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Inspector General City Colleges of Chicago

- Title first used by CCC in 2003 although similar duties since 1998.
- John A. Gasiorowski is the 4th Inspector General for the City Colleges of Chicago but the first since the significant enhancements to the powers and duties of the OIG with the adoption (on July 14, 2010) of amendments to Board Rule 2.6 et seq. / now Section 2.7 et seq. of the Board By-Laws.



Board Rule 2.6 (pre-July 14, 2010)

2.6 INSPECTOR GENERAL.

The Inspector General shall be responsible for internal investigations and such additional duties as assigned by the Chancellor or required by these Rules. The Inspector General shall be responsible to the Chancellor for administrative planning and implementation of programs in his or her assigned areas of responsibilities and shall be involved with the Chancellor in District policy formation and interpretation. The Chancellor is responsible for overseeing the performance of the Inspector General and may request reports, and assign projects or additional duties as deemed appropriate. The Inspector General shall assist the Board Committees as may be requested by the Chancellor.

(Revised August 3, 2006.)



Policy Enhancements Adopted on July 14, 2010 (now Section 2.7 of the Board By-Laws)

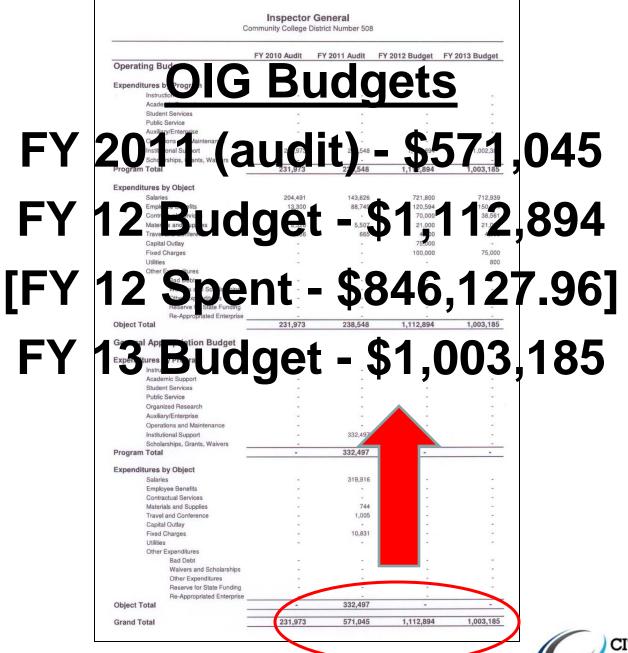
- Independence Section 2.7.1
 - Term
 - Removal only for cause
- Specified powers and duties Section 2.7.2
- Confidentiality Section 2.7.3
- Obligation to cooperate Section 2.7.4(b)
- Prohibition against retaliation Section 2.7.4(c)
- Bi-annual reporting requirement Section 2.7.5



Resource Enhancements since July 2010

- Full-time IG / investigative staff
- Additions to investigative staff
 - Currently 10 positions
 - ❖including IG and part-time Staff Assistant
 - Investigative, military, law enforcement
 - Attorneys, Auditors
- Off-site office space (July 2011)
 - 11 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1740

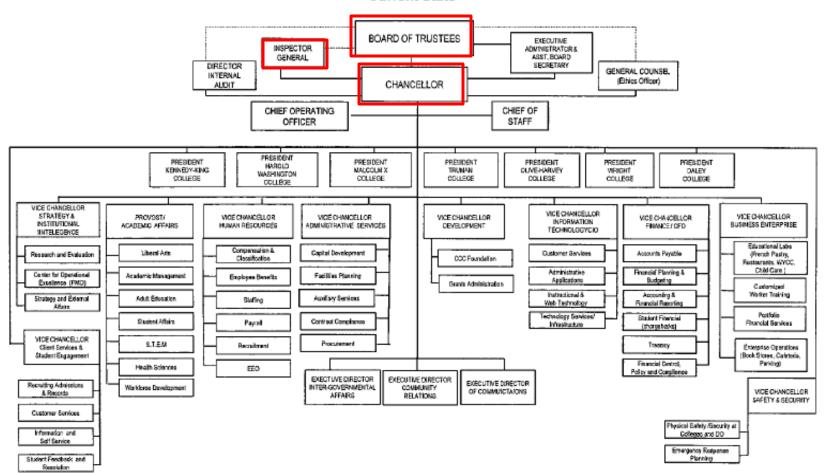








Organizational Chart Current State**



""This Organization Chart is currently being revised as part of the District Office reinvention initiative



Powers and Duties of the OIG (Section 2.7.2 of the Board Bylaws)

The Office of the Inspector General has the authority to conduct investigations regarding waste, fraud and misconduct by any officer, employee, or member of the Board; any contractor, subcontractor, consultant or agent providing or seeking to provide goods or services to the City Colleges of Chicago; and any program administered or funded by the District or Colleges.



