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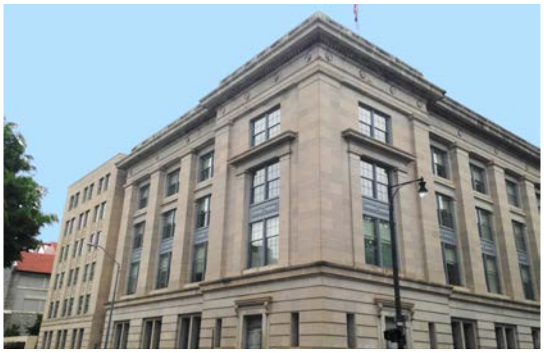

MITCHELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Trustees, Mitchell Community College

We have completed a financial statement audit of Mitchell Community College 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*.

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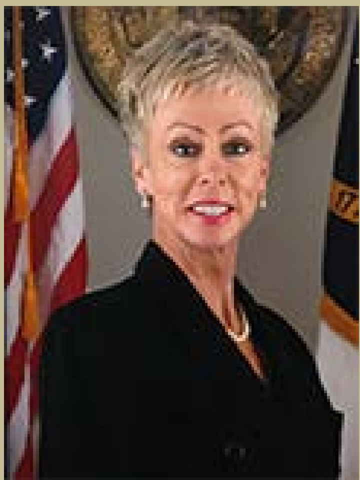

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Board of Trustees
Mitchell Community College
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Mitchell Community College (College), a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College'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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence (Endowment), which represent 27 percent, 30 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the College. Those statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Endowment, is 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 Endowment 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 College'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 College'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 opinion.

Opinion

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 financial position of Mitchell Community College, as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in financial position and 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 April 28, 2017 on our consideration of the College'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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Beth A. Wood

Beth A. Wood, CPA
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

April 28, 2017

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This discussion and analysis of Mitchell Community College's financial statements provides an overview of the College's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements.

Public colleges and universities are required to include the management's discussion and analysis as a supplement to the financial statements. This section is intended to provide a narrative analysis that users need to interpret the basic financial statements. The discussion and analysis is required to include condensed financial information comparing the current year to the prior year.

Institutional Financial Highlights

Mitchell Community College's state aid decreased from the prior year by $571,053.58 or 4.52%, while state capital aid decreased by $170,093.55 or 23.87% from the prior year. The North Carolina Community College System's funding formula uses the prior year's full-time equivalent (FTE) student total in determining the current year's allocation. The FTE for the year ended June 30, 2016, decreased from the 2014-2015 fiscal year by 190 or 7.28%.

Iredell County's financial situation appears to be stable. As a result, the College's county appropriations for current operations and county capital aid were $3,999,532.00 for the current fiscal year, which represented an increase of $76,903.00, or 1.96% from the previous year.

Noncapital grants - student financial aid, decreased from the prior fiscal year by $852,385.38 or 14.80%. This decrease was the result of the decline in FTE noted above, and a decrease in students eligible for Pell awards.

The investment loss of $235,557.28 represents a decrease of $659,848.94 from the return in the previous year. The decrease in investment returns was the result of a global downturn in certain financial markets.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is an introduction to the College's basic financial statements. The three basic financial statements include the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows, which provide information on the whole operations of the College. Additional required supplementary information is also provided related to the College's participation in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS).

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information on the institution as a whole and on its activities. These statements help the users analyze the current year's operations to determine if the institution is better or worse off than the prior year. When revenues and other support exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net position. When expenses exceed revenues and support, the result is a decrease in net position. The Statement of Cash Flows is prepared using the direct method. This statement reports the net change in cash resulting from operating, investing, capital, and noncapital financing activities.

