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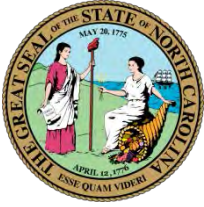
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Trustees, The University of North Carolina at Asheville

We have completed a financial statement audit of The University of North Carolina at Asheville for the year ended June 30, 2016, and our audit results are included in this report. You will note from the independent auditor's report that we determined that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

The results of our tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses in relation to our audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.

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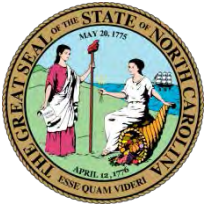
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Asheville, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville (University), a constituent institution of the multi-campus University of North Carolina System, which is a component unit of the State of North Carolina, and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc., the University's discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc., are based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc. were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the University's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of The University of North Carolina at Asheville and its discretely presented component unit, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

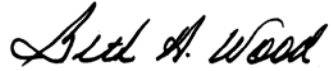
Other Matters – Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 14, 2016 on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial

reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Beth A. Wood, CPA
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

November 14, 2016



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



Introduction

This section of The University of North Carolina at Asheville's (University) financial report provides an overview of the financial position and activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. This discussion has been prepared by management along with the financial statements and related notes to the financial statements which follow this section and, as such, should be read in conjunction with them. This discussion and analysis only reflects the activity of the University for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 and not its component unit. It is designed to focus on current activities, resulting change, and currently known facts.

These statements are prepared in accordance with pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and include the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. Comparative information for the prior fiscal year is also presented in the condensed financial statements in this section.

Financial Highlights

Statement of Net Position

The *Statement of Net Position* presents assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position (the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources from liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) as of the date of the fiscal year end (June 30). This statement assists in the determination of the financial condition of the University. Comparative, condensed versions for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2015 are as follows:

Condensed Statement of Net Position				
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Current Assets	\$ 22,139,892.33	\$ 21,767,389.27	\$ 372,503.06	1.71%
Capital Assets	191,137,030.00	192,320,878.85	(1,183,848.85)	-0.62%
Other Noncurrent Assets	15,136,685.67	16,312,671.34	(1,175,985.67)	-7.21%
Total Assets	228,413,608.00	230,400,939.46	(1,987,331.46)	-0.86%
Deferred Loss on Refunding	390,600.53	442,324.46	(51,723.93)	-11.69%
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	2,139,833.38	2,096,581.00	43,252.38	2.06%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,530,433.91	2,538,905.46	(8,471.55)	-0.33%
Current Liabilities	6,627,066.64	6,634,985.07	(7,918.43)	-0.12%
Long-Term Liabilities	49,610,962.68	49,345,594.17	265,368.51	0.54%
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	1,377,326.15	1,661,093.57	(283,767.42)	-17.08%
Total Liabilities	57,615,355.47	57,641,672.81	(26,317.34)	-0.05%
Deferred Gain on Refunding	137,477.81	150,071.20	(12,593.39)	-8.39%
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	966,701.00	5,019,537.00	(4,052,836.00)	-80.74%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,104,178.81	5,169,608.20	(4,065,429.39)	-78.64%
Net Investment in Capital Assets	146,372,273.48	146,084,328.65	287,944.83	0.20%
Restricted - Nonexpendable	8,202,776.34	8,214,652.78	(11,876.44)	-0.14%
Restricted - Expendable	7,495,210.00	6,604,146.06	891,063.94	13.49%
Unrestricted	10,154,247.81	9,225,436.42	928,811.39	10.07%
Total Net Position	\$ 172,224,507.63	\$ 170,128,563.91	\$ 2,095,943.72	1.23%

General Discussion of Changes in Statement of Net Position

The University's total assets decreased this year by \$1.98 million or 0.86%. Current assets increased by a modest \$0.37 million, while capital assets and other noncurrent assets each decreased by approximately \$1.18 million.

Current assets are comprised of current unrestricted and restricted cash and investments, accounts and notes receivables, and inventories. The primary reason for the overall increase in current assets is due to approximately \$1.00 million of grant funds received in fiscal year 2016 that remained in current restricted cash and cash equivalents at year end as compared to the prior year. Some of the larger sources of these grant funds were Glaxo Smith Kline and Duke Energy, (see additional discussion on these grants in sections below). Other components of current assets such as unrestricted cash and restricted investments declined from fiscal year 2015 due to the completion of several projects funded from unrestricted cash and the completion of the Energy Savings Company project (ESCO discussed below) where funds were held in restricted investments.

The \$1.18 million net decrease in capital assets is due to the recording of annual depreciation expense of almost \$5.21 million offset by increases to capital assets totaling \$4.02 million. The bulk of the increases were comprised of the following:

- \$1.53 million transfer of the Karl Strauss Track Building from The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc. (Foundation);
- \$0.46 million toward the completion of the Student Recreation Center gym floor replacement;

- \$0.36 million for pre-construction costs associated with a new residence hall and renovations to the Highsmith Student Union (discussed further below);
- \$0.34 million for residence hall renovations; and
- \$0.18 million toward the completion of the \$3.11 million ESCO lighting project.

The \$3.11 million ESCO asset completed in fiscal year 2016 consisted of various lighting upgrades. The ESCO project is a system-wide guaranteed energy savings project which was led by the University of North Carolina System and implemented with 15 system institutions.

Other noncurrent assets decreased by almost \$1.18 million due primarily to the \$1.04 million decline in the University's endowment investments. The decline was due to a combination of increased endowment spending and endowment investment losses each totaling \$0.52 million.

Total liabilities decreased \$0.02 million overall due to the increase in long-term liabilities of \$0.26 million and a decrease in other noncurrent liabilities of \$0.28 million.

Long-term liabilities, other than net pension liability discussed below, declined due to scheduled debt service payments and the first scheduled payments on the ESCO note payable which began in May 2016 and will mature in February 2023.

Changes in other noncurrent liabilities were related to additional international inbound students and the related pay down of deposits payable to various international student exchange programs.

GASB 68 Implementation - Fiscal Year 2016 Update

Fiscal year 2015 was the implementation year of a significant GASB pronouncement, GASB Statement No. 68 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 68 apply to the financial statements of all state and local governmental employers whose employees are provided with pensions through pension plans that are administered through trusts. The requirements apply whether the government's financial statements are presented in stand-alone financial reports or are included in the financial reports of another government. As part of the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation, the University, along with other component units and proprietary funds of the State of North Carolina, was required to record its proportionate share of the collective Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) net pension liability, pension expense, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources. Additional information is provided in Note 12 to the financial statements and in the Required Supplementary Information.

The net pension liability for TSERS was measured as of June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 (Note: GASB Statement No. 68 requires the net pension liability to be measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year). The underlying financial information used to prepare the pension schedules is based on the TSERS financial statements. The North Carolina Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has completed a financial audit of the TSERS Schedule of Employer Allocations for the year ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer for the year ended June 30, 2015. The OSA's audit report, *Teachers and State Employees Retirement System - Financial Audit of Schedules* can found on their website at www.ncauditor.net.

The effects on the net pension liability of (a) changes in assumptions and (b) differences between assumptions and actual experience were recognized initially as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and then introduced into the expense calculation systematically and rationally over the average remaining years of employment of employees (active employees and inactive employees, including retirees).

An illustration of the impact of these items on the University's fiscal years 2016 and 2015 Statements of Net Position is as follows:

Statement of Net Position - Effect of Pension Related Items				
	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	\$ 2,139,833.38	\$ 2,096,581.00	\$ 43,252.38	2.06%
Less: Net Pension Liability	4,353,693.00	1,389,788.00	2,963,905.00	213.26%
Less: Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	966,701.00	5,019,537.00	(4,052,836.00)	-80.74%
Net Position Effect From GASB Statement No. 68	<u>\$ (3,180,560.62)</u>	<u>\$ (4,312,744.00)</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,183.38</u>	26.25%

As seen above, total net position for fiscal years 2016 and 2015 declined by \$3.18 million and \$4.31 million, respectively, as a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68. However, given the fund's performance over the past two years, as discussed below, there is a change in the impact to unrestricted net position of \$1.13 million from fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2016.

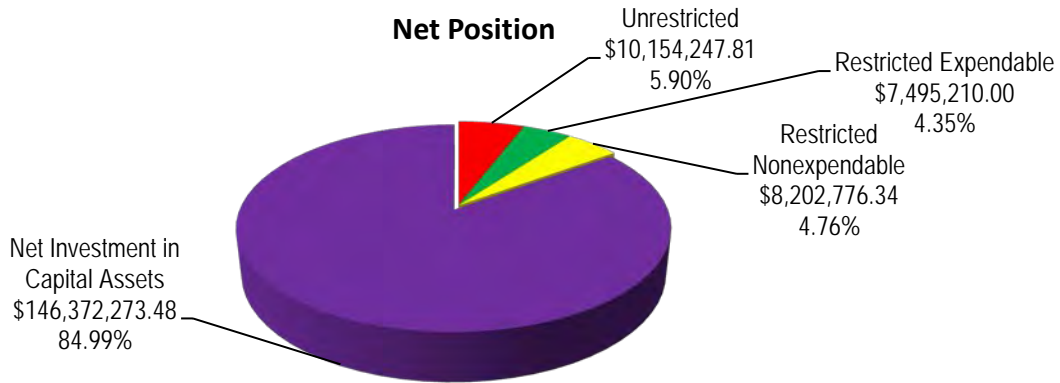
Net pension liability is measured as of the prior year; therefore, the deferred outflows of resources represent the University's current year contributions to TSERS in each year. The changes to the other components of pension items from fiscal year 2015 to those for fiscal year 2016 are primarily due to the TSERS plan's investment performance in fiscal year 2015 being higher than projections, whereas fiscal year 2016 saw a significant decline in the plan's investment performance. The projected return for the pension investment portfolio is 7.25%. The actual rate of return was 2.27% in fiscal year 2015 down from 15.88% in fiscal year 2014 (the actuarial valuation is performed as of June 30 of the prior fiscal period). Each year the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are netted together; therefore, the net deferred inflow of resources decreased significantly but remains a deferred inflow of resources (as opposed to a deferred outflow of resources) because of the prior year's investment performance. Given the significantly lower investment performance, the University's portion of the TSERS collective net pension liability increased approximately \$3.00 million.

Even though the University's net pension liability increased, its pension expense actually declined due to plan changes from the prior year. The University's portion of pension expense recognized for fiscal year 2016 was \$0.60 million versus \$0.73 million in fiscal year 2015.

One important measure of a pension plan's financial strength is its net position as a percentage of its total pension liability. For the TSERS plan, the net position as a percentage of the total pension liability was 94.64% and 98.24% for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively.

General Discussion of University's Net Position

The components of net position are shown in the graph below.