Powers and Duties of the OIG (Section 2.7.2 of the Board By-Laws)

- a) To promote economy, efficiency, effectiveness and integrity in the administration of the programs and operations of CCC by identifying..., and by recommending.....
- b) To receive and register complaints....
- c) To investigate and audit...either in response to complaint or on the IG's own initiative.
- d) To report to the Board.....
- e) To request and receive information related to an investigation or audit from any officer, employee agent or contractor of CCC.

How Are Complaints Received?

- ✓ Hot-Line @ (312) 553-3399
- √ E-mail (inspectorgeneral@ccc.edu)
- ✓ Complaint form on the website
- ✓ Walk-ins, telephone, mail
- ✓ Initiated by the OIG

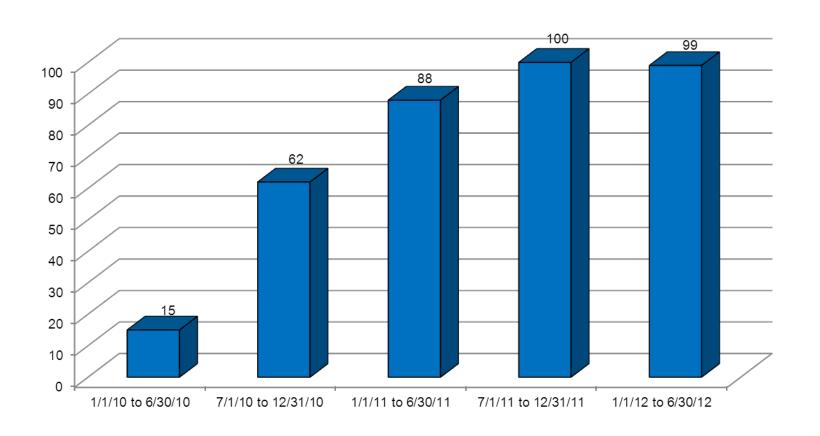


How Are Complaints Received? (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2012)

Method	Number	%
E-Mail	126	36%
Telephone / Hot-Line	74	21%
OIG Initiatied	66	19%
In Person	39	11%
Mail	39	11%
Other	5	1%
Totals	349	100%



Complaints Received / Initiated by the OIG





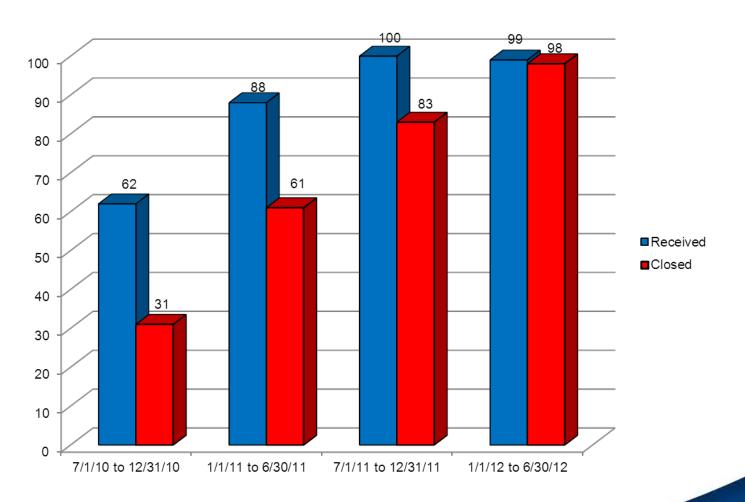
Types of Complaints

(July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012)

