

Management Responsibility for Financial Statements



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The management of the University of Michigan (the "University") is responsible for the preparation, integrity, and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements. The financial statements, presented on pages 58 to 78, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, as such, include amounts based on judgments and estimates by management.

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by the independent accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, which was given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of the Board of Regents. The University believes that all representations made to the independent auditors during their audit were valid and appropriate. PricewaterhouseCoopers' audit opinion is presented on page 41.

The University maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting, which is designed to provide a reasonable assurance to the University's management and Board of Regents regarding the preparation of reliable published financial statements. Such controls are maintained by the establishment and communication of accounting and financial policies and procedures, by the selection and training of qualified personnel, and by an internal audit program designed to identify internal control weakness in order to permit management to take appropriate corrective action on a timely basis. There are, however, inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention of controls.

The Board of Regents, through its Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, is responsible for engaging the independent auditors and meeting regularly with management, internal auditors, and the independent auditors to ensure that all are carrying out their responsibilities and to discuss auditing, internal control, and financial reporting matters. Both internal auditors and the independent auditors have full and free access to the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee.

Based on the above, I certify that the information contained in the accompanying financial statements fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition, changes in net assets, and cash flows of the University.

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