

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
January 20, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Inquiry and Investigation Process: Audit and Compliance Committee Role

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the delegation of authority to the Audit and Compliance Committee Chair to make the final determination and accept the Inspector General's Report of Preliminary Inquiry in those instances where the recommendation is that no further Board action is warranted. In all other circumstances, the Audit and Compliance Committee shall consider the matter at its next meeting.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At its November 3, 2010 meeting, the Audit and Compliance Committee approved the process to delegate authority to its Chair to make a final determination regarding a Report of Preliminary Inquiry in those instances where the Inspector General recommends no further Board action is warranted. In all other situations, the Audit Committee at its next meeting shall consider the matter.

The Board delegated the authority to its Audit and Compliance Committee to direct the Inspector General to conduct an investigation if it is determined there is reasonable cause to believe a university board of trustees is unable or unwilling to provide for an objective investigation of credible allegations of fraud or other substantial impropriety. To assist in making this determination, the Audit and Compliance Committee Chair, in consultation with the Chancellor, may direct the Inspector General to conduct a preliminary inquiry of the University's response to the allegations in a complaint and make a recommendation whether further Board action is warranted.

The Audit and Compliance Committee recommends the Board approve this process.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** N/A

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