Туре	Number	%
Retaliation	4	1.15%
Failure to Maintain the Confidentiality of CCC Records	5	1.43%
Grade Tampering	6	1.72%
Debarment by Another Government Agency	7	2.01%
Inappropriate Use of CCC property	8	2.29%
Conduct Unbecoming a Public Employee	8	2.29%
Harassment / Sexual Harassment	9	2.58%
Falsification of Records	10	2.87%
Discourteous Treatment	11	3.15%
Giving Preferential Treatment	15	4.30%
Violation of State or Federal Statutes	16	4.58%
Discrimination	17	4.87%
Fraud / Grant Fraud / Financial Aid Fraud	19	5.44%
Ethics Violation	19	5.44%
Vioaltion of Board Rules / Policies	21	6.02%
OIG Initiated Review	23	6.59%
Theft / Misappropriation of Funds	26	7.45%
Inattention to Duty	29	8.31%
Falsfication of Attendance Records	37	10.60%
Residency	59	16.91%
Totals	349	100.00%



Complaints Received / Closed





Closed Complaints

Period	Sustained	Not Sustained or No Policy Violation	Referred / Deferred	Other	Totals
7/1/2010 to 12/31/2010	9	14	4	4	31
1/1/2011 to 6/30/2011	19	28	8	6	61
7/1/2011 to 12/31/2011	15	39	24	5	83
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	14	53	24	7	98
Total	57	134	60	22	273



Complaints Investigated by the OIG

Period	Total Complaints Closed	Total Investigations by the OIG	% of Closed Complaints Investigated by the OIG
7/1/2010 to 12/31/2010	31	23	74%
1/1/2011 to 6/30/2011	61	45	74%
7/1/2011 to 12/31/2011	83	50	60%
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	98	64	65%
Totals	273	193	71%



Sustained Findings by OIG

Period	Total Sustained	Total Investigations Closed by the OIG	% of Investigated Complaints Sustained
7/1/2010 to 12/31/2010	9	23	39%
1/1/2011 to 6/30/2011	19	45	42%
7/1/2011 to 12/31/2011	15	50	30%
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	14	64	22%
Totals	57	193	30%



Section 2.7.3 of the Board By-Laws

All investigatory files and reports of the Inspector General shall be confidential and shall not be divulged to any person or agency, except to: (1) the Chancellor, the Board Chairman, and the General Counsel at the conclusion of the investigation with recommendations of disciplinary or other action; (2) the appropriate prosecutorial authorities; (3) the appropriate enforcement agencies; (4) other appropriate offices of Inspector General; or (5) otherwise provided in this Rule.



Reports Submitted ("Investigative Summaries")

Time Period	Reports Submitted
July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010	9
January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011	16
July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	18
January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012	17
Total	60



OIG Investigative Summaries

- 1. Findings with citations to violations of CCC policies
- 2. Recommendations
 - a. Disciplinary
 - b. Policy
 - c. Other
- 3. Summary of the Investigation
 - a. Facts as derived from investigative activity
 - 1) Interviews
 - 2) Surveillance, etc.
 - b. Analysis



Recommendations of Disciplinary Action

	7/1/10 to 12/31/10	1/1/11 to	7/1/11 to 12/31/11	1/1/12 to	Total
Disciplinary Recommendations Made	12/31/10	29	19	23	82
Disciplinary Process Completed	11	29	19	14	73
% Completed	100%	100%	100%	61%	89%



Recommendations of Disciplinary Action

	7/1/10 to 12/31/10	1/1/11 to 6/30/11	7/1/11 to 12/31/11	1/1/12 to 6/30/12	Totals
Disciplinary Recommendations Made	11	29	19	23	82
Disciplinary Process Completed	11	29	19	14	73
% Completed	100%	100%	100%	61%	89%
OIG Recommendations Followed	11	26	17	14	68
% Followed	100%	90%	89%	100%	93%



Disciplinary Action Taken

	7/1/10 to 12/31/10	1/1/11 to 6/30/11	7/1/11 to 12/31/11	1/1/12 to 6/30/12	Totals
Total Disciplinary Actions Taken	11	26	18*	14	69
Terminations	6	5	7	6	24
Other	3	5	7	5	20
Resignation / Retirement	2	2	4	3	11
Debarment (vendors)	0	14	0	0	14



Other Types of Recommendations

- Policy Recommendations
 - Debarment Policy (adopted April 7, 2011)
- Recommendations based on Program Reviews
 - ❖ Adult Education (7/1/2011 12/31/2011)
 - ❖ M/WBE Monitoring (1/1/2012 6/30/2012)
- Others
 - ❖ Reversal of suspension (1/1/2011 6/30/2011)
 - Not Sustained allegation (7/1/2011 12/31/2011)
- Recoupment of funds