The College's net position is the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources, and is one measure of the

College's financial health. Over a period of time, increases or decreases in the College's net position are one of several indicators that determine if its financial situation is improving or deteriorating. The user will need to take into account other financial and nonfinancial factors to assess the complete health of the College. The age and condition of its buildings and grounds is one nonfinancial factor that could have an impact on the total health of the College.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position use the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector institutions. Revenues and expenses during current year are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. For the purpose of this continued discussion, the College will address the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

Statement of Net Position

Net position serves as a useful indicator of the College's financial position. In the case of Mitchell Community College, net position increased by $803,595.57 from the prior year. Significant differences reported on the Statement of Net Position are primarily the result of pension accounting standards implemented in the prior year and a reduction in investment returns.

For the fiscal year 2016, the total assets of the College have increased $151,321.91 or 0.29% from the previous year.

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are reported as a result of the College's implementation of the GASB 68 pension reporting standard in the prior period. The pension liability calculation lags financial reporting by one year. As a result of this lag, recognition of the cash contribution is deferred. The deferred outflows will be recognized as an expense during the 2017 fiscal year.

Current liabilities decreased by $95,585.10 and are comprised of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, unearned revenue, funds held for others, and the current portion of long-term liabilities.

Long-term liabilities increased by $2,061,028.44 from the prior year as a result of an increase in the overall net pension liability for the TSERS.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions reports the cumulative difference between expected performance and actual performance. The decrease of $2,642,983.00 from the prior period was primarily the result of differences between projected and actual investment returns and between expected and actual experience.

Restricted expendable net position increased by $644,361.21 from the prior year. This increase was primarily due to unspent county capital aid carried forward from the prior year which will be used by the College in future periods.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015 (As Restated)	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current Assets	$ 6,418,866.95	$ 6,460,960.19	$ (42,093.24)
Noncurrent Capital Assets, Net	26,699,212.01	26,886,999.36	(187,787.35)
Other Noncurrent Assets	18,662,783.16	18,281,580.66	381,202.50
Total Assets	51,780,862.12	51,629,540.21	151,321.91
Deferred Outflows of Resources	981,859.00	1,007,125.00	(25,266.00)
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	967,020.64	1,062,605.74	(95,585.10)
Long-Term Liabilities	3,572,301.83	1,511,273.39	2,061,028.44
Total Liabilities	4,539,322.47	2,573,879.13	1,965,443.34
Deferred Inflows of Resources	650,021.00	3,293,004.00	(2,642,983.00)
Net Position			
Investment in Capital Assets	26,699,212.01	26,886,999.36	(187,787.35)
Restricted:			
Nonexpendable	2,130,196.56	2,207,340.76	(77,144.20)
Expendable	4,495,042.57	3,850,681.36	644,361.21
Unrestricted	14,248,926.51	13,824,760.60	424,165.91
Total Net Position	$ 47,573,377.65	$ 46,769,782.08	$ 803,595.57

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Total net position of the College increased from the prior year by $803,595.57. Net student tuition and fees increased by $432,401.57 due to an increase in tuition and fees rates and a decrease in scholarship discounts. Net sales and services decreased by $93,975.09 as a result of the decline in FTE noted above.

Total operating expenses were $2,014,021.18 less than the prior year primarily due to decreases in salaries and benefits which were the result of reductions in faculty/staff, as well as a decrease in supplies and materials. Scholarships and fellowships declined $334,309.84 primarily due to the decrease in FTE.

Total net nonoperating revenues decreased by $2,230,363.91 from the prior period primarily due to decreases in state aid, investment returns, and student financial aid. As previously noted, the decrease in state aid and student financial aid was due to the reduction in enrollment, and the decrease in investment returns was the result of poor performance of the College's investment portfolio as compared to the prior year.