Net position represents residual interest in the University's assets and deferred outflows of resources after all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are deducted. For reporting purposes, they are divided into four major components:

"Net Investment in Capital Assets" represents the University's investment in capital assets such as movable equipment, buildings, land, infrastructure, and improvements, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of liabilities attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. At June 30, 2016, \$146.37 million or 84.99% of the \$172.22 million in net position was attributable to the University's net investment in capital assets as compared to \$146.08 million and 85.87% for fiscal year 2015. This \$0.29 million increase over the prior year is primarily due to the combination of large asset additions discussed above, depreciation of capital assets, and the principal payments of all capital-associated University debt.

"Restricted - Nonexpendable" net position primarily includes the University's permanent endowment funds received from donors for the purpose of creating present and future income. These funds, according to donor restrictions, must be held in perpetuity or for a specified period of time. These funds represent 4.76% of the University's net position and saw a decrease of \$0.01 million from fiscal year 2015.

"Restricted - Expendable" net position is income from endowed funds, grants from others, and gifts with specific restrictions on spending. Restricted - expendable net position comprises 4.35% of the University's net position. This component saw an increase of \$0.89 million primarily due to an increase in capital projects that are in progress for a new residence hall and other renovation projects.

"Unrestricted" net position is not subject to externally imposed restrictions, and substantially all of the University's unrestricted net position has been designated for various programs and initiatives. Unrestricted net position is impacted by the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation as discussed and illustrated above. In fiscal year 2016, the unrestricted net

position represented 5.90% of total net position compared to 5.42% for fiscal year 2015. The increase is primarily attributable to the improved net effect of pension recognition.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position* presents the revenues earned and the expenses incurred during the year. Activities are reported as either operating or nonoperating. Given a public university's dependency on revenues such as state appropriations, gifts, and investment income, which are prescribed by the GASB as nonoperating revenues, operating expenses will exceed operating revenues, resulting in an operating loss. Therefore, nonoperating revenues and expenses are integral components in determining the increase or decrease in net position and in analyzing the core performance of the University as a whole. Following is a condensed, comparative review of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (SRECNP):

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	2016 Fiscal Year	2015 Fiscal Year	\$ Change	% Change
Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 23,728,559.85	\$ 22,704,340.31	\$ 1,024,219.54	4.51%
Sales and Services, Net	12,356,155.43	11,396,367.93	959,787.50	8.42%
Grants and Contracts	3,631,124.81	2,233,662.68	1,397,462.13	62.56%
Other Operating Revenues	1,708,920.00	1,499,086.54	209,833.46	14.00%
Total Operating Revenues	41,424,760.09	37,833,457.46	3,591,302.63	9.49%
Salaries and Benefits	57,345,833.13	55,189,774.34	2,156,058.79	3.91%
Supplies and Materials	5,279,263.66	5,200,169.92	79,093.74	1.52%
Services	14,652,434.40	13,501,850.96	1,150,583.44	8.52%
Scholarships and Fellowships	5,797,384.77	5,524,936.83	272,447.94	4.93%
Utilities	2,596,968.07	2,735,218.22	(138,250.15)	-5.05%
Depreciation	5,208,173.30	5,079,555.19	128,618.11	2.53%
Total Operating Expenses	90,880,057.33	87,231,505.46	3,648,551.87	4.18%
Operating Loss	(49,455,297.24)	(49,398,048.00)	(57,249.24)	0.12%
State Appropriations	38,770,344.11	37,977,520.34	792,823.77	2.09%
Noncapital Grants	9,302,491.39	9,108,008.41	194,482.98	2.14%
Noncapital Gifts	2,468,740.90	2,352,715.94	116,024.96	4.93%
Investment Income (Loss)	(166,637.97)	1,291,670.28	(1,458,308.25)	-112.90%
Interest and Fees on Debt	(2,194,763.67)	(2,287,965.58)	93,201.91	-4.07%
Federal Interest Subsidy on Debt	523,873.45	520,872.18	3,001.27	0.58%
Other Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	114,447.75	(8,473.35)	122,921.10	1450.68%
Net Nonoperating Revenues	48,818,495.96	48,954,348.22	(135,852.26)	-0.28%
Loss Before Other Revenues	(636,801.28)	(443,699.78)	(193,101.50)	43.52%
Capital Grants, Appropriations, & Gifts	2,732,745.00	370,998.08	2,361,746.92	636.59%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	2,095,943.72	(72,701.70)	2,168,645.42	2982.94%
Net Position, Beginning of Year	170,128,563.91	170,201,265.61	(72,701.70)	-0.04%
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 172,224,507.63	\$ 170,128,563.91	\$ 2,095,943.72	1.23%
Reconciliation of Change in Net Position				
Total Revenues	\$ 95,337,402.69	\$ 89,455,242.69	\$ 5,882,160.00	6.58%
Less: Total Expenses	93,241,458.97	89,527,944.39	3,713,514.58	4.15%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 2,095,943.72	\$ (72,701.70)	\$ 2,168,645.42	2982.94%

General Discussion of Changes in Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Below is a summarized alternative view of the SRECNP that reflects the combined sources of operating and net nonoperating revenues, which are then deducted by operating expenses. The 4.18% increase in operating expenses was slightly higher than the 3.98% increase in total revenue sources resulting in a higher loss before other revenues. However, if adjusted for one of the material noncash factors included within the net investment earnings, the unrealized gain (loss) due to market fluctuations (i.e. add back losses and deduct for gains), adjusted loss before other revenues from fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2016 shows a significant increase as follows:

	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	\$ Change	% Change
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 41,424,760.09	\$ 37,833,457.46	\$ 3,591,302.63	9.49%
Total Net Nonoperating Revenues	48,818,495.96	48,954,348.22	(135,852.26)	-0.28%
Total Operating and Net Nonoperating Revenues	90,243,256.05	86,787,805.68	3,455,450.37	3.98%
Total Operating Expenses	90,880,057.33	87,231,505.46	3,648,551.87	4.18%
Loss Before Other Revenues	(636,801.28)	(443,699.78)	(193,101.50)	43.52%
<i>Add Back (Deduct) Effects of Material Non-Cash Items:</i>				
Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Investments	519,678.31	(1,084,900.51)	1,604,578.82	-147.90%
Adjusted Loss Before Other Revenues	\$ (117,122.97)	\$ (1,528,600.29)	\$ 1,411,477.32	-92.34%

The University's endowment with the UNC Investment Fund recorded an unrealized loss of \$0.52 million in fiscal year 2016 versus an unrealized gain in fiscal year 2015 of \$1.08 million because the endowment's annual returns were (2.28%) versus 8.95%, respectively.

Operating revenues saw an overall increase of \$3.59 million or 9.49% over fiscal year 2015. The major factors contributing to this increase are as follows:

- \$1.02 million of additional net tuition and fee revenue due to enrollment growth and a 5% Board of Governors approved increase for both in-state and out-of-state tuition;
- \$0.86 million in registration revenues from hosting of the 30th Annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR); and
- \$1.40 million in public and private grants received to support the University's programs.

Significant grant funds received included \$0.40 million from Duke Energy to support engineering programs, the first installment totaling \$0.31 million of a \$1.58 million multi-year grant from The North Carolina Glaxo Smith Kline Foundation for a Chemistry and Biology Fellows and Scholars Program, and \$0.20 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support the North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness' Chronic Disease Self-Management Educational Program.

Operating expenses saw an approximate \$3.65 million or 4.18% increase overall. This increase was driven by an almost \$2.16 million net increase in salaries and benefits, and an approximate \$1.15 million increase in services expense due to the spending associated with

grant receipts, the NCUR conference, and travel costs resulting from the NCAA tournament participation of the University's Men and Women's basketball teams, and software purchases to support admissions operations. The University's basketball teams, for the first time in the University's history, both won their respective Big South Conference Titles. The other major increase of \$0.27 million in scholarships and fellowships was in line with the tuition increase. Utilities declined 5.05% overall due to savings from the ESCO lighting upgrades and natural gas rate reductions.

Net Nonoperating revenues decreased approximately \$0.14 million overall. A significant portion of this decline is attributable to the net investment loss of nearly \$0.17 million, that includes the \$0.52 million unrealized loss mentioned above offset by net realized investment income and gains of \$0.35 million, versus the prior year's \$1.29 million net investment gain. Other than the net investment loss, nonoperating revenues increased \$1.32 million. The largest component of nonoperating revenues is the state appropriations which were \$38.77 million and \$37.97 million in fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively. In fiscal year 2016, two major contributing factors were the additional appropriated funds for enrollment growth (\$0.40 million – recurring) and legislatively approved one-time bonuses to state employees (\$0.45 million – non-recurring). Noncapital grants and gifts are primarily student financial aid from both public and private sources including the Federal Pell Grants (\$5.67 million), The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (\$2.93 million), and the Foundation (\$0.88 million).

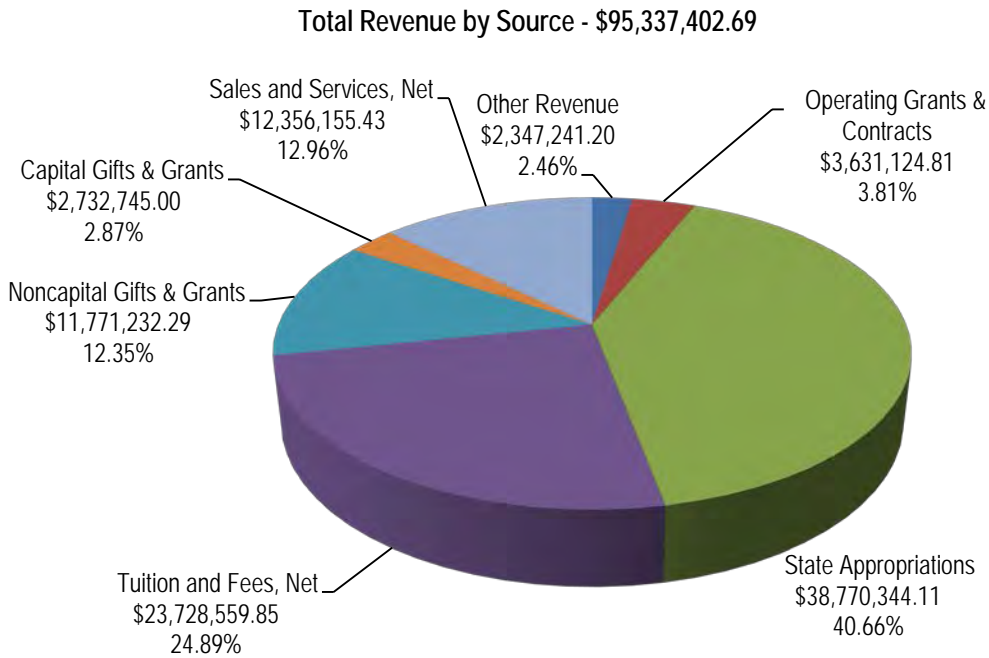
Capital grants, gifts, and appropriations are considered neither operating nor nonoperating revenues and are reported after "Loss Before Other Revenues."

In fiscal year 2016, there were capital appropriations and grants in the form of Certificates of Participation totaling \$1.73 million for various state approved capital projects and safety enhancements versus \$0.37 million in fiscal year 2015.