Recommendations to Recoup Funds

Time Period	Case Number	Туре	Amount	Result
7/1/10 to 12/31/10	11-0034	Falsification of Resume	\$307,102.57	Default judgement (1/24/2012)
1/1/2011 to 6/30/2011	11-0077	Failure to disclose loss of peace office status	\$14,796.16	Demand letter to be issued
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	12-0020	Falsification of Attendance Records	\$180.00	
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	12-0020	Falsification of Attendance Records	\$390.00	
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	12-0020	Falsification of Attendance Records	\$210.00	
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	11-0092	Inappropriate employee scholarship reimbursement	\$242.17	Deducted from award
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	11-0092	Inappropriate student scholarship	\$500.00	Award rescinded
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	11-0100	Falsification of Attendance Records	\$11,489.89	
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	12-0171	Double Payments	\$393.72	
1/1/2012 to 6/30/12	12-0171	Incorrect pro-ration of lecturer contract	\$1,151.76	
Totals			\$336,456.27	



NEWS

Alvarez: Prof with fake Ph.D. was paid extra \$307K

Criminal Courts Reporter rhossain@syntimes.com

the City Colleges of Chicago in 1995. the professor allegedly told administrators she was working toward her Ph.D.

but for the next 15 years, Howley lied to her superiors and eventually presented them with fake transcripts from Rush University that showed she reached her goal, allowing her to pocket an extra \$307,000. Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said.

If it weren't for a prospective out of state employer, diligent local investigators and others, Howley, 64, and a handful of other former ery Wednesday. Chicago-area educators would have continued stealing money allocated for schools, Alvarez said Wednestion Cookie Jar" probe.

"The theft of public money by individuals who are in positions of public trust is always egregious, but absolutely outrageous and extremely offensive when the ultimate victims are our school children," said Alvarez. She was joined by inspectors general for the Chicago Public Schools and City Colleges and by

BY RUMMANA HUSSAIN Thomas Utz, a special agent with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of the Inspector General.

Howley remains in Fort Collins. When Carol Howley was hired by Colo., where she currently lives. but she is expected to be arraigned here soon, officials said.

Another former City Colleges employee, Natatia Trotter-Gordon. She never received the degree, 43, allegedly asked Northwestern Memorial Hospital workers who belped coordinate a conversational Spanish class to mail checks to her instead of Kennedy-King College. Through that ploy, Trotter-Gordon, then Kennedy-King's director of Business and Industry, ended up with more than \$51,000 in her personal bank account, Alvarez said.

Trotter-Gordon was ordered held in lieu of \$75,000 bail for forg-

Louis James, 58, a former sports administrator for the Chicago Public Schools, is accused of forging day in announcing charges against checks, purchasing items and then the group in her ongoing "Opera- returning them - and then pocketing the cash to buy champagne, flowers, chocolate, condoms and a king-size mattress.

Another former Chicago Pubthe theft of money from schools is lie School employee, Sonia Lopez, 49, wrote 14 fraudulent checks to bail for theft and official misconherself totaling \$21,000 while she worked as a teaching assistant at Thurgood Marshall Middle School, to line his own pockets.



Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez announces the charges against multiple public education employees Wednesday in the "Operation Cookie Jar" probe. I JOHN H. WHITE-SUN-TIMES

and other payments.

Both James and Lopez were ordered held in lieu of \$30,000 bail for their alleged crimes Wednesday.

Alvarez's announcements came School District 147 Supt. Alex Boyd was ordered held in lieu of \$150,000 duct charges for allegedly stealing in Harvey, Alvarez said. the cash-strapped district's money

Boyd's secretary, Mable Chap-Lopez is also accused of swiping man, was also charged with helping Alvarez said.

\$3,000 in cash from student fees Boyd pull off his ruse by signing off on the fraudulent transactions, Alvarez said. Boyd, now 65, would allegedly buy Chapman airline tickets for trips using district funds. Five of Chapman's friends and relatives a day after former Harvey-Dixmoor ended up on the payroll, officials said. Chapman also asked maintenance staff to use district equipment to clear snow off her driveway

> Chapman, 58, wasn't in court Tuesday but arrangements have since been made for her surrender,

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Teacher accused of faking degree in wage scam

Ex-professor made \$300K in undue pay, authorities say

BY JENNIFER DELGADO

A former City Colleges of Chicago professor falsified a doctoral degree to pocket hundreds of thousands of dollars in fraudulent pay, Cook County prosecutors said Wednesday.

