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more questions regarding ISU audit

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Dear Auditor Mosiman,

I have a few more questions regarding the Report of Recommendations for Iowa State University for the year ending June 30, 2016.

https://auditor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/audit_reports/1761-8020-BR00.pdf

1. It appears that no one representing the Auditor of State examined former ISU President Steven Leath's personal pilot log to determine where and when he had flown the Cirrus SR22. As you may know, the personal log would have recorded information about trips using visualization flight rules, which would not have been captured by flight tracking software. Can you confirm that your office did not seek access to the log, and explain why not?

2. The internal audit of ISU's Flight Service determined that for seven trips during President Leath's tenure, "the ISU Foundation did not have any records" supporting the stated business purpose for the trip (donor relations or outreach).

http://www.iowaregents.edu/media/cms/ISU_Flight_Service_and_University_O_BF7913F1791FE.pdf

It appears that no one representing the Auditor of State investigated when and where those seven trips occurred. Can you confirm, and explain why not?

3. The Report of Recommendations does not address the extra expense to the university associated with President Leath's use of university aircraft for personal medical travel to Rochester, Minnesota during the 2016 fiscal year. Did anyone representing the Auditor of State investigate that travel, for which ISU has provided shifting explanations? If not, why not?

4. The Report of Recommendations does not mention the King Air, other than its use to pick up President Leath in North Carolina on March 15, 2016. Yet the internal audit identified 21 King Air trips on which President Leath was the only passenger, and 22 King Air trips on which President Leath and his spouse were the only passengers. Did anyone representing the Auditor of State determine how many of those trips occurred during the year ending June 30, 2016, and how much that travel cost Iowa State? If not, why not?

5. The Report of Recommendations does not address what happened after President Leath's July 2015 hard landing in the Cirrus SR22. The internal audit determined that contrary to ISU's policies, no one notified the ISU Office of Risk Management at the time of the hard landing, nor was the insurance carrier immediately notified, nor was the Office of Risk Management consulted or involved in the decision not to file an insurance claim regarding the damage to the airplane.

Why didn't the Report of Recommendations address this breakdown in compliance with ISU policies?

6. Do you have any additional comment on why the Auditor of State did not conduct a special audit related to the use of Iowa State University aircraft? The potential value of resources misused vastly exceeds the sums involved in various other special audits your office has conducted.

Thanks in advance for any further information you can provide.

Yours,

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