1. Purpose
To ensure that an annual audited financial report is obtained and disseminated in accordance with all external requirements, including those of the federal and state government, the ownership LLC agreement and governing Board Bylaws, and the current debt indenture.

2. Related Policy/Authority
The College is subject to financial and systems audits by various external audit groups. External audits include the annual financial audit by the College's appointed external auditors, and separate financial audits by various federal, state, and local governments and agencies. The Board delegates through the President to the Vice President of Administration/Chief Financial Officer the responsibility for coordination of compliance with all external financial audit requirements which may arise related to any source of College funding, including the general requirements of the U. S. Department of Education and of the New Mexico Post-Secondary Institution Act.

Policy 1016: The Board requires under this policy that an annual external financial audit be conducted.

3. Faculty/Staff Responsibilities
Vice President of Administration/CFO is responsible to ensure that the Board selects an independent audit firm in a timeframe allowing BCOM to meet all reporting and distribution requirements, and is ultimately responsible to represent BCOM executive management to the independent auditors and external stakeholders in all matters regarding the audited annual report.

The Controller is responsible for the underlying system of books and records, and the preparation of the underlying financial reports, which are subject to audit; the VP of Administration/CFO is responsible for the review of the work of the Controller, and the preparation of the final components of the annual report. The Controller is responsible for the management of the annual audit on a day-to-day basis, including meeting all deadlines assigned to BCOM as the audit client, and dissemination of all audit reports to internal and external parties in compliance with all requirements. The VP of Administration/CFO is responsible for continuing disclosure under the debt indenture which is included in the annual report.

Responsibilities are the same for required quarterly financial reporting which is not subject to audit.

Director of Institutional Assessment and Accreditation will distribute audited annual report to all licensing and accrediting bodies.

4. Definitions/Abbreviations
Independent audit firm: A firm that meets all criteria required by the State of New Mexico and the Federal government to be considered for that role.
5. **Procedural Steps**

1. The Vice President of Administration/Chief Financial Officer shall be responsible for solicitation of bids for external financial audit services at least once every five years; under the direction of the President or the Board, bids may be solicited as frequently as annually.

2. The Vice President shall review the bids with the Strategic Planning, Budget and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees, who shall make the final selection recommendation to the full Board. The Board will appoint or re-appoint the external auditor annually; selection of the auditor should be approved no later than the April Board meeting of each year.

3. Meet with the audit firm no later than May to plan the audit calendar and agree upon work papers and forms to be prepared by the client BCOM.

4. The external audit firm shall be required to meet privately with the Strategic Planning, Budget and Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees at least annually at the start of the audit; the external audit firm will present the results of the annual audit to the full Board.

5. Complete audit no later than the end of August.

6. Distribute audited annual report within established deadlines to all owners, all Board members, the debt Trustee, and internal distribution list (President, Dean, CFO, Controller, Director of Institutional Advancement and Accreditation).

6. **Reports/Charts/Forms/Attachments/Cross References**

   N/A

7. **Maintenance**

   Office of the Controller; updated whenever an external reporting requirement is added or changed.

8. **Signature**

   | Signature on File | 8/28/19 |
   | Jennifer Taylor, VP Administration/CFO | Date |

9. **Distribution List**

   Internal/External

10. **Revision History**

    | Revision Date | Subsection # | Summary of Changes | New/Cancellation/Replacement Procedure? (if applicable) | Approval Date |
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