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Good morning Ms. Dorsey,

Our public records officer shared your follow-up questions with me. I have responded to each of them below in *red*.

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**From:** Angela Dorsey <[angela.dorsey1@gmail.com](mailto:angela.dorsey1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 6:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: SAO Response to PRR #7483 - Olympic College

External Email

Hello,

Thank you for your response and for providing the last financial audit of Olympic College covering the period of 7/1/18-6/30/19.

I have a few follow-up questions regarding the legal accountability and the provision of financial information:

**Legal Accountability for Audits:**

1. What are the legal obligations of Olympic College regarding the completion and submission of financial audits in a timely manner?

*Washington State Community College financial statement audits are part of the process for accreditation through the NWCCU. To my knowledge, there is no state law (RCW) or rule (WAC) that addresses individual financial audit requirements for community colleges.*

2. Will you provide details on the specific laws or regulations that require Olympic College to undergo these audits in a timely manner?

[NWCCU 2020 Eligibility Requirements - NWCCU](#) – **20. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY:** *For each year of operation, the institution undergoes an annual, independent financial audit by professionally qualified personnel in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards or International Financial Reporting Standards reconciled to US-GAAP. The audit is to be completed no later than fifteen months after the end of the fiscal year. Results from the audit, including findings and management letter recommendations, are considered annually in an appropriate and comprehensive manner by the administration and the governing board.*

3. Are there consequences if Olympic College fails to comply with these audit requirements?

*This question would best be addressed by the NWCCU. [Contact Us - NWCCU](#)*

4. Who in your office is responsible for ensuring that these types of audits are completed in a timely manner and available to the public?

*The SAO is not responsible for ensuring the financial statement audits are completed in a timely manner and available to the public. This is each college's individual responsibility.*

#### **Financial Information for Subsequent Years:**

5. Since Olympic College does not currently have any audits on file with your office, how can I access the audit reports for the periods 7/1/19-6/30/20, 7/1/20-6/30/21, 7/1/21-6/30/22, and 7/1/22-6/30/23?

*If the audits were conducted by a CPA firm, I recommend you contact the College.*

6. Is there a different process for obtaining these reports if they are conducted by a CPA firm rather than the State Auditor's Office?

*You would need to obtain the reports from the College.*

#### **Oversight and Compliance:**

7. What oversight mechanisms are in place to ensure that Olympic College and other state entities comply with audit requirements?

*In relation to community college financial statement audits, this question would be best addressed by the NWCCU and the college.*

*In relation to statutorily required audits of state agencies, the SAO monitors compliance with audit requirements. [RCW 43.09.310: Audit of statewide combined financial](#)*

[statements—Post-audits of state agencies—Periodic audits—Reports—Filing. \(wa.gov\)](#)

*We perform an annual audit of the State of Washington's financial statements (ACFR). The results of this audit are available on both our website and OFM's website. We conduct accountability audits of state agencies, which include community colleges, at least every 4 years. The College's last accountability audit covered state fiscal years 2019 through 2022. This audit report is available on our website. The College is on a four-year audit cycle, so the next audit will cover fiscal years 2023 through 2026.*

8. Has there been any investigation or review into why the audits for the past four years have not been conducted?

*This question would be best addressed by the NWCCU and the college.*

9. What actions will be taken to rectify this lapse and prevent future non-compliance?

*This question would be best addressed by the NWCCU and the college.*

**Requests for Information:**

10. When I request further financial information or supplementary details that are not included in the provided audit report, what is the appropriate process to request this information from either the State Auditor's Office or the CPA firm? Are all the communication and documents subject to public disclosure?

*For audits performed by our Office, the appropriate process is to submit a public records request. For audits completed by CPA firms, this question would be best addressed by the College.*

11. Can you provide contact information for the CPA firm responsible for the audits going forward?

*This question would be best addressed by the College.*

12. For any of the answers above that you are not able to answer, what entity in the state of Washington is responsible for obtaining this public information?

*I believe I have addressed all your questions.*

I appreciate your assistance and look forward to your response.

Kindly,  
Angela Dorsey

On Mon, Jul 1, 2024 at 11:58 AM Leider, Mary (SAO) <[leiderm@sao.wa.gov](mailto:leiderm@sao.wa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Dorsey,

The Office of the Washington State Auditor has received and completed our response to your public records request sent in via our website, as follows:

***Full Reports, attachments, financial reports and notes for each of the following:***

***Financial Statements Audit Report Olympic College For the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020***

***Financial Statements Audit Report Olympic College For the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021***

***Financial Statements Audit Report Olympic College For the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022***

***Financial Statements Audit Report Olympic College For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023***

***For each of the items above include all required supplementary information, all supplementary information, financial statements, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, Management's Discussion and Analysis, Olympic College Statement of Net Position, Olympic College Statement of Cash Flows, Statements of Activities, John Bremer Edward Bremer Consolidated Trust Statements of Financial Position & Statements of Activities and Cash Flow, Notes to the Financial Statements, Summary of Capital Assets***

In response, our office released our last financial audit Olympic College on 2/18/20 which covered the audit period of 7/1/18-6/30/19. We have attached that last audit for you. Olympic College is to have financial audits performed by CPA firm for foreseeable future (no CPA review required as it is not an in-lieu-of SAO engagement). Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or issues regarding this request. We will now consider this request closed.

Sincerely,

Mary Leider, CPRO  
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