Carol Howley, a nursing professor at Richard J Da-ley College, was indicated on charges of theft of government property for allegedly pretending to be enrolled in doctoral classes at Rush University when she was bired in 1995. Two years later, she falsely claimed to have earned the doctorate and provided a forged transcript detailing the courses she claimed to have taken. prosecutors said Wednes-

With pay based in part on educational experience, Howley was overpaid by \$307,000, according to the

charges. The theft came to light when a Colorado employer considering whether to hire Howley tried to verify her doctoral degree, according to John A. Gasiorowski, the inspector general for City

Rush told Daley College didn't have any records of Howley ever attending the spectur general's office to investigate. The probe un-covered that Howley lied bout graduating with the loctorate in January 1997 and had never enrolled in the school's doctoral pro-

Gasiorowski said Howley

City Colleges' board of trustoes fired her in Febru-ary 2011 based on his office's

Howley, 64, who now lives in Fort Collins, Colo., couldn't be reached for comment. A spokeswoman for State's Actorney Anits Alveren said the department is working with authorities in Colorado to bring the former professor to Cook County.

At a news conference Alvarez sho announced indictments against two former Chicago Public Schools employees and a former City Colleges official.

Sonis Lopez, 49, who worked as a teaching assistant and treasurer at Marshall Middle School, was charged with theft after she allegedly wrote 14 unauthorized checks to herself for more than \$21,000 and took an additional \$3,000 from student feet and payments. Alvarez said

Louis James, 56, a former manager of sports administration for CPS, was accused of stealing \$9,000 and using the money to buy sparkling wine, flowers, hocolates, condoms and a king-size mattress at Coston. He was indicted on changes of theft and official

Natatia Trotter-Gordon. 43, a former director of business and industry at Kennedy-King College who coordinated a conversational Spanish program for Memorial Hospital, was charged with forgery for allegedly stealing more than

The schome was uncovered after Trotter-Gordon requested that she pick up the payments.

Bi-Annual Report (Section 2.7.5 of the Board By-Laws)

The Inspector General shall provide to the Chancellor and the Board a summary of investigations and audits resulting in sustained findings of waste, fraud or misconduct for the period of January 1st through June 30th not later than September 1st and for the period of July 1st through December 31st not later than March 1st each year.....



❖Submitted on August 7, 2012

Currently posted on the OIG portion of the CCC website with previous Bi-Annual Reports



Complaints Filed (January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012)

Subject Matter	Number
Sexual or Other Harassment	2
Grade Tampering	3
Ethics Violation	3
Conduct Unbecoming a Public Employee	4
Misappropriation of Funds / Theft	5
Fraud / Financial Aid Fraud	6
Discourteous Treatment	6
Preferential Treatment	7
Other CCC District-Wide Employee Manual Violations	8
Discrimination	9
Inattention to Duty	9
Falsification of Attendance Records	10
Residency	13
Reviews Initiated by the OIG	14
Total	99



- 98 complaints closed during the time period
 - 14 sustained findings of waste, fraud and/or misconduct
 - 53 not sustained / no policy violation
 - ❖24 referrals
 - 7 subject not active employee
- As of June 30, 2012, the OIG had 91 pending investigations



- Three Reviews
 - Follow-up to the Internal Audit review of P-Card use at the Colleges from July 2010 to June 2011
 - M/WBE compliance monitoring
 - Salary Lane IV Placements
- 2012 Annual Certification of Residency Audit
 - Required by Section 4.6(a) of the Board Policies and Procedures for Management and Government



- Summaries of sustained investigations
 - Procurement Policy violations
 - Ethics Policy violations
 - Scholarships granted by CCC Foundation
 - Falsification of Attendance Records
 - Providing false data to an accrediting body
 - Misappropriation of funds
 - Residency Policy violations



The OIG should be considered a success when students, faculty, staff, administrators and the public:

- perceive the OIG as a place where they can submit their complaints / concerns in a confidential and independent setting;
- trust that a fair, independent, accurate, and thorough investigation will be conducted and that the findings and recommendations made by the OIG are objective and consistent; and
- expect that the OIG's findings will be carefully considered by CCC administration and that the OIG's recommendations will be implemented when objectively appropriate.



Questions?