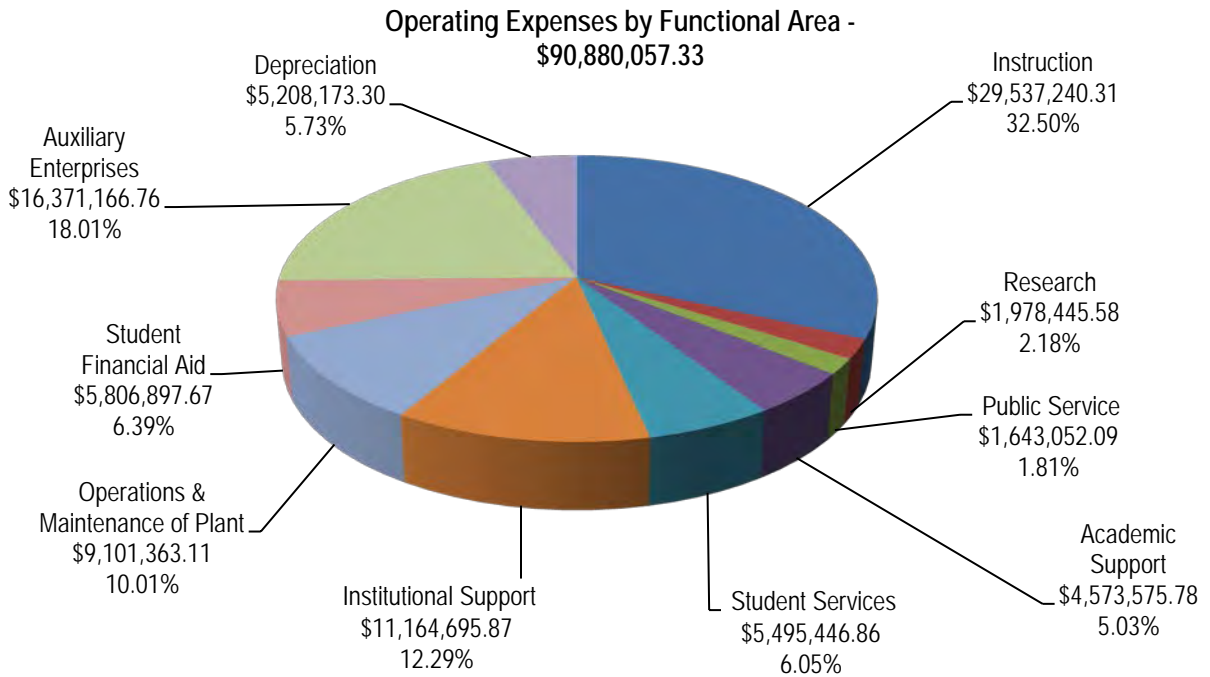
Capital gifts in fiscal year 2016 of \$1.00 million were largely comprised of a \$0.93 million capital gift associated with the Karl Strauss Track Building transferred from the Foundation.

Additional Summary Information

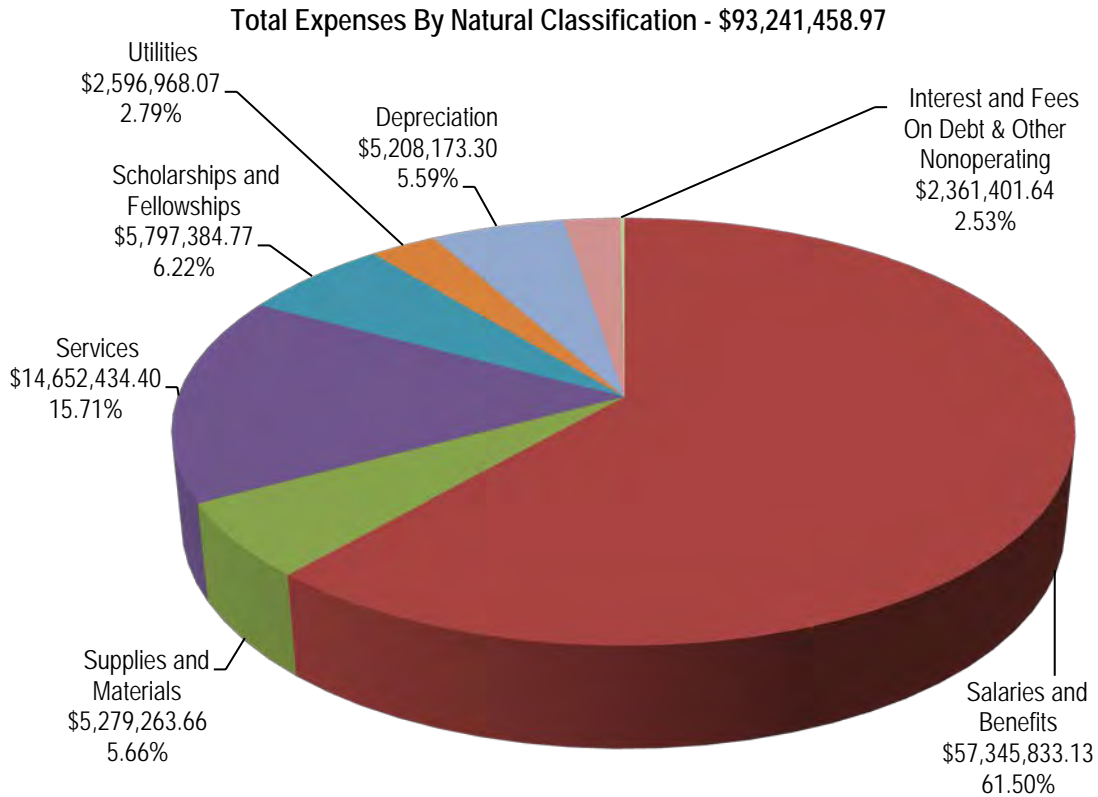
A summary of the University's fiscal year 2016 total of all revenues by source is as follows:



Operating expenses by functional area for fiscal year 2016 are shown in the graph below:



The total of all expenses by natural classification for fiscal year 2016 is shown below:



Debt Administration, Major Capital Projects in Progress, and Debt Rating Update

No additional debt was issued in fiscal year 2016. In fiscal year 2015, the University recorded \$3.18 million for its portion of the ESCO project as previously discussed. For additional debt information see Note 8 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Other capital projects in process at year-end include costs associated with renovations at Mills Hall totaling \$0.34 million and design costs totaling \$0.36 million related to two large projects anticipated for fiscal year 2017 - the construction of new student housing and renovations to the Highsmith Student Union.

The University received initial authorization to pursue the construction and related financing of two capital improvement projects - additional student housing and a renovation to the Highsmith Student Union for \$33.80 million and \$12.43 million, respectively, under Senate Bill 872 dated June 30, 2016. The University is in the process of obtaining appropriate contracts and documentation and requesting final authorization and approval from the Board of Governors to issue General Revenue Bonds to finance these improvements in fiscal year 2017.

In March 2016, North Carolina voters approved a \$2.00 billion general obligation bond issuance named the Connect NC Bond. As part of this bond issuance, the University will receive a \$21.10 million allocation for the repair and renovation of Owen Hall and Carmichael Hall.

The State of North Carolina appropriated \$2.00 million to the University for land acquisition in House Budget Bill 1030, known as the “Current Operations and Capital Improvement Appropriations Act of 2016.” The University will use the funding to purchase land and a building from the Foundation.

Moody's Investors Service affirmed the University's A1 debt rating with a stable outlook on April 15, 2015. An excerpt from the release is as follows:

“The A1 rating reflects the university's niche position as the designated liberal arts institution within the University of North Carolina system, stable student demand, and substantial financial support from the State of North Carolina (Aaa stable).

The stable outlook reflects the expectation that the university's enrollment management and market position will translate into adequate earned revenue growth. The stable outlook also incorporates expectations that management will improve operating performance and slowly build liquidity over the next few years.”

Economic Outlook

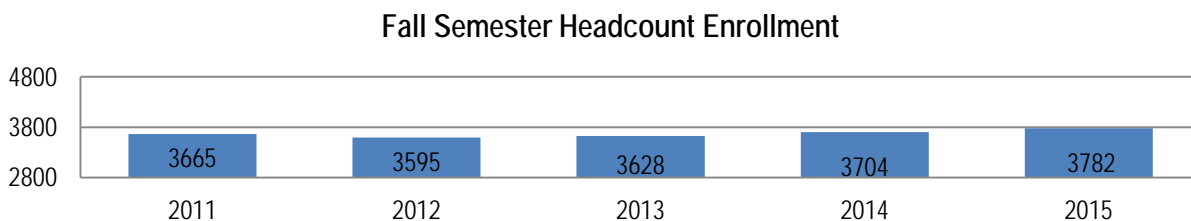
Management believes that the University is well positioned to continue its level of excellence of service to students, the community, and governmental agencies. As the only dedicated liberal arts institution in The University of North Carolina System, the University kindles learning by offering students an intellectually rigorous education that builds critical thinking and workforce skills to last a lifetime. Small class size, award-winning faculty, and a nationally acclaimed undergraduate research program foster innovation as well as recognition.

The University's ongoing efforts toward maximizing the State's resources with efficiency and effectiveness measures should enable it to provide the necessary resources to support this level of excellence.

Enrollment Trends

The University maintains strong admission standards for incoming freshman as the institution continues to enhance its national profile. The overall enrollment stability reflects a strong demand for the University's nationally recognized, public liberal arts program.

The following table compares fall semester enrollment of students for the previous five years.



Current Year University Recognitions

The University is consistently recognized for academic quality, excellent teaching, quality of life, and great value. Highlights from recent rankings and distinctions include:

- a. Ranked #1 by The Princeton Review for "Best Schools Making an Impact." The category recognizes schools with the best community service opportunities, student governments, sustainability, and on-campus student engagement, as well as graduates with high job meaning.
- b. Ranked #1 among the "25 Best U.S. Colleges for Students Who Want to Change the World" by the World Economic Forum and Business Insider.
- c. Ranked eighth in the nation among public liberal arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report.
- d. Among the top 100 of Kiplinger's 2016 "Public College Values," including sixth lowest total cost of attending for in-state students, and the 21st lowest average debt among graduates of public universities nationally.
- e. Named a "Best Buy," along with UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University - the only North Carolina public universities to earn a place on this international ranking list reflecting academic quality and affordability. For 12 consecutive years, the University's Environmental Studies Program has been named to the list of pre-professional programs with unusual strength in preparing students for careers.
- The Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2016 Edition
- f. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announced that the University is among the U.S. colleges and universities with the highest number of Fulbright Scholars in 2015 - 2016. Fulbright Scholars at the University include not only students, but also faculty and staff members.

The Fiscal Year 2016 Strategic Plan - Inspire, Innovate, Engage

During fiscal year 2016, the University, led by its Chancellor, Mary K. Grant, initiated a comprehensive strategic planning process. A Strategic Planning Task Force was charged with reviewing and analyzing the diverse input, and working together to develop a plan that would best position the University for success.

