

## **Board of Trustees October 23, 2009**

Staff Representative Comments on Committee Summaries

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee summary report of meetings attached is a good overview of the progress made in the Audit Committee over the last few months. But one of the things that has impressed me has been the conscientious performance of our Internal Audit office at UVM despite the unfilled positions of (permanent) Chief Internal Auditor, and several staff positions. The staff in this office (Erica Heffner, Jennifer Sheridan, Chris Lamson and Tania Page) are doing a great job ensuring the business of the University continues to be done according to prudent internal control practices and industry regulations.

If anyone has any questions, please give me a call. Renee Berteau, 656-1128

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Berteau

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### **Committee on Educational Policy and Institutional Resources (EPIR)**

This fall, the EPIR subcommittee met and continued its discussion on programmatic planning and resource use at UVM. Much of the focus centered on increasing and diversifying enrollments, ensuring the continued efficient and safe use of current buildings on campus, and furthering the strategic academic goals for the University. The two largest areas of discussion presented were: 1-the General Educational Standards - (<http://www.uvm.edu/provost/generaleducation/>), and; 2- Transdisciplinary Research Initiative (<http://www.uvm.edu/~ovpr/?Page=workinggroups/charge.php>). EPIR will be kept apprised of the progress of both work groups for these initiatives, as they will be the subjects of ongoing discussions. Additionally, both the Deans of Continuing Education and Libraries made a presentation on education in the digital age, focusing on the use of online learning tools, and UVM's current and future roles with this technology.

It was apparent to me that there is concerted effort to ensure that UVM remains relevant and viable as enrollments continue to become increasingly competitive.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda McIntire

\*The BFI representatives did not have any further comments to contribute.