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

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015 (As Restated)	Increase (Decrease)
Operating Revenues			
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	$ 2,787,447.46	$ 2,355,045.89	$ 432,401.57
Sales and Services, Net	789,292.85	883,267.94	(93,975.09)
Total Operating Revenues	3,576,740.31	3,238,313.83	338,426.48
Operating Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	15,942,478.93	16,989,337.41	(1,046,858.48)
Supplies and Materials	2,453,243.01	2,967,537.05	(514,294.04)
Services	2,471,533.63	2,521,090.17	(49,556.54)
Scholarships and Fellowships	2,519,430.43	2,853,740.27	(334,309.84)
Utilities	626,633.72	701,901.25	(75,267.53)
Depreciation	710,948.06	704,682.81	6,265.25
Total Operating Expenses	24,724,267.78	26,738,288.96	(2,014,021.18)
Operating Loss	(21,147,527.47)	(23,499,975.13)	2,352,447.66
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
State Aid	12,061,399.04	12,632,452.62	(571,053.58)
County Appropriations	3,124,135.00	3,091,314.00	32,821.00
Noncapital Grants	5,096,950.96	6,059,357.34	(962,406.38)
Noncapital Gifts	258,260.25	352,625.29	(94,365.04)
Investment Income (Loss), Net	(235,557.28)	424,291.66	(659,848.94)
Other Nonoperating Revenues	34,304.43	9,815.40	24,489.03
Total Net Nonoperating Revenues	20,339,492.40	22,569,856.31	(2,230,363.91)
Loss Before Other Revenues	(808,035.07)	(930,118.82)	122,083.75
Capital Contributions	1,563,656.08	1,570,974.71	(7,318.63)
Additions to Endowments	47,974.56	157,412.68	(109,438.12)
Total Revenues	25,763,420.63	27,536,557.53	(1,773,136.90)
Total Expenses	(24,959,825.06)	(26,738,288.96)	1,778,463.90
Increase in Net Position	803,595.57	798,268.57	5,327.00
Net Position, July 1	46,769,782.08	45,971,513.51	798,268.57
Net Position, June 30	$ 47,573,377.65	$ 46,769,782.08	$ 803,595.57

Capital Assets

On June 30, 2016, the College's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of $11,385,698.43, totaled $26,699,212.01. There were no significant changes in capital assets from the prior year outside of the normal annual depreciation of assets. Refer to Note 6 for further details.

Capital Assets

	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015 (As Restated)	Increase (Decrease)
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable			
Land	$ 1,429,977.78	$ 1,376,343.69	$ 53,634.09
Construction in Progress	179,329.24	99,315.00	80,014.24
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	1,609,307.02	1,475,658.69	133,648.33
Capital Assests, Depreciable, Net			
Buildings	21,686,272.07	22,021,662.17	(335,390.10)
Machinery and Equipment	1,848,780.53	1,793,460.31	55,320.22
General Infrastructure	1,554,852.39	1,596,218.19	(41,365.80)
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net	25,089,904.99	25,411,340.67	(321,435.68)
Total Capital Assets, Net	$ 26,699,212.01	$ 26,886,999.36	$ (187,787.35)

Economic Factors That Will Affect the Future

The economic position of the College is closely tied to that of the State and, to a lesser degree, the county. The State of North Carolina continues to experience financial difficulties. The budgetary issues facing the State have in turn affected all state agencies, including community colleges.

The College received its 2015-2016 state budget allocation of $16,823,402.65 for the current fiscal year, which represented a decrease of $484,260.57 from the previous year. The College experienced an enrollment drop of 190 FTE during the current year, which was a result of the normalization of overall community college enrollment which escalated during the financial crisis from 2009 to 2012.

The 2015-2016 state allocation reflects this decrease in enrollment, modified slightly by a two-year average formula used by the State and does not reflect an allocation based on actual enrollment. The decrease in overall state funding for the 2015-2016 academic year did include the 1% salary increase for full-time employees. In addition, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the North Carolina Community College System also requested all community colleges reserve 2% of the current fiscal budget for a possible future reversion. This represented approximately $331,097.00 for Mitchell Community College during 2015–2016, of which only $121,877.00 was called back for reversion. These were funds that the College was not able to allocate for current expenses.