In all, over 500 people, including faculty, students, staff, alumni, trustees, community leaders, and friends of the University, had the opportunity to make their voices heard. In addition, planners sought input from the community, business, and social leaders of the city of Asheville.

Through the plan that was developed, the University will continue to press forward as a nationally recognized center of creativity, innovation, and excellence in the public liberal arts. The Strategic Plan is guided by three core values as follows:

- Diversity and Inclusion;
- Innovation, and
- Sustainability.

These core values drive the four Strategic Directions of Academic Rigor, Student Success, Community Engagement, and Organizational Capacity. In collaboration with all of the

University's stakeholders, including the Board of Trustees, action steps are being created to support the Strategic Directions for fiscal year 2017.

Conclusion

Looking ahead, a crucial element to the University's future will continue to be the level of state funding as well as managing tuition and fees while staying competitive and providing an outstanding college education for its students.

The University will strategically seek alternative funding sources through contract and grant funding as well as private fundraising. The University will continue to employ its investment strategy to maximize total returns, at an appropriate level of risk, while utilizing a spending rate policy to insulate the University's operations from temporary market volatility. The University will also continue to control its spending to be in accordance with available revenue sources.

While it is not possible to predict the ultimate results, management believes that with continued prudent cost reduction measures and the support of the State of North Carolina and faithful donors, the University's financial condition is strong enough to weather future economic uncertainties.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

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ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 18,675,667.57
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,544,699.08
Restricted Short-Term Investments	160,348.47
Receivables, Net (Note 5)	888,602.58
Inventories	274,165.34
Notes Receivable, Net (Note 5)	596,409.29

Total Current Assets	22,139,892.33
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Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,612,896.75
Endowment Investments	13,099,371.18
Notes Receivable, Net (Note 5)	424,417.74
Capital Assets - Nondepreciable (Note 6)	10,060,362.88
Capital Assets - Depreciable, Net (Note 6)	181,076,667.12

Total Noncurrent Assets	206,273,715.67
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Total Assets	228,413,608.00
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Loss on Refunding	390,600.53
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	2,139,833.38

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,530,433.91
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 7)	2,071,982.96
Due to Primary Government	13,819.38
Funds Held for Others	1,740.00
Unearned Revenue	1,274,143.10
Interest Payable	244,399.73
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion (Note 8)	3,020,981.47

Total Current Liabilities	6,627,066.64
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Noncurrent Liabilities:

Deposits Payable	38,879.48
Funds Held for Others	174,366.10
U. S. Government Grants Refundable	1,164,080.57
Long-Term Liabilities, Net (Note 8)	49,610,962.68

Total Noncurrent Liabilities	50,988,288.83
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Total Liabilities	57,615,355.47
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Gain on Refunding	137,477.81
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	966,701.00

Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,104,178.81
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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	146,372,273.48
Restricted for:	
Nonexpendable:	
Scholarships and Fellowships	688,598.33
Endowed Professorships	7,336,500.00
Loans	177,678.01
Expendable:	
Scholarships and Fellowships	1,767,085.38
Research	543,213.33
Endowed Professorships	2,988,188.60
Departmental Uses	461,056.01
Capital Projects	1,349,977.37
Other	385,689.31
Unrestricted	<u>10,154,247.81</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 172,224,507.63</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit A-2

REVENUES

Operating Revenues:

Student Tuition and Fees, Net (Note 10)	\$ 23,728,559.85
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,686,586.59
State and Local Grants and Contracts	961,182.30
Nongovernmental Grants and Contracts	983,355.92
Sales and Services, Net (Note 10)	12,356,155.43
Interest Earnings on Loans	37,481.75
Other Operating Revenues	1,671,438.25
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Total Operating Revenues	41,424,760.09

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses:

Salaries and Benefits	57,345,833.13
Supplies and Materials	5,279,263.66
Services	14,652,434.40
Scholarships and Fellowships	5,797,384.77
Utilities	2,596,968.07
Depreciation	5,208,173.30
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Total Operating Expenses	90,880,057.33

Operating Loss	<hr/> <u>(49,455,297.24)</u>
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NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

State Appropriations	38,770,344.11
Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid	8,934,735.91
Noncapital Grants	367,755.48
Noncapital Gifts	2,468,740.90
Investment Loss (Includes Investment Expense of \$76,287.25)	(166,637.97)
Interest and Fees on Debt	(2,194,763.67)
Federal Interest Subsidy on Debt	523,873.45
Other Nonoperating Revenues	114,447.75
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Net Nonoperating Revenues	48,818,495.96

Loss Before Other Revenues	(636,801.28)
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Capital Appropriations	1,514,300.00
Capital Grants	215,556.97
Capital Gifts	1,002,888.03
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Increase in Net Position	2,095,943.72

NET POSITION

Net Position - July 1, 2015	<hr/> 170,128,563.91
Net Position - June 30, 2016	<hr/> <u>\$ 172,224,507.63</u>

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The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Received from Customers	\$ 41,465,869.14
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits	(58,218,323.66)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	(22,222,198.57)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships	(5,825,095.21)
Loans Issued	(124,397.00)
Collection of Loans	149,005.32
Interest Earned on Loans	37,481.75
Other Payments	(299,375.96)
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Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(45,037,034.19)

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

State Appropriations	38,770,344.11
Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid	8,934,735.91
Noncapital Grants	356,317.03
Noncapital Gifts	2,468,740.90
William D. Ford Direct Lending Receipts	13,894,010.00
William D. Ford Direct Lending Disbursements	(13,894,010.00)
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Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	50,530,137.95

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Capital Appropriations	1,514,300.00
Capital Grants	214,440.32
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(2,900,110.46)
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(2,551,571.23)
Interest and Fees Paid on Capital Debt	(2,225,120.38)
Federal Interest Subsidy on Debt Received	523,873.45
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Net Cash Used by Capital Financing and Related Financing Activities	(5,424,188.30)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	793,407.09
Investment Income	157,959.42
Purchase of Investments and Related Fees	(76,287.25)
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Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	875,079.26
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	943,994.72
Cash and Cash Equivalents - July 1, 2015	20,889,268.68
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Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2016	\$ 21,833,263.40

The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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**RECONCILIATION OF NET OPERATING LOSS
TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Loss	\$ (49,455,297.24)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	5,208,173.30
Allowances and Write-Offs	49,235.03
Pension Expense	600,386.00
Nonoperating Other Expenses	(174.25)
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Receivables, Net	180,918.84
Inventories	21,304.62
Notes Receivable, Net	24,608.32
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	280,677.38
Due to Primary Government	978.52
Funds Held for Others	(34,580.02)
Unearned Revenue	(104,508.69)
Deferred Outflows for Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	(1,617,947.38)
Compensated Absences	61,349.00
Deposits Payable	(252,157.62)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (45,037,034.19)</u>

RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 18,675,667.57
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,544,699.08
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>1,612,896.75</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 21,833,263.40</u>

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Assets Acquired through the Assumption of a Liability	\$ 277,414.28
Assets Acquired through a Gift	1,002,888.03
Change in Fair Value of Investments	(519,678.31)
Amortization of Bond Premiums/Discounts	45,235.53
Payments Made on Behalf of the University	429,693.29

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2016

Exhibit B-1

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,116,390.41
Sales Tax Receivable	12,065.18
Other Receivables	88,133.02
Promises to Give, Net	910,573.37
Prepaid Expenses	80,588.67
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Total Current Assets	4,207,750.65

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

2,826,648.73

OTHER ASSETS

Investments	28,325,253.92
Promises to Give, Net	276,463.18
Real Estate Held for Resale	185,000.00
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	135,522.94
Prepaid Expenses	5,787.50
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Total Other Assets	28,928,027.54

Total Assets

\$ 35,962,426.92

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	\$ 2,400,000.00
Accounts Payable	71,552.23
Contract Retainage Payable	18,444.87
Annuities Payable	72,609.72
Tenant Security Deposits	30,000.00
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Total Current Liabilities	2,592,606.82

NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Annuities Payable	509,132.66
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Total Liabilities	3,101,739.48

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	2,076,993.36
Temporarily Restricted	11,701,882.75
Permanently Restricted	19,081,811.33
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Total Net Assets	32,860,687.44
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Total Net Assets and Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 35,962,426.92</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc.
Consolidated Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit B-2

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
OPERATING REVENUES AND PUBLIC SUPPORT				
Contributions	\$ 282,842.72	\$ 1,512,612.65	\$ 3,282,492.47	\$ 5,077,947.84
Contributions-Gifts in Kind	163,767.39	66,848.05		230,615.44
Grant Revenues		505,000.00		505,000.00
Investment Loss	(32,379.02)	(420,573.22)		(452,952.24)
Loss on Perpetual Trust			(10,452.93)	(10,452.93)
Family Business Forum		51,149.00		51,149.00
Special Events		172,916.00		172,916.00
Rental and Lease Income	120,000.00	13,591.90		133,591.90
Other Income		13,413.19		13,413.19
Net Assets Released from Restriction	<u>3,893,557.94</u>	<u>(3,893,557.94)</u>		
Total Operating Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	<u>4,427,789.03</u>	<u>(1,978,600.37)</u>	<u>3,272,039.54</u>	<u>5,721,228.20</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Program Services	2,909,518.34			2,909,518.34
Supporting Services				
Management and General	346,105.14			346,105.14
Fundraising	<u>286,758.46</u>			<u>286,758.46</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,542,381.94</u>			<u>3,542,381.94</u>
Change in Net Assets from Operations	<u>885,407.09</u>	<u>(1,978,600.37)</u>	<u>3,272,039.54</u>	<u>2,178,846.26</u>
OTHER CHANGES				
Transfer of Capital Assets to the University Karl Straus Track Building	<u>926,025.08</u>			<u>926,025.08</u>
Change in Net Assets	(40,617.99)	(1,978,600.37)	3,272,039.54	1,252,821.18
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>2,117,611.35</u>	<u>13,680,483.12</u>	<u>15,809,771.79</u>	<u>31,607,866.26</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,076,993.36</u>	<u>\$ 11,701,882.75</u>	<u>\$ 19,081,811.33</u>	<u>\$ 32,860,687.44</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Financial Reporting Entity** - The concept underlying the definition of the financial reporting entity is that elected officials are accountable to their constituents for their actions. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the financial reporting entity includes both the primary government and all of its component units. An organization other than a primary government serves as a nucleus for a reporting entity when it issues separate financial statements. The University of North Carolina at Asheville (University) is a constituent institution of the multi-campus University of North Carolina System, which is a component unit of the State of North Carolina and an integral part of the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

The accompanying financial statements present all funds belonging to the University and its component unit. While the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System has ultimate responsibility, the Chancellor, the Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund have delegated responsibilities for financial accountability of the University's funds. The University's component unit is discretely presented in the University's financial statements. See below for further discussion of the University's component unit.

