in audits being dropped or deferred from the current year's plan
- ❑ Review audit and advisory service reports and discuss significant observations and their impact on the campus internal control systems
- ❑ Review significant internal control observations that were identified during investigations
- ❑ Review the status of open management corrective actions from previously issued audits, investigations, or advisory service projects, especially for situations where senior management awareness could lead to more rapid action or the removal of barriers to action to improve controls
- ❑ Participate in and review the activities followed to develop the Annual Audit Plan including the audit risk assessment process
- ❑ Review and approve the Annual Audit Plan before it is submitted to the Chancellor and the UCOP Office of Ethics, Compliance, and Audit Services
- ❑ Make recommendations to the Chancellor and Provost to strengthen internal control systems on campus and at UC Davis Health