The College received county current and county capital appropriations of $3,999,532.00 for fiscal year 2015-2016 operations. This amounted to an increase of $76,903.00 or 1.96% from the prior fiscal year.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence (Endowment), the College's blended component unit, incurred an investment loss of $219,436.95, with the College incurring an additional loss of $16,120.33. The Endowment provided $444,000.00 to the College for support of the College's operations in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

The future for Mitchell Community College resides with the new relevant programs that are offered to students. This year, the Culinary and Manicuring and Esthetics programs were launched. The College has also applied for a third early college with Iredell-Statesville Schools that will focus on agribusiness, a thriving associate degree program at Mitchell.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mitchell Community College
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$	4,098,343.08
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,362,302.29
Receivables, Net (Note 5)		324,200.50
Inventories		375,742.74
Prepaid Items		258,278.34
Total Current Assets		6,418,866.95
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		1,903,453.72
Restricted Due from Primary Government		23,013.00
Restricted Investments		3,457,378.61
Other Investments		13,278,937.83
Capital Assets - Nondepreciable (Note 6)		1,609,307.02
Capital Assets - Depreciable, Net (Note 6)		25,089,904.99
Total Noncurrent Assets		45,361,995.17
Total Assets		51,780,862.12
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions		981,859.00
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 7)		595,091.41
Due to Primary Government		119,887.36
Unearned Revenue		128,616.65
Funds Held for Others		21,284.96
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion (Note 8)		102,140.26
Total Current Liabilities		967,020.64
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 8)		3,572,301.83
Total Liabilities		4,539,322.47
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions		650,021.00

NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets		26,699,212.01
Restricted for:		
Nonexpendable:		
Scholarships and Fellowships		2,078,406.56
Restricted for Specific Programs		51,790.00
Expendable:		
Scholarships and Fellowships		1,077,182.04
Capital Projects		1,678,044.98
Restricted for Specific Programs		1,589,831.60
Other		149,983.95
Unrestricted		14,248,926.51
Total Net Position	$	47,573,377.65

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

Mitchell Community College
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)	$	2,787,447.46
Sales and Services, Net (Note 10)		789,292.85
Total Operating Revenues		3,576,740.31
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits		15,942,478.93
Supplies and Materials		2,453,243.01
Services		2,471,533.63
Scholarships and Fellowships		2,519,430.43
Utilities		626,633.72
Depreciation		710,948.06
Total Operating Expenses		24,724,267.78
Operating Loss		(21,147,527.47)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
State Aid		12,061,399.04
County Appropriations		3,124,135.00
Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid		4,906,929.06
Noncapital Grants		190,021.90
Noncapital Gifts		258,260.25
Investment Loss (Includes Investment Expense of $88,188.57)		(235,557.28)
Other Nonoperating Revenues		34,304.43
Net Nonoperating Revenues		20,339,492.40
Loss Before Other Revenues		(808,035.07)
State Capital Aid		542,474.16
County Capital Aid		875,397.00
Capital Grants		101,709.92
Capital Gifts		44,075.00
Additions to Endowments		47,974.56
Increase in Net Position		803,595.57
NET POSITION		
Net Position, July 1, 2015 as Restated (Note 18)		46,769,782.08
Net Position, June 30, 2016	$	47,573,377.65

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

Mitchell Community College
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Received from Customers	$ 3,613,603.21
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits	(16,571,291.48)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	(5,665,614.24)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships	(2,519,430.43)
Other Receipts	31,887.46
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(21,110,845.48)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State Aid Received	12,061,399.04
County Appropriations	3,124,135.00
Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid	4,922,108.06
Noncapital Grants	218,603.34
Noncapital Gifts and Endowments	306,234.81
Total Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	20,632,480.25
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State Capital Aid Received	542,475.65
County Capital Aid	875,397.00
Capital Grants	101,709.92
Capital Gifts	21,205.00
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(507,045.07)
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	1,033,742.50
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	9,094,625.09
Investment Income	393,387.26
Purchase of Investments and Related Fees	(9,746,678.68)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(258,666.33)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	296,710.94
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2015	7,067,388.15
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2016	$ 7,364,099.09

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Loss	$ (21,147,527.47)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	710,948.06
Pension Expense	288,641.00
Miscellaneous Pension Adjustment	1,103.00
Nonoperating Other Income	41,058.46
Changes in Assets, Liabilities, and Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Receivables, Net	(3,689.49)
Inventories	(29,618.11)
Prepaid Items	(29,743.60)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(127,767.17)
Due to Primary Government	(315.38)
Unearned Revenue	40,552.39
Funds Held for Others	(9,171.33)
Deferred Outflows for Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	(937,628.67)
Compensated Absences	92,312.83
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	$ (21,110,845.48)

RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 4,098,343.08
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,362,302.29
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,903,453.72
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2016	$ 7,364,099.09

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Assets Acquired through a Gift	$ 22,870.00
Change in Fair Value of Investments	(1,499,612.17)
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(6,754.36)

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. Mitchell Community College (College) 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 of the College and its component unit for which the College's Board of Trustees is financially accountable. The College's component unit is blended in the College's financial statements. See below for further discussion of the College's component unit.

Blended Component Unit - Although legally separate, the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence (Endowment) is reported as if it was part of the College. The Endowment is governed by a minimum of 25 elected directors. The Endowment's purpose is to aid, support, and promote the educational endeavors of the College. The elected directors of the Endowment are nominated by the Executive Committee of the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence Board of Directors. Because the majority of the Executive Committee Directors consist of College administrators and Board members, and the Endowment's sole purpose is to benefit Mitchell Community College, its financial statements have been blended with those of the College.

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the Endowment distributed $444,000.00 to the College for unrestricted purposes. Separate financial statements for the Endowment can be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration of the College at 500 West Broad Street, Statesville, NC 28677, or by calling (704) 878-3202.

Condensed combining information regarding the blended component unit is provided in Note 16.

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 College'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 College 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 College 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 undeposited receipts, petty cash, cash on deposit with private bank accounts, cash on deposit with fiscal agents, 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.

F. **Receivables** - Receivables consist of tuition and fees charged to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. 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. Merchandise for resale is valued using the retail inventory 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 College 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:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life
Buildings	15-60 years
Machinery & Equipment	3-30 years
General Infrastructure	15-50 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, resources whose use is limited by external parties or statute, and endowment and other restricted investments.

J. **Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities** - Noncurrent long-term liabilities include net pension liability and compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

The net pension liability represents the College'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 College'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 College's policies for recognizing liabilities, expenses, and deferred outflows and inflows related to pensions.

K. **Compensated Absences** - The College'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 July 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 fiscal 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 June 30 plus the leave earned, less the leave taken between July 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 June 30 is retained by employees and transferred into the next fiscal 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 College 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 College's net position is classified as follows:

Investment in Capital Assets - This represents the College's total investment in capital assets.

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 College 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, 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 College. 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 College 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 College 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 College has recorded a scholarship discount.

N. Revenue and Expense Recognition - The College 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 College'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, and (3) certain federal, state, and local grants and contracts. 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 College, 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. County Appropriations - County appropriations are provided to the College primarily to fund its plant operation and maintenance function and to fund construction projects, motor vehicle purchases, and maintenance of equipment. Unexpended county current appropriations and county capital appropriations do not revert and are available for future use by the College.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits - The College is required by *North Carolina General Statute* 147-77 to deposit any funds collected or received that belong to the State of North Carolina with the State Treasurer or with a depository institution in the name of the State Treasurer. All funds of the College, other than those required to be deposited with the State Treasurer, are deposited in board-designated official depositories and are required to be collateralized in accordance with *North Carolina General Statute* 115D-58.7. Official depositories may be established with any bank or savings and loan association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the College may establish time deposit accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. Cash on hand at June 30, 2016 was $3,670.00. The carrying amount of the College's deposits not with the State Treasurer was $2,998,591.27, and the bank balance was $3,119,136.71.

The North Carolina Administrative Code (20 NCAC 7) requires all depositories to collateralize public deposits in excess of federal depository insurance coverage by using one of two methods, dedicated or pooled. Under the dedicated method, a separate escrow account is established by each depository in the name of each local governmental unit and the responsibility of monitoring collateralization rests with the local unit. Under the pooling method, each depository establishes an escrow account in the name of the State Treasurer to secure all of its public deposits. This method shifts the monitoring responsibility from the local unit to the State Treasurer.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the College's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2016, the College's bank balance in excess of federal depository insurance coverage was covered under the pooling method.

