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Quarterly Meeting

December 9, 2022



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Call to Order

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Pledge of Allegiance

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Roll Call

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Public Comment Period

By Phone: *9 Raise Hand

Approval of Minutes

Emeritus Recipients

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Faculty Emeritus

Bloomsburg

Dr. Mindi Miller

**Professor,
Department of Nursing**

Faculty Emeritus

Lock Haven

Dr. Elizabeth Manlove

**Professor, Department of Early
Childhood Education**

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Ms. Elsa Winch

**Associate Professor,
Department of Library
Services**



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Faculty Emeritus

Mansfield

Dr. Andrea Harris

**Professor,
Department of English**



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Mr. Roger Maisner

**Associate Professor,
Department of Health
and Exercise Science**

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Dr. Sheryl Monkeliën

**Professor, Department
of Music, Theatre & Dance**



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Dr. Joseph Murphy

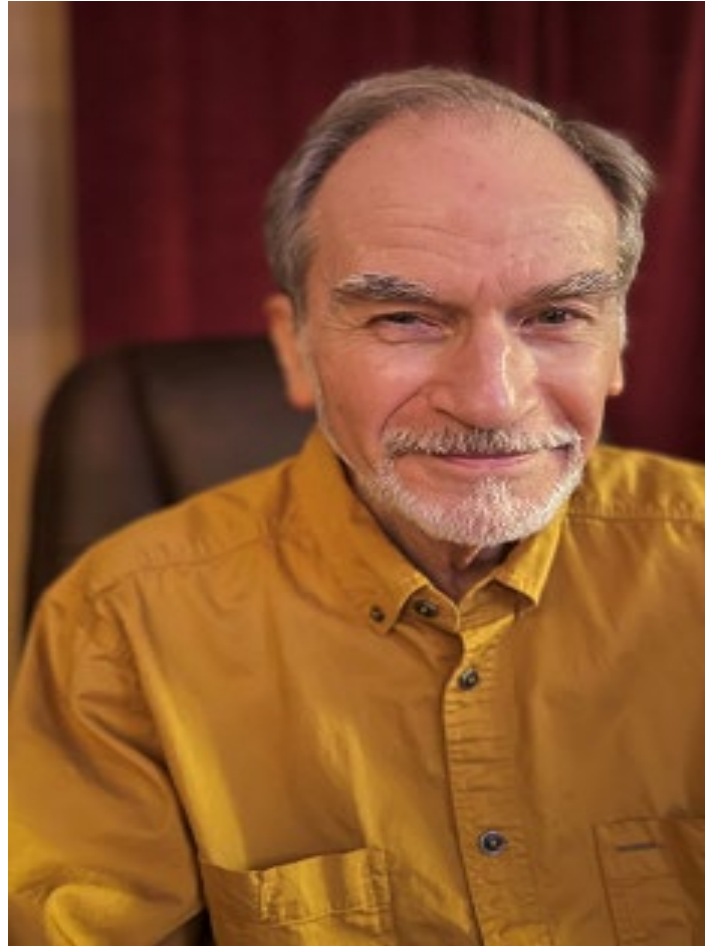
**Professor, Department
of Music, Theatre & Dance**

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Dr. Ira Newman

**Professor, Department of
History, Political Science and
Philosophy**



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President's Report

Dr. Bashar W. Hanna
President



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University Highlights

Guaranteed Admission and Scholarship Agreements Signed with 50 Local School Districts

- CommonwealthU and 50 school districts in northeastern and central Pennsylvania, have signed agreements guaranteeing admission, eligibility for merit-based scholarships, and on-campus housing at any of its locations.
- Scholarships range up to \$7,000 per year or \$28,000 over four years.



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University Highlights

Shawver Named Outstanding Dean

- The University Sales Center Alliance (USCA) named Dr. Todd Shawver, Dean of the Zeigler College of Business, as its 2022 Outstanding Dean.
- The USCA Outstanding Dean Award recognizes a dean who has made significant contributions and demonstrated unwavering support of a USCA member's sales program.



University Highlights

Lock Haven Donates to Haven Cupboard During Hunger Bowl Event

- Lock Haven's Community Service Office hosted its annual Hunger Bowl to benefit the Haven Cupboard campus food pantry. A total of 3,715 food items were donated by 16 clubs and organizations and 810 faculty and staff groups - more than 1,330 items over last year's donation total.



University Highlights

Project Go Grant

- The Army ROTC program at Lock Haven in conjunction with the Languages and Cultures Department, received a \$375,000 Project Global Officer (Project GO) grant for programming in the Russian language for ROTC cadets.
- CU is one of only 12 institutions nationwide to receive the grant which will help promote critical language education, offer domestic and overseas language and cultural immersion, and intercultural exposure to its ROTC cadets through Project GO.



