



**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**The Office of Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP,**  
**41 South High Street, Suite 2600**  
**October 8, 2015 – 10:00a.m.**

Trustee Dave Scholl, called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m. Other trustees present were Trustee Sandra J. Anderson and Trustee Janetta King. President Roderick McDavis, Senior Associate Vice-President for Finance and Administration Deb Shaffer, Assistant Vice-President for Finance Julie Allison, Deputy Controller Kris Sano and Chief Audit Executive Jeff Davis were also present. Keith Martinez and Danny Sklenicka from Plante Moran were also present.

**Plante Moran - FY15 Presentation**

Keith Martinez and Danny Sklenicka of Plante Moran provided the trustees with an overview of the Ohio University report that will be filed with the Ohio Auditor of State. Their presentation included:

- Required communications
- Summary of audit differences
- New accounting pronouncements
- Discussion of the highlights of the report

Plante Moran discussed their “unqualified opinion” on the FY15 financial statements, their responsibilities under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS) related to internal controls and compliance, and described significant accounting policies and procedures.

There was one item listed in the Summary of Audit Differences: One judgmental adjustment related to the recording of accounts payable invoices due to timing differences as of June 30, 2015. A brief discussion was held regarding the summary with Trustee Scholl commenting and Senior Associate VP Deb Shaffer reporting that the Finance team is working towards reducing the amount of accounts payable not being recorded on the financial statements. This item was not considered materially significant by Plante Moran and no adjustment was made to the financial statements.

Plante Moran discussed four accounting pronouncements (GASB 68, 71, 72 and 75) and the impact on Ohio University. A discussion was held regarding GASB 68 with concerns being expressed by the trustees regarding the impact on the University financial statements and how that might be perceived by bond rating agencies. Both President McDavis and Senior Associate VP Deb Shaffer commented that it might be appropriate to approach the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents concerning a communication strategy on the impact of GASB 68 since this will impact all public universities in Ohio. Trustees King and Anderson also commented on this matter.

Plante Moran also walked the trustees through Note 11, retirement plans, on page 33 of the draft report and the Schedule of Pension Funding Progress and Schedule of Contributions as of June 30, 2015 on page 63. The impact of GASB 68 was again discussed as it related to Senate Bill 6 ratios. President McDavis and Senior Associate VP Deb Shaffer complimented the university staff on their hard work and the financial health of the University.

A discussion was had related to affiliated entities. Trustee Anderson inquired about Plante Moran's role in auditing these entities. Keith Martinez commented that they do consider these entities when performing the audit. Senior Associate VP Deb Shaffer also commented on affiliated entities related to fiscal oversight, reporting and the right to audit these entities. UMA and Tech Growth Ohio were specifically mentioned as affiliated entities.

Pell Grants were also discussed. Trustees King, Scholl and Anderson commented as well as President McDavis.

Trustee Scholl asked questions regarding long term investment performance against benchmarks. Trustee Scholl and Senior Associate VP Deb Shaffer discussed this and Trustee Scholl asked that management review the matter. (Note: Based on management's review it was determined that the draft MD&A was incorrect and the correct wording should have been "The diversified pool achieved a return of -1.11% for FY2015, underperforming its diversified benchmark of 0.32%"). This correction has been made to the report.

The committee members approved a resolution accepting the annual financial statements and footnotes as presented by management of the University, Foundation, and subsidiaries including Plante Moran's audit opinions and reports thereon as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. All trustees (Anderson, King and Scholl) voted yes to approve the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:20a.m. until 11:00a.m. because of a fire drill.

There was no unfinished business.

Meeting adjourned at 11:52a.m.