Discretely Presented Component Unit - The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is a legally separate nonprofit corporation and is reported as a discretely presented component unit based on the nature and significance of its relationship to the University. The Foundation acts primarily as a fund-raising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the University in support of its programs. The Foundation board consists of 25 to 36 elected directors. Although the University does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or income thereon, that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the University by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of the University, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the University and is reported in separate consolidated financial statements because of the difference in its reporting model, as described below.

In September 2013, the Foundation formed a wholly owned subsidiary, UNC Asheville Baseball Stadium, LLC. Its purpose is to further and support the charitable and other exempt purpose of the Foundation by planning, designing, constructing, and completing the expansion and renovation of the existing baseball stadium and associated construction areas on the campus of the University, and such activities as are necessary, incidental, or appropriate in connection therewith.

In December 2013, the Foundation formed a wholly owned subsidiary, UNC Asheville Real Estate, LLC. Its purpose is to further and support

the charitable, educational and other exempt purposes of the Foundation by acquiring, owning, developing, leasing, managing, operating, and selling real property for the benefit of the University, and such activities as are necessary, incidental, or appropriate in connection therewith.

In February 2016, the Foundation formed a wholly owned subsidiary, UNC Asheville Foundation Makerspace, LLC. Its purpose is to further and support the charitable, educational, and other exempt purposes of the Foundation by acquiring, owning, developing, leasing, managing, operating, and selling real estate for the benefit of the University, and such activities as are necessary, incidental, or appropriate in connection therewith.

The Foundation is a private nonprofit organization that reports its financial results under the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Codification. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation's financial information in the University's financial reporting entity for these differences.

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the Foundation distributed \$1,897,140.27 to the University for both restricted and unrestricted purposes. See Note 6 for information regarding an additional foundation transaction involving a capital asset. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained from the University Controller's Office, 207 Phillips Hall, One University Heights, Asheville, North Carolina 28804 or by calling 828-232-5109.

- B. Basis of Presentation** - The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the GASB.

Pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 - *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35 - *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for Public Colleges and Universities*, the full scope of the University's activities is considered to be a single business-type activity and accordingly, is reported within a single column in the basic financial statements.

- C. Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the University have been prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred, regardless of the timing of the cash flows.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the University receives (or gives) value without directly giving (or receiving) equal value in exchange,

include state appropriations, certain grants, and donations. Revenues are recognized, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met, if probable of collection.

- D. Cash and Cash Equivalents** - This classification includes petty cash, cash on deposit with private bank accounts, and deposits held by the State Treasurer in the Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF maintained by the State Treasurer has the general characteristics of a demand deposit account in that participants may deposit and withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.
- E. Investments** - To the extent available, investments are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices in active markets on a trade-date basis. Additional information regarding the fair value measurement of investments is disclosed in Note 3. Because of the inherent uncertainty in the use of estimates, values that are based on estimates may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments. The net increase (decrease) in the value of investments is recognized as a component of investment income.

Money market investments that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less are reported at cost, if purchased, or at fair value or appraised value at date of gift, if donated.

Endowment investments include the principal amount of gifts and bequests that, according to donor restrictions, must be held in perpetuity or for a specified period of time, along with any accumulated investment earnings on such amounts. Further, endowment investments also include amounts internally designated by the University for investment in an endowment capacity (i.e. quasi-endowments), along with accumulated investment earnings on such amounts.

- F. Receivables** - Receivables consist of tuition and fees charged to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services and interest. Receivables also include amounts due from the federal government, state and local governments, and private sources in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to contracts and grants. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.
- G. Inventories** - Inventories, consisting of expendable supplies, are valued at cost using the last invoice cost method.
- H. Capital Assets** - Capital assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or acquisition value at date of donation in the case of gifts. Donated capital assets acquired prior to July 1, 2015 are stated at fair value as of the date of donation. The value of assets constructed includes all material direct and indirect construction costs. Interest costs incurred are capitalized during the period of construction.

The University capitalizes assets that have a value or cost of \$5,000 or greater at the date of acquisition and an estimated useful life of more than one year.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets in the following manner:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	10-100 years
Machinery & Equipment	2-30 years
Arts, Literature, and Artifacts	10-25 years
General Infrastructure	10-75 years

The University does not capitalize the collections considered to be inexhaustible or the general collections available for use in the Ramsey Library or in other campus locations. These collections adhere to the University's policy to maintain for public exhibition, education, or research; protect, keep unencumbered, care for, and preserve. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America permit collections maintained in this manner to be charged to operations at time of purchase rather than be capitalized.

Certain other collections are capitalized at cost or acquisition value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets acquired prior to July 1, 2015 are stated at fair value as of the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the collections, which is generally 10-25 years.

- I. **Restricted Assets** - Certain resources are reported as restricted assets because restrictions on asset use change the nature or normal understanding of the availability of the asset. Resources that are not available for current operations and are reported as restricted include resources restricted for the acquisition or construction of capital assets, unspent debt proceeds, and endowment and other restricted investments.
- J. **Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities** - Noncurrent long-term liabilities include principal amounts of revenue bonds payable, net pension liability, notes payable, and compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

Revenue bonds payable are reported net of unamortized premiums or discounts. The University amortizes bond premiums/discounts over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Deferred charges on refundings are amortized over the life of the new debt using the straight-line method, and are included as Deferred Outflows or Deferred Inflows of Resources on the Statement of Net Position. Issuance costs are expensed.

The net pension liability represents the University's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported in the State of North Carolina's 2015 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. This liability represents the University's portion of the collective total pension liability less the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. See Note 12 for further information regarding the University's policies for recognizing liabilities, expenses, and deferred outflows and inflows related to pensions.

- K. Compensated Absences** - The University's policy is to record the cost of vacation leave when earned. The policy provides for a maximum accumulation of unused vacation leave of 30 days which can be carried forward each January 1 or for which an employee can be paid upon termination of employment. When classifying compensated absences into current and noncurrent, leave is considered taken using a last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. Also, any accumulated vacation leave in excess of 30 days at year-end is converted to sick leave. Under this policy, the accumulated vacation leave for each employee at June 30 equals the leave carried forward at the previous December 31 plus the leave earned, less the leave taken between January 1 and June 30.

In addition to the vacation leave described above, compensated absences include the accumulated unused portion of the special annual leave bonuses awarded by the North Carolina General Assembly. The bonus leave balance on December 31 is retained by employees and transferred into the next calendar year. It is not subject to the limitation on annual leave carried forward described above and is not subject to conversion to sick leave.

There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave because the University has no obligation to pay sick leave upon termination or retirement. However, additional service credit for retirement pension benefits is given for accumulated sick leave upon retirement.

- L. Net Position** - The University's net position is classified as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This represents the University's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding liabilities related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets. Additionally, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of capital assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position.

Restricted Net Position - Nonexpendable - Nonexpendable restricted net position includes endowments and similar type assets whose use is limited by donors or other outside sources, and, as a condition of the gift, the principal is to be maintained in perpetuity.

Restricted Net Position - Expendable - Expendable restricted net position includes resources for which the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted Net Position - Unrestricted net position includes resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, royalties, and interest income.

Restricted and unrestricted resources are tracked using a fund accounting system and are spent in accordance with established fund authorities. Fund authorities provide rules for the fund activity and are separately established for restricted and unrestricted activities. When both restricted and unrestricted funds are available for expenditure, the decision for funding is transactional based within the departmental management system in place at the University. For projects funded by tax-exempt debt proceeds and other sources, the debt proceeds are always used first. Both restricted and unrestricted net position include consideration of deferred outflows and inflows of resources.

- M. Scholarship Discounts** - Student tuition and fees revenues and certain other revenues from University charges are reported net of scholarship discounts in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. The scholarship discount is the difference between the actual charge for goods and services provided by the University and the amount that is paid by students or by third parties on the students' behalf. Student financial assistance grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, state, or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as nonoperating revenues in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. To the extent that revenues from these programs are used to satisfy tuition, fees, and other charges, the University has recorded a scholarship discount.
- N. Revenue and Expense Recognition** - The University classifies its revenues and expenses as operating or nonoperating in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the University's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues include activities that have characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) student tuition and fees, (2) sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, (3) certain federal, state, and local grants and contracts that are essentially contracts for services, and (4) interest earned on loans. Operating expenses are all expense transactions incurred other than those related to capital and noncapital financing or investing activities as defined by GASB Statement No. 9 - *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*.

Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions. Revenues from nonexchange transactions

that represent subsidies or gifts to the University, as well as investment income, are considered nonoperating since these are either investing, capital, or noncapital financing activities. Capital contributions are presented separately after nonoperating revenues and expenses.

- O. Internal Sales Activities** - Certain institutional auxiliary operations provide goods and services to University departments, as well as to its customers. These institutional auxiliary operations include activities such as central stores, printing services, and telecommunications. In addition, the University has other miscellaneous sales and service units that operated either on a reimbursement or charge basis. All internal sales activities to University departments from auxiliary operations and sales and service units have been eliminated in the accompanying financial statements. These eliminations are recorded by removing the revenue and expense in the auxiliary operations and sales and service units and, if significant, allocating any residual balances to those departments receiving the goods and services during the year.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

- A. Deposits** - Unless specifically exempt, the University is required by *North Carolina General Statute 147-77* to deposit moneys received with the State Treasurer or with a depository institution in the name of the State Treasurer. However, the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, pursuant to G.S. 116-36.1, may authorize the University to deposit its institutional trust funds in interest-bearing accounts and other investments authorized by the Board of Governors, without regard to any statute or rule of law relating to the investment of funds by fiduciaries. Although specifically exempted, the University may voluntarily deposit institutional trust funds, endowment funds, special funds, revenue bond proceeds, debt service funds, and funds received for services rendered by health care professionals with the State Treasurer. Special funds consist of moneys for intercollegiate athletics and agency funds held directly by the University.

Cash on hand at June 30, 2016 was \$14,159.58. The carrying amount of the University's deposits not with the State Treasurer was \$31,161.49 and the bank balance was \$20,607.94. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the University's deposits may not be returned to it. The University does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2016, the University's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

B. Investments

University - The University is authorized by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors pursuant to G.S. 116-36.2 and Section 600.2.4 of the Policy Manual of the University of North Carolina to invest its special funds and funds received for services rendered by

health care professionals in the same manner as the State Treasurer is required to invest, as discussed below.

G.S. 147-69.1(c), applicable to the State's General Fund, and G.S. 147-69.2, applicable to institutional trust funds, authorize the State Treasurer to invest in the following: obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States; obligations of certain federal agencies; repurchase agreements; obligations of the State of North Carolina; certificates of deposit and other deposit accounts of specified financial institutions; prime quality commercial paper; asset-backed securities with specified ratings, specified bills of exchange or time drafts, and corporate bonds/notes with specified ratings; general obligations of other states; general obligations of North Carolina local governments; and obligations of certain entities with specified ratings.

In accordance with the bond resolutions, bond proceeds and debt service funds are invested in obligations that will by their terms mature on or before the date funds are expected to be required for expenditure or withdrawal.

