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## Audit finds effective monitoring of programs

An external performance audit by Michigan's Auditor General's Office recently found that Oakland University is generally effective in its monitoring of academic and related programs provided to students and efficient and effective in its use of resources allocated to support academic and related programs.

The audit report, issued Sept. 20, offers a detailed analysis of Oakland's performance, with recommendations made for improvements in certain areas. The university has 60 days to send a formal response to the Auditor General's Office, but has already informally concurred with the auditor's findings.

"I think it's a tremendous endorsement for how the university provides educational services to our students," said Oakland University President Gary Russi. "The Auditor General's Office - the highest auditing authority in the state - performed a comprehensive review of our academic and related programs and concluded that our methods were effective and working well for our students. Moreover, we have already begun to put initiatives in place to address the auditor's recommendations."

The report also listed some of Oakland's noteworthy accomplishments:

- From 1995 to 2000, the university introduced more than 30 academic degree and certificate programs.
- In 2001, the university was the first in Michigan to provide students with wireless network access in residence halls.
- To enrich its environment for teaching, researching, learning and living, the university expended more than \$200 million between 1995 and 2002 on various capital projects, including the new Science and Engineering Building, Elliott Hall of Business and Information Technology, Recreation and Athletics Center, Education and Human Services Building, student apartments and a parking structure.
- Oakland is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of the country's 110 doctoral research-intensive universities.

### SUMMARY

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