B. Investments - The College is authorized to invest idle funds as provided by G.S. 115D-58.6. In accordance with this statute, the College and the Board of Trustees manage investments to ensure they can be converted into cash when needed.

Generally, funds belonging to the College may be invested in any form of investment established or managed by certain investment advisors pursuant to G.S. 115D-58.6 (d1) or in the form of investments pursuant to G.S. 159-30(c), as follows: a commingled investment pool established and administered by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.3 (STIF); obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain nonguaranteed federal agencies; prime quality commercial paper bearing specified ratings; specified bills of exchange; certain savings certificates; The North Carolina Capital Management Trust, an SEC registered mutual fund; repurchase agreements; and evidences of ownership of, or fractional undivided interests in, future interest and principal payments on either direct obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States government, which are held by a specified bank or trust company or any state in the capacity of custodian.

At June 30, 2016, the amount shown on the Statement of Net Position as cash and cash equivalents includes $4,361,837.82, which represents the College'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 on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's website at http://www.osc.nc.gov/ or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

Except as specified by the donor, endowment funds belonging to the College may be invested pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2. This statute authorizes investments for special funds held by the State Treasurer and includes the following investments: 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, 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.

Investments of the College's component unit, the Endowment, 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.

The following table presents the investments by type and investments subject to interest rate risk at June 30, 2016, for the College's investments. Interest rate risk is defined by GASB Statement No. 40 as the risk a government may face should interest rate variances affect the value of investments. The College does not have a formal investment policy that addresses interest rate risk.

Investments

	Amount	Investment Maturities (in Years) Less Than 5
Investment Type		
Debt Securities		
Mutual Bond Funds	$ 3,068,934.76	$ 3,068,934.76
Other Securities		
Domestic Stocks	6,564,003.93	
Foreign Stocks	520,422.08	
Other Mutual Funds	6,582,955.67	
Total Investments	$ 16,736,316.44	

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The College does not have a formal policy that addresses credit risk. As of June 30, 2016, the College's investments in mutual bond funds were rated on an average of BBB by multiple rating agencies (including Moody's).

Concentration of Credit Risk: Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributable to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The College places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table presents investments representing more than 5% of the College's total investments:

	Amount	Percentage of College Investments
Ishares Trust Russell 1000 Growth	$ 1,858,465.30	11%
Janus Flexible Bond Fund	1,698,599.82	10%
Henderson International Opportunities Fund Class 1	950,180.31	6%
First Eagle Overseas Fund Class 1	853,189.63	5%
Blackrock Strategic Income Opportunities Portfolio	797,498.53	5%
Hartford World Bond	789,506.92	5%
Total	$ 6,947,440.51	42%

Foreign Currency Risk: Foreign currency risk is defined by GASB Statement No. 40 as the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the value of an investment. The College does not have a formal policy for foreign currency risk. The foreign stocks held by the College are traded in currency of the United States, and thus, there is no foreign currency risk for these investments.

C. **Reconciliation of Deposits and Investments** - A reconciliation of deposits and investments for the College to the basic financial statements as of June 30, 2016, is as follows:

Cash on Hand	$ 3,670.00
Carrying Amount of Deposits with Private Financial Institutions	2,998,591.27
Investments in the Short-Term Investment Fund	4,361,837.82
Other Investments	16,736,316.44
Total Deposits and Investments	$ 24,100,415.53
Deposits	
Current:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 4,098,343.08
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,362,302.29
Noncurrent:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,903,453.72
Total Deposits	7,364,099.09
Investments	
Noncurrent:	
Restricted Investments	3,457,378.61
Other Investments	13,278,937.83
Total Investments	16,736,316.44
Total Deposits and Investments	$ 24,100,415.53

NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

To the extent available, the College'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 and may require a degree of professional judgment.

