

**3.10.4** The institution exercises appropriate control over all its financial resources. **(Control of finances)**

The Financing and Planning Division at USC is responsible for control of financial resources. The Division has issued many policies and procedures on various topics including, but not limited to, accounts payable, petty cash, credit/debit card, receipt and handling of university payments, payroll, and grant and contract accounting. Each unit in the division provides training on the policies and procedures.

The internal control system includes an Office of Internal Audit. The Office of Internal Audit reports directly to the Fiscal Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees. Internal Audit projects are conducted in accordance with the Standards for Professional Practice of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Per the OMB 133 Report prepared by Elliott Davis, LLC, there were no identified material weaknesses, or any significant deficiencies noted in the review of internal controls for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.