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University Highlights

Chemistry and Biology Students to Benefit from Incubator Donation

- Mansfield recently received a donation of four incubators from Corning Incorporated. The incubators were distributed between two labs with Drs. Maegen Borzok, Kristen Long, and Elaine Farkas.
- Dr. Borzok, will use the two incubators in a biochemistry course to introduce students to foundational biochemistry and molecular biology techniques.



University Highlights

Mansfield Marching Band Invited to Perform in London New Year's Day Parade

- The Spirit and the Pride of Pennsylvania -- the Mansfield Marching Band and the Concert Wind Ensemble have been invited to perform in the 2024 London New Year's Day Parade.



University Highlights

Robert and Dolores Lynch Multicultural Resource Center Opens at Lock Haven

- A grand opening for the MRC was part of Lock Haven's homecoming festivities in September.
- The MRC aims to foster healthy relationships and community building on campus by focusing on student success, leadership, and engagement.
- The Center is open to all students and will serve as an inclusive place where students can feel welcome, safe, and respected.



University Highlights

Lock Haven Plants Orchard to Combat Food Insecurity

- Lock Haven biology faculty member Dr. Heather Bechtold, along with biology faculty from two other PASSHE universities, Cem Akin from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, and 46 volunteers from across the Lock Haven campus, planted 40 fruit trees to help combat food insecurity on the Lock Haven campus.
- Each orchard contains varieties of apples, plums, sour cherries, and peaches that are all disease and pest resistant,



University Highlights

Lock Haven Students Gain Insight and Networking Opportunity with Pittsburgh Pirates' Executives

- Students from Lock Haven's Sport Management Club recently attended the Pittsburgh Pirates Careers in Sport Night held at PNC Park.
- During the event, the 11 students attended a panel, a resume workshop, and a networking session where they received advice on how to start careers within the industry.
- Experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom is a main principle of the sport management program at Lock Haven.



University Highlights

Public Safety Training Institute at Mansfield Enters Training Agreement with Fish and Boat Commission

- The Mansfield University Public Safety Training Institute (MUPSTI) have entered into a training agreement with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC).
- The trainees receive approximately six months of Law Enforcement training as required by the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Training Act, Act 120. The WCO trainees will stay on-campus housing during the duration of their training.



University Highlights

12th Annual ZIPD Business Conference

- The Zeigler College of Business held its 12th annual Zeigler Institute for Professional Development (ZIPD) Conference in November. The theme of the 2022 conference was "Get a Pulse on Professionalism."
- The conference provides students with a professional environment to practice their networking skills and learn from business professionals.
- One highlight included a Mansfield student, and first-time attendee, leaving the event with a job offer.



University Highlights

Commonwealth University Earns Recognition as '2022-23 PNGAS Guard-Friendly School'

- Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, and Mansfield have been named as "PNGAS Guard-Friendly School" by the Pennsylvania National Guard Associations (PNGAS). Bloomsburg also received the 2022 PNGAS College/University of the Year designation.
- Criteria includes flexible scheduling options for National Guard members, providing credit for prior learning via military training and experience in accordance with American Council on Education college credit recommendations, and training for school faculty and/or staff on how to support the specific needs of military and veteran students, and permits recruiting by the Pennsylvania National Guard.



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Student Success

Forensics Team Extends Winning Streak

- The Bloomsburg Forensics team won the First Place Sweepstakes trophy at the Collegiate Forensic Association Fall Tournament in Bloomsburg as well as the Collegiate Forensic Association Tournament held in Ottawa, Canada.
- This marks the seventh consecutive tournament where BU has won the first-place team award.
- Dr. Neil Strine is the team advisor.



Student Success

Lock Haven Women's Cross Country Team Earns Trip to NCAA National Championships

- Behind a pair of top-10 individual finishes, the Lock Haven women's cross country team placed third at the 2022 NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Championship, hosted by Mansfield, and earned a trip to the NCAA Division II Championship meet.
- The third-place finish is the highest regional team finish since the Bald Eagles placed second in 2011.



Student Success

Bloomsburg Men's Soccer Team Finish as PSAC Runner-up

- The Bloomsburg men's soccer team hosted the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference final four for the first time in school history. The Huskies earned the No. 1 East seed after finishing the regular season 13-4-1 and 8-3-1 in conference play.
- BU fell to the second-ranked West seed, Mercyhurst, 1-0, in the championship.