G.S. 116-36(e) provides that the trustees of the Endowment Fund shall be responsible for the prudent investment of the Fund in the exercise of their sound discretion, without regard to any statute or rule of law relating to the investment of funds by fiduciaries but in compliance with any lawful condition placed by the donor upon that part of the Endowment Fund to be invested.

Investments of various funds may be pooled unless prohibited by statute or by terms of the gift or contract. The University utilizes investment pools to manage investments and distribute investment income.

Investments are subject to the following risks.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk the University may face should interest rate variances affect the value of investments. The University does not have a formal policy that addresses interest rate risk.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The University does not have a formal policy that addresses credit risk.

Short-Term Investment Fund - At June 30, 2016, the amount shown on the Statement of Net Position as cash and cash equivalents includes \$21,787,942.33 which represents the University's equity position in the State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF (a portfolio within the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or subject to any other regulatory oversight and does not have a credit rating) had a weighted average maturity of 1.5 years as of June 30, 2016. Assets and shares of the STIF are valued at fair value. Deposit and investment risks associated with the State Treasurer's

Investment Pool (which includes the State Treasurer’s STIF) are included in the State of North Carolina’s *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller’s Internet home page <http://www.osc.nc.gov/> and clicking on “Reports” or by calling the State Controller’s Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

Long-Term Investment Pool - This is an internal investment pool that is utilized for the investment of the endowment funds. Fund ownership is measured using the unit method. Under this method, each participating fund’s investment balance is determined on the basis of the number of units purchased less sales multiplied by the current market value. The investment strategy, including the selection of investment managers, is based on the directives of the University’s Endowment Board. At year-end, the pooled investments were all with the UNC Investment Fund, LLC.

UNC Investment Fund, LLC - At June 30, 2016, the University’s investments include \$13,099,371.18 which represents the University’s equity position in the UNC Investment Fund, LLC (UNC Investment Fund). The UNC Investment Fund is an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, does not have a credit rating, and is not subject to any regulatory oversight. Investment risks associated with the UNC Investment Fund are included in audited financial statements of the UNC Investment Fund, LLC which may be obtained from UNC Management Company, Inc., 1400 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

Non-Pooled Investments - The amount of investments of the University’s non-pooled investments subject to interest rate risk at June 30, 2016 was \$160,348.47. These investments were held in money market mutual funds with maturities of less than 1 year. The credit rating of the money market mutual funds was Aaa as rated by Moody’s Investors Service.

Total Investments - The following table presents the total investments at June 30, 2016:

Investment Type	Amount
Debt Securities	
Money Market Mutual Funds	\$ 160,348.47
Other Securities	
UNC Investment Fund	13,099,371.18
Total Investments	\$ 13,259,719.65

Component Unit - Investments of the University’s discretely presented component unit, the Foundation, are subject to and restricted by G.S. 36E “Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act”

(UPMIFA) and any requirements placed on them by contract or donor agreements. Because the Foundation reports under the FASB reporting model, disclosures of the various investment risks are not required. The following is an analysis of investments by type:

The Foundation owns membership interest in the UNC Investment Fund, LLC (a North Carolina limited liability company). The Fund is managed by the UNC Management Company, Inc. (a North Carolina non-profit corporation). The Foundation also has investments in marketable securities with fair values based upon active markets.

The Foundation's investments stated at fair value at June 30, 2016 are summarized as follows:

	2016		Cumulative Unrealized Gains (Losses)
	Cost	Fair Value	
Membership Interest in UNC Investment Fund, LLC	\$ 15,379,403.70	\$ 27,399,884.03	\$ 12,020,480.33
Fixed Income Funds	268,182.97	271,417.79	3,234.82
Equities	474,454.83	467,508.48	(6,946.35)
Complementary Strategies	112,706.36	107,610.35	(5,096.01)
Real Estate Funds	68,421.95	78,833.27	10,411.32
	<u>\$ 16,303,169.81</u>	<u>\$ 28,325,253.92</u>	<u>\$ 12,022,084.11</u>

The following schedule summarizes investment return and its classification in the Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30, 2016:

	Total
Interest and Dividends	\$ 57,030.34
Realized Gains	30,853.70
Unrealized Loss	(540,836.05)
	<u>\$ (452,952.01)</u>

C. Reconciliation of Deposits and Investments - A reconciliation of deposits and investments for the University as of June 30, 2016, is as follows:

Cash on Hand	\$ 14,159.58
Amount of Deposits with Private Financial Institutions	31,161.49
Deposits in the Short-Term Investment Fund	21,787,942.33
Investments in the UNC Investment Fund	13,099,371.18
Non-Pooled Investments	<u>160,348.47</u>
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 35,092,983.05</u>
Deposits	
Current:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 18,675,667.57
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,544,699.08
Noncurrent:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>1,612,896.75</u>
Total Deposits	<u>21,833,263.40</u>
Investments	
Current:	
Restricted Short-Term Investments	160,348.47
Noncurrent:	
Endowment Investments	<u>13,099,371.18</u>
Total Investments	<u>13,259,719.65</u>
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 35,092,983.05</u>

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

University - To the extent available, the University's investments are recorded at fair value as of June 30, 2016. GASB Statement No. 72 - *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement establishes a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace. Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and take into account the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, interest and yield curve data, and other factors specific to the financial instrument. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources. In contrast, unobservable inputs reflect the entity's assumptions about how market participants would value the financial instrument. Valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable inputs to the extent available.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the

primary valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Level 1 Investments whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Investments with inputs – other than quoted prices included within Level 1 – that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Investments classified as Level 3 have unobservable inputs for an asset and may require a degree of professional judgment.

The following table summarizes the University’s investments, including the Short-Term Investment Fund, within the fair value hierarchy at June 30, 2016:

Investments by Fair Value Level	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Short-Term Investment Fund	\$ 21,787,942.33	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,787,942.33	\$ 0.00
UNC Investment Fund	13,099,371.18			13,099,371.18
Total Investments Measured at Fair Value	\$ 34,887,313.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 21,787,942.33	\$ 13,099,371.18

Short-Term Investment Fund - Ownership interest of the STIF is determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. Valuation of the underlying assets is performed by the custodian.

UNC Investment Fund - Ownership interests of the UNC Investment Fund are determined on a market unit valuation basis each month and in accordance with the UNC Investment Fund’s operating procedures.

Component Unit - The following table represents the Foundation’s fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2016 as per SFAS No. 157 – *Fair Value Measurements*:

Fair Value Measurements on a Recurring Basis as of June 30, 2016

Assets:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments	\$ 925,369.89	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,399,884.03

Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2016 using Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)

	<u>Level 3</u>
Beginning Balance, June 30, 2015	\$ 25,940,882.65
Purchases	2,050,000.00
Total Gains or Losses (Realized/Unrealized)	
Included in Earnings as Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	(521,310.53)
Included in Earnings as Realized Gains/(Losses)	60,527.05
Withdrawals	
Investment Fees Paid	<u>(130,215.14)</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 27,399,884.03</u>

NOTE 4 - ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

Investments of the University’s endowment funds are pooled, unless required to be separately invested by the donor. If a donor has not provided specific instructions, state law permits the Board of Trustees to authorize for expenditure the net appreciation, realized and unrealized, of the investments of the endowment funds. Under the “Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act” (UPMIFA), authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly on March 19, 2009, the Board may also appropriate expenditures from eligible nonexpendable balances if deemed prudent and necessary to meet program outcomes and for which such spending is not specifically prohibited by the donor agreements. However, a majority of the University’s endowment donor agreements prohibit spending of nonexpendable balances and therefore the related nonexpendable balances are not eligible for expenditure. During the year, the Board did not appropriate expenditures from eligible nonexpendable endowment funds.

Investment return of the University’s endowment funds is predicated on the total return concept (yield plus appreciation). Annual payouts from the University’s endowment funds are based on an adopted spending policy which generally limits spending to 5% of the average of the endowment principal’s three-year trailing market value. Under this policy, the spending policy is agreed upon prior to the beginning of the University’s fiscal year and is maintained at that level unless altered by Board action. To the extent that the total return for the current year exceeds the payout, the excess is added to the appreciation of the principal. If current year earnings do not meet the payout requirements, the University uses accumulated income and appreciation from restricted, expendable net position endowment balances to make up the difference. At June 30, 2016, net appreciation of \$4,251,935.68 was available to be spent, of which \$4,002,587.42 was classified in net position as restricted to specific purposes (e.g. scholarships, fellowships, and professorships). The remaining portion of net appreciation available to be spent is classified as unrestricted net position.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2016, were as follows:

	Gross Receivables	Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Receivables
Current Receivables:			
Students	\$ 508,075.64	\$ 88,196.77	\$ 419,878.87
Student Sponsors	38,607.14		38,607.14
Accounts	183,317.66		183,317.66
Intergovernmental	56,702.74		56,702.74
Interest on Loans	118,473.47		118,473.47
Federal Interest Subsidy on Debt	43,400.96		43,400.96
Other	28,221.74		28,221.74
Total Current Receivables	<u>\$ 976,799.35</u>	<u>\$ 88,196.77</u>	<u>\$ 888,602.58</u>
Notes Receivable:			
Notes Receivable - Current:			
Federal Loan Programs	<u>\$ 806,084.79</u>	<u>\$ 209,675.50</u>	<u>\$ 596,409.29</u>
Notes Receivable - Noncurrent:			
Federal Loan Programs	<u>\$ 574,213.89</u>	<u>\$ 149,796.15</u>	<u>\$ 424,417.74</u>

NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2016, is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2015	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2016
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 9,035,773.18	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,035,773.18
Art, Literature, and Artifacts	207,300.00			207,300.00
Construction in Progress	3,348,764.88	3,319,810.52	5,851,285.70	817,289.70
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	<u>12,591,838.06</u>	<u>3,319,810.52</u>	<u>5,851,285.70</u>	<u>10,060,362.88</u>
Capital Assets, Depreciable:				
Buildings	233,929,327.38	5,836,544.70	7,659.39	239,758,212.69
Machinery and Equipment	7,551,802.19	704,513.93	134,563.46	8,121,752.66
Art, Literature, and Artifacts	201,500.00			201,500.00
General Infrastructure	17,630,339.33	14,741.00		17,645,080.33
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable	<u>259,312,968.90</u>	<u>6,555,799.63</u>	<u>142,222.85</u>	<u>265,726,545.68</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	64,383,178.46	4,362,072.81	7,659.39	68,737,591.88
Machinery and Equipment	3,993,300.63	477,143.11	134,563.46	4,335,880.28
Art, Literature, and Artifacts	170,169.16	4,599.00		174,768.16
General Infrastructure	11,037,279.86	364,358.38		11,401,638.24
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>79,583,928.11</u>	<u>5,208,173.30</u>	<u>142,222.85</u>	<u>84,649,878.56</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net	<u>179,729,040.79</u>	<u>1,347,626.33</u>		<u>181,076,667.12</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 192,320,878.85</u>	<u>\$ 4,667,436.85</u>	<u>\$ 5,851,285.70</u>	<u>\$ 191,137,030.00</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the University incurred \$2,183,580.84 in interest costs related to the acquisition and construction of capital assets. Of this total, \$2,167,588.50 was charged in interest expense, and \$15,992.34 was capitalized.

