I. PURPOSE & INTENT

This policy addresses the authority of the Office of Internal Audit for the direction of a broad, comprehensive program of internal audit for the University of South Florida (USF). Internal Audit (IA) provides independent, objective assurance, advisory, and investigative services to assist USF management and Board of Trustees in the effective discharge of their responsibilities. Internal Audit helps USF accomplish its goals and objectives through a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluating and improving risk management, internal control, compliance, and governance processes, as well as promoting accountability, integrity, and efficiency in the operations of USF.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

Internal Audit reports to the USF President. This reporting relationship ensures Internal Audit’s independence, promotes comprehensive audit coverage, and assures adequate consideration of audit recommendations. Internal Audit also has direct access to the USF Board of Trustees through its liaison to the Board’s Audit and Compliance Committee.

Internal Audit’s purpose, authority and responsibilities are set forth in a charter which is reviewed and approved by the USF President and Board of Trustees at least every three (3) years for consistency with applicable Florida Board of Governors and University regulations, professional standards, and best practices. The USF Audit Charter may be found on the Internal Audit website at: [http://www.usf.edu/audit-compliance/documents/usf-system-audit-charter.pdf](http://www.usf.edu/audit-compliance/documents/usf-system-audit-charter.pdf).

*Current Responsible Office: Office of Internal Audit

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.

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