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Student Success

Students Attend Research Conference

- Four CU students presented their work at the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Conference.
- The students, two from Bloomsburg and two from Mansfield, representing four departments (art, biology, chemistry, and English), presented their scholarly and creative activity.
- Alan Bennett, a faculty member in the art department at Mansfield, accompanied the students to the conference.



Student Success

Mansfield Dietetic Association Teaches Life Skills to Girl Scouts

- The Mansfield Student Dietetic Association recently held a taco night with a local Girl Scout Troop to teach them about the five food groups, as well as safe knife and kitchen skills.
- Together, the group cooked beef tacos, Spanish rice, and a peach salsa.



Thank you!

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Student Spotlight

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Student Spotlight

Lauren Griffith

Senior Biology Major

Cell and Molecular Biology Concentration

Graphic Design Minor

Why Did I Choose Mansfield?

- Hometown: Upper Marlboro, MD
- Frederick Douglass High School in Upper Marlboro, MD
- Transferred from West Virginia Wesleyan College in January 2020
 - Student Athlete (Basketball Player)
- **Why Mansfield?**
 - High school teammate attended Mansfield
 - Small school and community
 - I found a home here and many opportunities



My Experience at Mansfield University

My Experience at Mansfield University

- **Cell and Molecular Biology Major**

- Cornell University Microbial Friends and Foes REU
- NIDDK/ NIH STEP-UP Program in University of Maryland's Bioengineering Department
- NASA Space Consortium Scholarship: "Dietary Manipulation of Gastrointestinal Bacteria as an Approach to Slow Tumor Progression in Mice"
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Conference
- Mentorship and advising of Dr. Kristen B. Long

- **Graphic Design Minor**

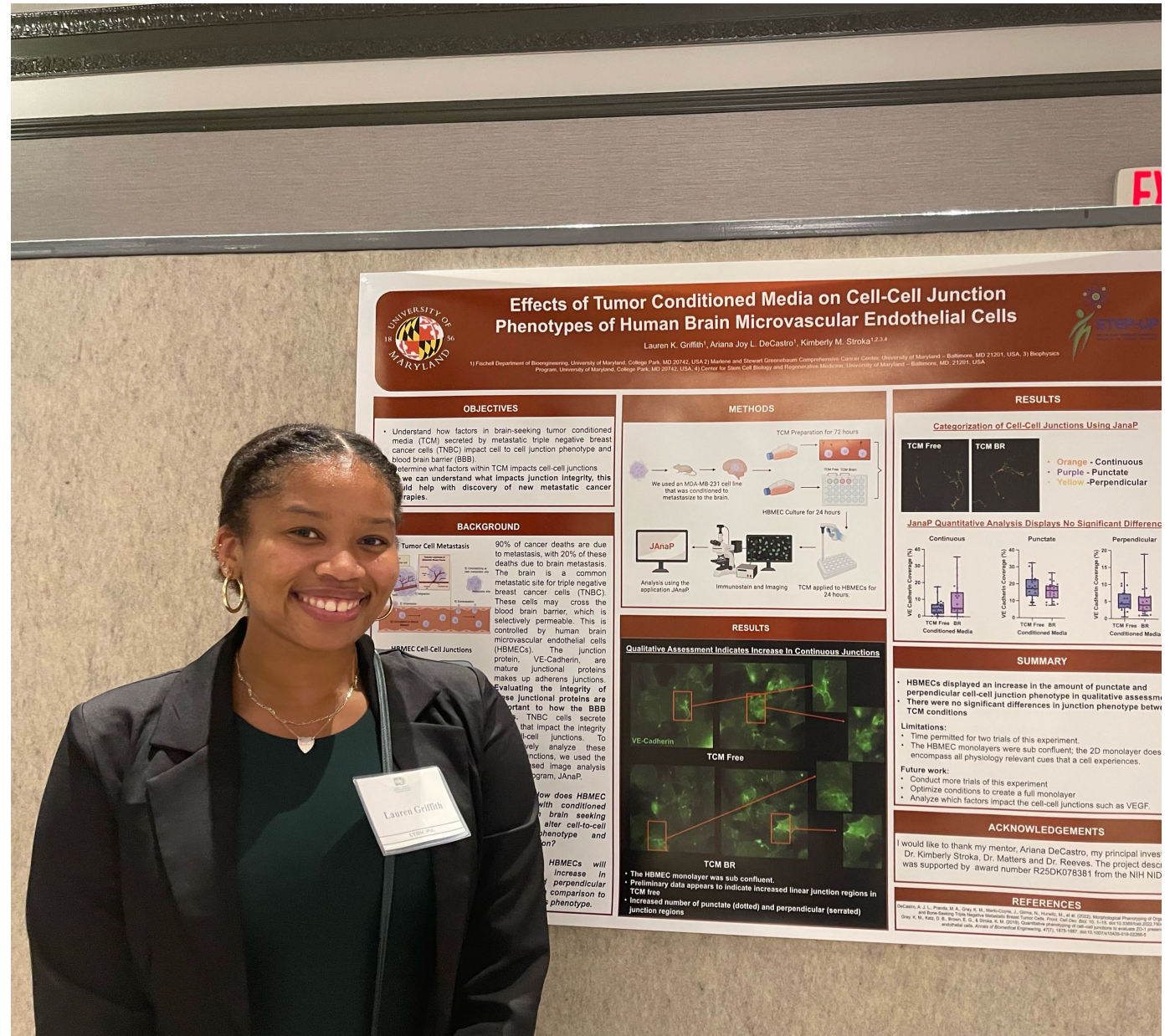
- Amazon published author of two books created in the classroom