In the current fiscal year, the University acquired the Karl Strauss Track Building from the Foundation at a value of \$1,532,886.65. Of the total value, \$926,025.08 was recorded as a capital gift from the Foundation. The capital gift's acquisition value was determined using the actual construction costs incurred by the Foundation.

The University has pledged the energy savings improvements installed in its building and other structures financed through the UNC System Guaranteed Energy Savings Installment Financing Agreement (Agreement) dated September 1, 2014. The value of the energy savings improvement asset capitalized as buildings associated with the Agreement as of June 30, 2016 is \$3,109,356.17 and is subject to security provisions in the Agreement to ensure timely debt service payments. Additional information regarding the Agreement can be found in Note 8.

NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2016, were as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Current Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,445,784.43
Accrued Payroll	456,904.33
Contract Retainage	152,663.22
Other	<u>16,630.98</u>
Total Current Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,071,982.96</u>

NOTE 8 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - A summary of changes in the long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2016, is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2016	Current Portion
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 43,698,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,144,100.00	\$ 41,553,900.00	\$ 2,255,500.00
Plus: Unamortized Premium	428,305.67		46,303.32	382,002.35	
Less: Unamortized Discount	9,877.10		1,067.79	8,809.31	
Total Revenue Bonds Payable, Net	<u>44,116,428.57</u>		<u>2,189,335.53</u>	<u>41,927,093.04</u>	<u>2,255,500.00</u>
Net Pension Liability	1,389,788.00	2,963,905.00		4,353,693.00	
Note Payable	3,476,784.35		401,366.24	3,075,418.11	406,446.47
Compensated Absences	3,214,391.00	2,178,554.00	2,117,205.00	3,275,740.00	359,035.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities, Net	<u>\$ 52,197,391.92</u>	<u>\$ 5,142,459.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,707,906.77</u>	<u>\$ 52,631,944.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,020,981.47</u>

Additional information regarding the net pension liability is included in Note 12.

B. Revenue Bonds Payable - The University was indebted for revenue bonds payable for the purposes shown in the following table:

Purpose	Series	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount of Issue	Principal Paid Through June 30, 2016	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2016
Revenue Bonds Payable						
Dormitory, Dining, and Athletic Systems						
UNC System Pool Revenue Bonds (A)	2005A	4.96% *	04/01/2020	\$ 7,575,000.00	\$ 6,310,000.00	\$ 1,265,000.00
UNC System Pool Revenue Bonds (B), Series 2010C	2010C	5.00% *	10/01/2024	5,815,000.00	1,880,000.00	3,935,000.00
UNCA Revenue Bonds (Build America Bonds)** (C)	2010	3.81% *	06/01/2040	26,160,000.00	985,000.00	25,175,000.00
UNCA Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 (D)	2012	2.32%	06/01/2027	6,345,400.00	2,362,500.00	3,982,900.00
UNCA Revenue & Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A (E)	2013A	2.14%	04/01/2030	4,987,000.00	769,000.00	4,218,000.00
UNCA Revenue & Refunding Bonds, Series 2013B (E)	2013B	2.19%	04/01/2023	2,522,000.00	484,000.00	2,038,000.00
UNCA General Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 (F)	2014	2.89%	06/01/2029	1,039,500.00	99,500.00	940,000.00
Total Revenue Bonds Payable (principal only)				\$ 54,443,900.00	\$ 12,890,000.00	41,553,900.00
Plus: Unamortized Premium						382,002.35
Less: Unamortized Discount						8,809.31
Total Revenue Bonds Payable, Net						\$ 41,927,093.04

- (A) The University of North Carolina System Pool Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A
- (B) The University of North Carolina System Pool Revenue Bonds, Series 2010C
- (C) The University of North Carolina at Asheville Taxable Revenue Bonds, Series 2010
- (D) The University of North Carolina at Asheville Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2012
- (E) The University of North Carolina at Asheville Revenue & Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 A&B
- (F) The University of North Carolina at Asheville General Revenue Bond, Series 2014

* For debt with scheduled rate adjustments, interest rates in effect at June 30, 2016 are included.
 ** The University has elected to treat these bonds as federally taxable "Build America Bonds" for the purposes of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and to receive a cash subsidy from the U.S. Treasury equal to 32% of the interest payable on these bonds. For these bonds, the interest rate included is the taxable rate, which does not factor in the cash subsidy from the U.S. Treasury.

C. Annual Requirements - The annual requirements to pay principal and interest on the long-term obligations at June 30, 2016, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Annual Requirements			
	Revenue Bonds Payable		Note Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 2,255,500.00	\$ 2,084,777.70	\$ 406,446.47	\$ 53,862.91
2018	2,380,300.00	1,995,481.58	421,006.19	46,282.12
2019	1,781,000.00	1,923,427.86	438,590.46	38,406.53
2020	1,888,500.00	1,853,745.72	456,695.53	30,203.43
2021	2,002,700.00	1,778,189.34	475,334.89	21,663.20
2022-2026	10,154,100.00	7,741,328.83	877,344.57	16,307.04
2027-2031	7,781,800.00	5,685,476.60		
2032-2036	6,755,000.00	3,630,751.00		
2037-2040	6,555,000.00	1,133,298.00		
Total Requirements	\$ 41,553,900.00	\$ 27,826,476.63	\$ 3,075,418.11	\$ 206,725.23

For debt with scheduled rate adjustments, interest is predetermined in each of the bond covenants.

D. Note Payable - The University was indebted for a note payable for the purpose shown in the following table:

Purpose	Financial Institution	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date	Original Amount of Issue	Principal Paid Through June 30, 2016	Principal Outstanding June 30, 2016
UNC System Guaranteed Energy Savings Project	Banc of America Public Capital Corp.	1.84%	02/14/2023	<u>\$ 3,175,492.00</u>	<u>\$ 100,073.89</u>	<u>\$ 3,075,418.11</u>

NOTE 9 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The University entered into operating leases for digital equipment, wireless equipment and software, computers, servers, telephone equipment, and classroom space. Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2016:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2017	\$ 1,263,335.27
2018	1,084,880.11
2019	850,021.16
2020	708,276.11
2021	494,715.01
2022-2026	<u>268,465.13</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	<u>\$ 4,669,692.79</u>

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$1,431,324.93.

NOTE 10 - REVENUES

A summary of eliminations and allowances by revenue classification is presented as follows:

	Gross Revenues	Internal Sales Eliminations	Less Scholarship Discounts	Less Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Revenues
Operating Revenues:					
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	<u>\$ 30,620,046.72</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,825,183.36</u>	<u>\$ 66,303.51</u>	<u>\$ 23,728,559.85</u>
Sales and Services:					
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises:					
Residential Life	\$ 6,906,362.60	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,611,865.76	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,294,321.84
Dining	5,102,743.21		1,186,566.24		3,916,176.97
Student Union Services	60.00	60.00			
Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Services	89,981.93				89,981.93
Bookstore	154,617.69				154,617.69
Parking	790,772.63	148,353.38	61,173.22		581,246.03
Athletic	928,809.53				928,809.53
Other	371,371.26	347,601.02			23,770.24
Sales and Services of Education and Related Activities	<u>1,452,696.20</u>	<u>85,465.00</u>			<u>1,367,231.20</u>
Total Sales and Services, Net	<u>\$ 15,797,415.05</u>	<u>\$ 581,654.40</u>	<u>\$ 2,859,605.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,356,155.43</u>

NOTE 11 - OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

The University's operating expenses by functional classification are presented as follows:

	Salaries and Benefits	Supplies and Materials	Services	Scholarships and Fellowships	Utilities	Depreciation	Total
Instruction	\$ 26,215,872.26	\$ 1,000,206.80	\$ 2,311,951.88	\$ 7,432.70	\$ 1,776.67	\$ 0.00	\$ 29,537,240.31
Research	1,326,287.33	123,002.30	529,155.95				1,978,445.58
Public Service	1,164,900.38	68,865.44	316,786.27	92,500.00			1,643,052.09
Academic Support	2,962,113.40	912,235.02	698,959.08	268.28			4,573,575.78
Student Services	3,890,689.14	168,821.39	1,435,536.33	400.00			5,495,446.86
Institutional Support	9,331,784.98	160,114.39	1,672,730.10	66.40			11,164,695.87
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	5,753,443.26	839,439.78	692,755.46		1,815,724.61		9,101,363.11
Student Financial Aid	52,415.61	2,909.37	54,855.30	5,696,717.39			5,806,897.67
Auxiliary Enterprises	6,648,326.77	2,003,669.17	6,939,704.03		779,466.79		16,371,166.76
Depreciation						5,208,173.30	5,208,173.30
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 57,345,833.13	\$ 5,279,263.66	\$ 14,652,434.40	\$ 5,797,384.77	\$ 2,596,968.07	\$ 5,208,173.30	\$ 90,880,057.33

NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS

A. Defined Benefit Plan

Plan Administration: The State of North Carolina administers the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) plan. This plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan established by the State to provide pension benefits for general employees and law enforcement officers (LEOs) of the State, general employees and LEOs of its component units, and employees of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and charter schools not in the reporting entity. Membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the LEAs and charter schools. Benefit provisions are established by General Statute 135-5 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Benefits Provided: TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of general members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate

Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

Contributions: Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Employees are required to contribute 6% of their annual pay. The contribution rate for employers is set each year by the NC General Assembly in the Appropriations Act based on the actuarially-determined rate recommended by the actuary. The University's contractually-required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 9.15% of covered payroll. The University's contributions to the pension plan were \$1,617,947.38, and employee contributions were \$1,060,949.10 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

The TSERS Plan's financial information, including all information about the plan's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fiduciary net position, is included in the State of North Carolina's fiscal year 2015 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <http://www.osc.nc.gov> and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

TSERS Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the TSERS plan were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The plan's fiduciary net position was determined on the same basis used by the pension plan.

Methods Used to Value TSERS Investment: Pursuant to *North Carolina General Statutes*, the State Treasurer is the custodian and administrator of the retirement systems. The State Treasurer maintains various investment portfolios in its Investment Pool. The pension trust funds are the primary participants in the Long-term Investment portfolio and the sole participants in the External Fixed Income Investment, Equity Investment, Real Estate Investment, Alternative Investment, Credit Investment, and Inflation Protection Investment portfolios. The investment balance of each pension trust fund represents its share of the fair market value of the net position of the various portfolios within the pool. Detailed descriptions of the methods and significant assumptions regarding investments of the State Treasurer are provided in the 2015 *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

Net Pension Liability: At June 30, 2016, the University reported a liability of \$4,353,693.00 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was

determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2014, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2015. The University's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the present value of future salaries for the University relative to the present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined. As of June 30, 2015, the University's proportion was 0.11814%, which was a decrease of 0.00040 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

Actuarial Assumptions: The following table presents the actuarial assumptions used to determine the total pension liability for the TSERS plan at the actuarial valuation date:

Valuation Date	12/31/2014
Inflation	3%
Salary Increases*	4.25% - 9.10%
Investment Rate of Return**	7.25%

* Salary increases include 3.5% inflation and productivity factor.

