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Committee on Higher Education
Interim Charge 5, Request for Information

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INTERIM CHARGE 5: *Monitor the State Auditor's review of agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction. The Chair shall seek input and periodic briefings on completed audits for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years and bring forth pertinent issues for full committee consideration.*

1. The Committee seeks information from the State Auditor's office pertaining to all audits performed (relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction) resulting in recommendations by the State Auditor's office.

The State Auditor's Office did not perform any full audits at UTEP for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020.

2. The Committee seeks information regarding the status of the response to recommendations made by the State Auditor.

Reference No. 2017-148 Special Tests and Provisions - Enrollment Reporting (Prior Audit Issue – 2016-146)

SAO Report No. 20-317: Student Financial Assistance Cluster (Report #20-317)

Original Recommendations: The University should:

♣ Accurately report status changes and effective dates to National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) in a timely manner.

♣ Implement a formal documented monitoring process to help ensure accurate reporting to NSLDS.

2019 Update: The University accurately reported status changes to NSLDS for the 2018-2019 award year. However, for 4 (27 percent) of 15 students tested, the University did not report the status change in a timely manner.

Corrective Action Plan 2019: The University will continue to strengthen and monitor the timeliness of its enrollment reporting and reinforce processes to remain in compliance with these regulations.

Implementation Date: December 2019

a. SAO Report No. 17-022: An Audit Report on the University of Texas at El Paso's Compliance with Benefits Proportional Requirements

Original Recommendation

The University should develop, document, and implement a process to verify that it charges salary and benefit expenses to the correct cost centers and that only eligible salary and benefit expenses are designated as educational and general expenses.

Management Response as Reported on 12/13/2019

Status Incomplete/Ongoing

Target Date for Completion 6/30/2020

Results of Follow-up by UTEP Office of Auditing and Consulting Services:

The current process documentation has been revised since the previous year, but needs additional detail regarding the process and procedures utilized to identify eligible employees.