- **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- Future Healthcare Professionals President: Homecoming Queen 2022
- 2022 ResearchERs Junior Ambassador

Career Path and Future Plans

- Attend graduate school to pursue a PhD in Biological Sciences
- A career that involves research in disease progression and treatment
- Create a platform to encourage other young women that want to pursue a career in STEM and/or research
 - Using my graphic design minor, use social media such as YouTube to share my story



Order of Succession Planning

Bylaws for Commonwealth University Trustees

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Non-instructional Emeritus

Bloomsburg

Ms. Lyndee Tyson

**Custodial Supervisor,
Facility Services**



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Ms. Deby Krum

**Clerk Typist 3,
Department of Nursing**

Manager & Administrator Emeritus

Bloomsburg

Ms. Frances Donahoe

**Director of Administrative
Applications,
Office of Technology**



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Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Audit Approvals

Andy Lee, CPA

Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Yuliya Ostapenko, CPA

Director, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



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June 30, 2022 Audit Results

December 9, 2022



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Agenda



Scope of Services and Deliverables



Responsibility Overview



Audit Results



Required Communications



Emerging Issues



Scope of Services and Deliverables

Financial
Statement Audit as
of June 30, 2022

Required
Communications Letter to
Governance

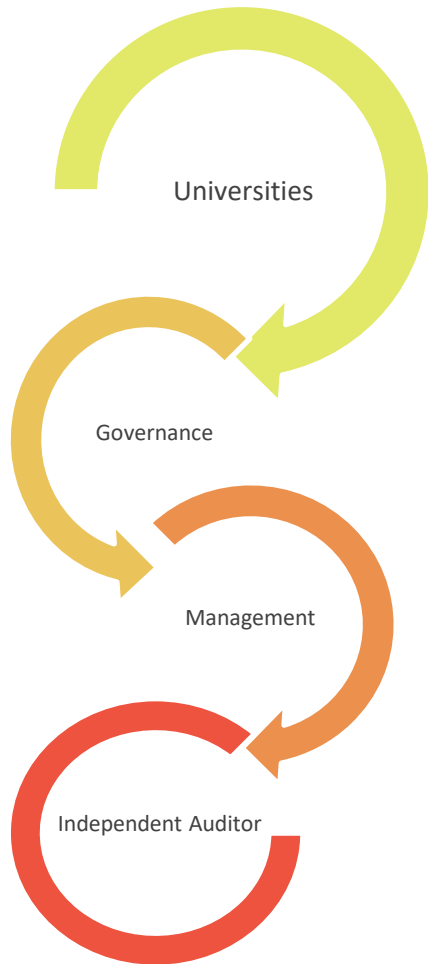
Internal Control
Communication
Letter

Management
Letter, if applicable

Single Audit under
Uniform Guidance



Responsibility Overview



Governance

Oversight of the audit process and strategic direction

Policy related to external audits

Management

Preparation of financial statements

Selection of accounting policies

Design and implementation of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance

Programs to control and prevent fraud and inform auditors of known or suspected fraud

Independent Auditor

Perform an audit in accordance with GAAS

Express opinion on whether financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP in all material respects

Communicate significant matters



Audit Results

University's Financial Statements

- Independent Auditors' Report
- Includes unmodified opinion for all three Universities

Report on Internal Controls over Financial Reporting, Compliance and Other Matters

- No material weakness in internal control noted
- No non-compliance with laws and regulations noted