** Investment rate of return is net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.

TSERS currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2014 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

Future ad hoc Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major

asset class included in the pension plan’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 (the valuation date) are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	2.2%
Global Equity	5.8%
Real Estate	5.2%
Alternatives	9.8%
Credit	6.8%
Inflation Protection	3.4%

The information above is based on 30-year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2014 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.19%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following presents the net pension liability of the plan calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.25%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

<u>Net Pension Liability (Asset)</u>		
<u>1% Decrease (6.25%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.25%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.25%)</u>
\$ 13,103,414.22	\$ 4,353,693.00	\$ (3,071,454.52)

Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions: For the year ended June 30, 2016, the University recognized pension expense of \$600,386.00. At June 30, 2016, the

University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 0.00	\$ 495,015.00
Changes of Assumptions		
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		471,686.00
Change in Proportion and Differences Between Agency's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	521,886.00	
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>1,617,947.38</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 2,139,833.38</u>	<u>\$ 966,701.00</u>

The amount of \$1,617,947.38 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Schedule of the Net Amount of the Employer's Balances of Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources That will be Recognized in Pension Expense:

Year ended June 30:	Amount
2017	\$ (390,717.00)
2018	(390,717.00)
2019	(402,035.00)
2020	<u>738,654.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ (444,815.00)</u>

B. Defined Contribution Plan - The Optional Retirement Program (Program) is a defined contribution pension plan that provides retirement benefits with options for payments to beneficiaries in the event of the participant's death. Administrators and eligible faculty of the University may join the Program instead of the TSERS. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina is responsible for the administration of the Program and designates the companies authorized to offer investment products or the trustee responsible for the investment of contributions under the Program and approves the form and contents of the contracts and trust agreements.

Participants in the Program are immediately vested in the value of employee contributions. The value of employer contributions is vested after five years of participation in the Program. Participants become eligible to receive distributions when they terminate employment or retire.

Participant eligibility and contributory requirements are established by General Statute 135-5.1. Employer and member contribution rates are set each year by the North Carolina General Assembly. For the year ended June 30, 2016, these rates were set at 6.84% of covered payroll for employers and 6% of covered payroll for members. The University assumes no liability other than its contribution.

For the current fiscal year, the University had a total payroll of \$44,847,649.98, of which \$21,433,194.32 was covered under the Optional Retirement Program. Total employer and employee contributions for pension benefits for the year were \$1,466,030.49 and \$1,285,991.66, respectively. The amount of pension expense recognized in the current year related to ORP is equal to the employer contributions. At the end of the reporting period, the University had a liability of \$6,157.37. The amount of forfeitures reflected in pension expense recognized during the reporting period was \$49,280.05.

NOTE 13 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- A. Health Benefits** - The University participates in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit health care plan that provides postemployment health insurance to eligible former employees. Eligible former employees include long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina and retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) or the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). Coverage eligibility varies depending on years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement.

The Plan's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 3B, of the General Statutes, and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

By General Statute, a Retiree Health Benefit Fund (the Fund) has been established as a fund in which accumulated contributions from employers and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and applicable beneficiaries. By statute, the Fund is administered by the Board of Trustees of TSERS and contributions to the Fund are irrevocable. Also by law, Fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to the Fund. Contribution rates to the

Fund, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis, are established by the General Assembly.

For the current fiscal year the University contributed 5.60% of the covered payroll under TSERS and ORP to the Fund. Required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2015, and 2014, were 5.49% and 5.40%, respectively. The University made 100% of its annual required contributions to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, which were \$2,190,478.04, \$2,041,929.23, and \$1,916,137.70, respectively. The University assumes no liability for retiree health care benefits provided by the programs other than its required contribution.

Additional detailed information about these programs can be located in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <http://www.osc.nc.gov/> and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

- B. Disability Income** - The University participates in the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to provide short-term and long-term disability benefits to eligible members of TSERS and ORP. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes, and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established by the General Assembly. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the University made a statutory contribution of .41% of covered payroll under TSERS and ORP to the DIPNC. Required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2015, and 2014, were .41% and .44%, respectively. The University made 100% of its annual required contributions to the DIPNC for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, which were \$160,374.29, \$152,493.80, and \$156,129.73, respectively. The University assumes no liability for long-term disability benefits under the Plan other than its contribution.

Additional detailed information about the DIPNC is disclosed in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The University is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These exposures to loss are handled via a combination of methods, including participation in state-administered

insurance programs, purchase of commercial insurance, and self-retention of certain risks. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

A. Employee Benefit Plans

1. State Health Plan

University employees and retirees are provided comprehensive major medical care benefits. Coverage is funded by contributions to the State Health Plan (Plan), a discretely presented component unit of the State of North Carolina. The Plan has contracted with third parties to process claims.

2. Death Benefit Plan of North Carolina

Term life insurance (death benefits) of \$25,000 to \$50,000 is provided to eligible workers. This Death Benefit Plan is administered by the State Treasurer and funded via employer contributions. The employer contribution rate was .16% for the current fiscal year.

B. Other Risk Management and Insurance Activities

1. Automobile, Fire, and Other Property Losses

The University is required to maintain fire and lightning coverage on all state-owned buildings and contents through the State Property Fire Insurance Fund (Fund), an internal service fund of the State. Such coverage is provided at no cost to the University for operations supported by the State's General Fund. Other operations not supported by the State's General Fund are charged for the coverage. Losses covered by the Fund are subject to a \$5,000 per occurrence deductible. However, some agencies have chosen a higher deductible for a reduction in premium. Auxiliary buildings along with the building at 118 W.T. Weaver Blvd. have broad form coverage for buildings and contents in addition to the fire coverage with the same \$5,000 deductible. The Janice W. Brumit Pisgah House and Wilma M. Sherrill Center have all risk special form coverage with a \$5,000 deductible. The University has also purchased through the Fund extended coverage for boiler and machinery components with a \$5,000 deductible and fine arts coverage for artwork that has a \$2,500 deductible.

All state-owned vehicles are covered by liability insurance through a private insurance company and handled by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The liability limits for losses are \$1,000,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 per occurrence. The University pays premiums to the North Carolina Department of Insurance for the coverage.

2. Public Officers' and Employees' Liability Insurance

The risk of tort claims of up to \$1,000,000 per claimant is retained under the authority of the State Tort Claims Act. In addition, the State provides excess public officers' and employees' liability insurance up to \$10,000,000 via contract with a private insurance company. The University pays the premium, based on a composite rate, directly to the private insurer.

3. Employee Dishonesty and Computer Fraud

The University is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud. This coverage is with a private insurance company and is handled by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Universities are charged a premium by the private insurance company. Coverage limit is \$5,000,000 per occurrence. The private insurance company pays 90% of each loss less a \$100,000 deductible.

4. Statewide Workers' Compensation Program

The North Carolina Workers' Compensation Program provides benefits to workers injured on the job. All employees of the State and its component units are included in the program. When an employee is injured, the University's primary responsibility is to arrange for and provide the necessary treatment for work related injury. The University is responsible for paying medical benefits and compensation in accordance with the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act. The University retains the risk for workers' compensation.

Additional details on the state-administered risk management programs are disclosed in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, issued by the Office of the State Controller.

NOTE 15 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

- A. Commitments** - The University has established an encumbrance system to track its outstanding commitments on construction projects and other purchases. Outstanding commitments on construction contracts were \$608,009.55 and on other purchases were \$2,807,922.22 at June 30, 2016.
- B. Pending Litigation and Claims** - The University is a party to litigation and claims in the ordinary course of its operations. Since it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of these matters, no provision for any liability has been made in the financial statements. University management is of the opinion that the liability, if any, for any of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the University.

NOTE 16 - CHANGES IN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

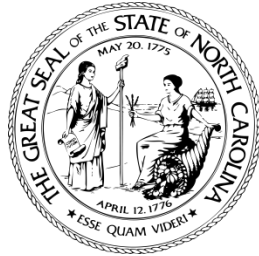
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the University implemented the following pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application

GASB Statement No. 76, The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments

GASB Statement No. 72 provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

GASB Statement No. 76 reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP and addresses the use of authoritative and nonauthoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment for a transaction or other event is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP.



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**The University of North Carolina at Asheville
 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of the Proportionate Net Pension Liability
 Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
 Last Three Fiscal Years**

Exhibit C-1

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net Pension Liability	0.11814%	0.11854%	0.11120%
Proportionate Share of TSERS Collective Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,353,693.00	\$ 1,389,788.00	\$ 6,750,973.00
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 17,151,853.98	\$ 16,663,714.36	\$ 17,355,567.16
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	25.38%	8.34%	38.90%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	94.64%	98.24%	90.60%

**The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of University Contributions
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Exhibit C-2

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,617,947.38	\$ 1,569,394.64	\$ 1,448,076.78	\$ 1,445,718.74	\$ 1,291,698.83
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	<u>1,617,947.38</u>	<u>1,569,394.64</u>	<u>1,448,076.78</u>	<u>1,445,718.74</u>	<u>1,291,698.83</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 17,682,484.99	\$ 17,151,853.98	\$ 16,663,714.36	\$ 17,355,567.16	\$ 17,361,543.37
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	9.15%	9.15%	8.69%	8.33%	7.44%

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 969,176.50	\$ 691,531.92	\$ 671,077.96	\$ 562,936.52	\$ 448,637.89
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	<u>969,176.50</u>	<u>691,531.92</u>	<u>671,077.96</u>	<u>562,936.52</u>	<u>448,637.89</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 19,658,752.68	\$ 19,370,641.94	\$ 19,972,558.35	\$ 18,447,098.98	\$ 16,866,086.27
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	4.93%	3.57%	3.36%	3.05%	2.66%

**The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of University Contributions
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Changes of Benefit Terms:

	<u>Cost of Living Increase</u>								
<u>2015*</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
1.00%	N/A	1.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.20%	2.20%	3.00%	2.00%

Changes of assumptions. In 2008, and again in 2012, the rates of withdrawal, mortality, service retirement and salary increase for active members and the rates of mortality for beneficiaries were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. Assumptions for leave conversions and loads were also revised in 2012.

*Per the 2015 State of North Carolina *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, the 1.00% cost of living adjustment applies to retirees whose retirement began on or before July 1, 2013.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees
The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Asheville, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville (University), a constituent institution of the multi-campus University of North Carolina System, which is a component unit of the State of North Carolina, and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2016. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc., as described in our report on the University's financial statements. The financial statements of The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc. were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with The University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation, Inc.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to

prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the University's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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November 14, 2016

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This audit required 754.5 hours at an approximate cost of \$77,714.