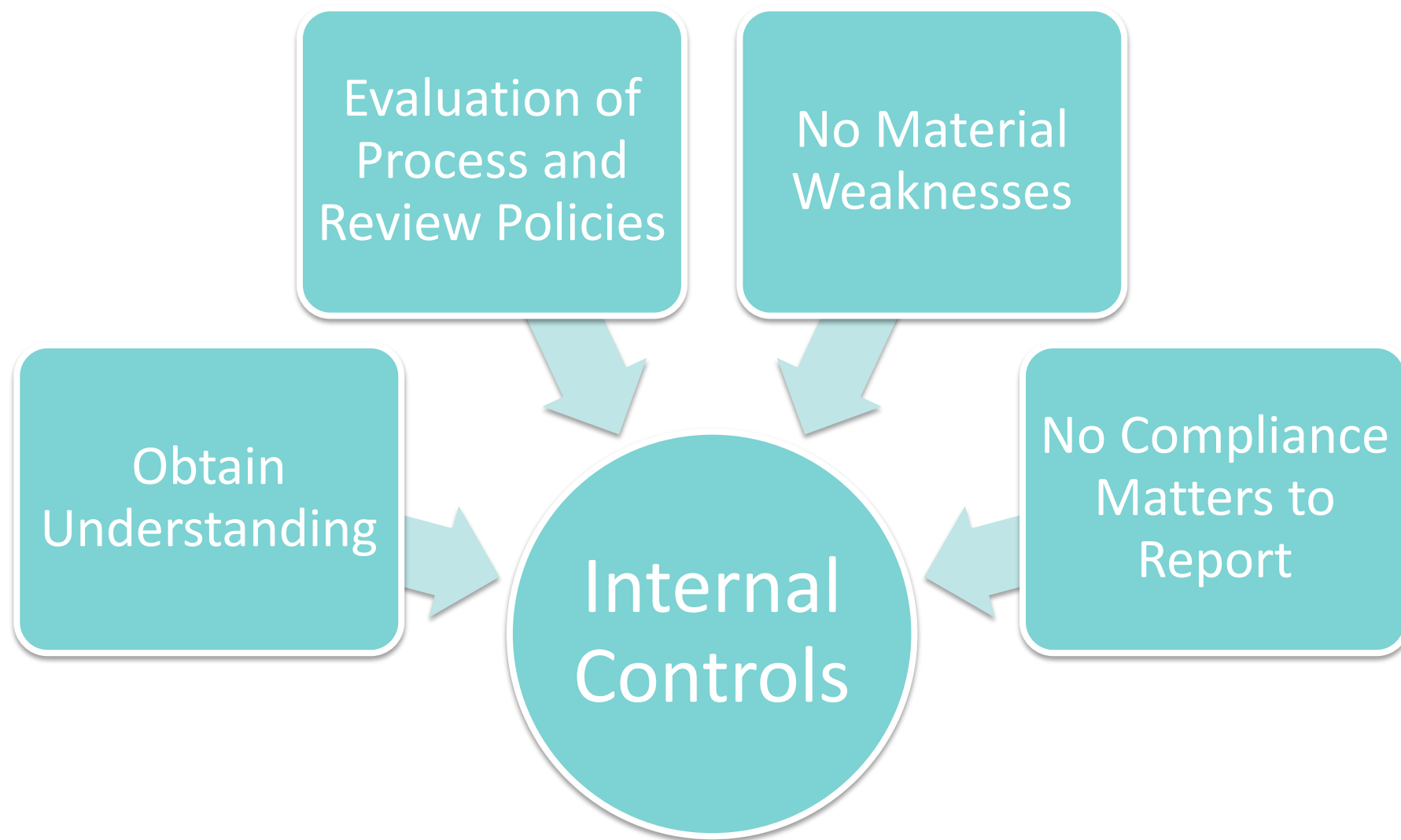


Audit Results

- Mansfield University
 - The financial statements are not yet issued due to the delay in receiving component (CCSI) auditor report

Audit Results

Internal Controls



Required Governance Communications

- Auditor's responsibility
 - Audit performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards
- Accounting policies & disclosures
 - Management's significant accounting policies described in Note 1
 - Accounting estimates
 - Disclosure regarding uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
 - GASB 87 was implemented in the 2022 financial statements
- Other information in documents containing audited financial statements
 - Management's Discussion and Analysis
 - RSI related to pension and postretirement benefits



Required Communications (Continued)

- Corrected and uncorrected misstatements
 - No corrected or uncorrected misstatements identified.
- Disagreements with management on accounting/auditing matters
 - None
- Consultations with other independent accountants
 - None
- Management representations are provided in a separate letter that affirms representations made throughout the audit



GASB - New Accounting Standards

2023

- Statement 94 – Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment
- Statement 96 – Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)





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Annual Delegation of Authority for Review of Purchases Less Than the Public Bidding Threshold

Authority of Commonwealth University Police

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Other Business

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Adjournment

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