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

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Investments by Fair Value Level				
Debt Securities				
Mutual Bond Funds	$ 3,068,934.76	$ 3,068,934.76	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Other Securities				
Short-Term Investment Fund	4,361,837.82		4,361,837.82	
Domestic Stocks	6,564,003.93	6,564,003.93		
Foreign Stocks	520,422.08	520,422.08		
Other Mutual Funds	6,582,955.67	6,582,955.67		
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	$ 21,098,154.26	$ 16,736,316.44	$ 4,361,837.82	$ 0.00

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.

Debt and Other Securities - Debt and other securities classified as Level 1 are valued based on quoted prices in active markets for those assets.

NOTE 4 - ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

Investments of the College'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 College'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 College's endowment funds is predicated on the total return concept (yield plus appreciation). Annual payouts from the College's endowment funds are based on an adopted spending policy which limits spending to no more than 5% of the endowment principal's market value. Under this policy, the prior year spending percentage is increased by the inflation rate to determine the current year spending percentage. If current year earnings do not meet the payout requirements, the College uses accumulated income and appreciation from the associated restricted expendable account balances to make up the difference. At June 30, 2016, net appreciation of $99,000.00 was available to be spent, all of which was classified in net position as restricted expendable for scholarships and fellowships as it is restricted for specific purposes.

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2016, were as follows:

	Gross Receivables	Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Receivables
Current Receivables:			
Students	$ 367,454.33	$ 203,081.40	$ 164,372.93
Student Sponsors	36,254.59		36,254.59
Accounts	88,200.56		88,200.56
Intergovernmental	24,622.42		24,622.42
Other	10,750.00		10,750.00
Total Current Receivables	$ 527,281.90	$ 203,081.40	$ 324,200.50

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 (As Restated)	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2016
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable:				
Land	$ 1,376,343.69	$ 53,634.09	$ 0.00	$ 1,429,977.78
Construction in Progress	99,315.00	181,990.76	101,976.52	179,329.24
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	1,475,658.69	235,624.85	101,976.52	1,609,307.02
Capital Assets, Depreciable:				
Buildings	30,383,018.93	101,976.52		30,484,995.45
Machinery and Equipment	3,608,453.43	294,290.22	24,204.37	3,878,539.28
General Infrastructure	2,112,068.69			2,112,068.69
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable	36,103,541.05	396,266.74	24,204.37	36,475,603.42
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings	8,361,356.76	437,366.62		8,798,723.38
Machinery and Equipment	1,814,993.12	232,215.64	17,450.01	2,029,758.75
General Infrastructure	515,850.50	41,365.80		557,216.30
Total Accumulated Depreciation	10,692,200.38	710,948.06	17,450.01	11,385,698.43
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net	25,411,340.67	(314,681.32)	6,754.36	25,089,904.99
Capital Assets, Net	$ 26,886,999.36	$ (79,056.47)	$ 108,730.88	$ 26,699,212.01

NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

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

	Amount
Current Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	$ 61,525.03
Accrued Payroll	533,566.38
Total Current Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	$ 595,091.41

NOTE 8 - 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
Net Pension Liability	$ 907,571.00	$ 1,969,832.00	$ 0.00	$ 2,877,403.00	$ 0.00
Compensated Absences	704,726.26	694,898.83	602,586.00	797,039.09	102,140.26
Total Long-Term Liabilities	$ 1,612,297.26	$ 2,664,730.83	$ 602,586.00	$ 3,674,442.09	$ 102,140.26

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

NOTE 9 - OPERATING LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The College entered into operating leases for rental of property and copiers. Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2016:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2017	$ 51,726.16
2018	51,726.16
2019	26,658.16
2020	1,590.68
2021	1,590.68
2022-2026	7,953.40
2027-2031	7,953.40
2032-2036	7,953.40
2037-2041	7,953.40
Total Minimum Lease Payments	$ 165,105.44

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was $51,710.69

NOTE 10 - REVENUES

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

	Gross Revenues	Less Scholarship Discounts	Less Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Revenues
Operating Revenues:				
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	$ 4,578,891.73	$ 1,766,488.06	$ 24,956.21	$ 2,787,447.46
Sales and Services:				
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises:				
Vending	$ 18,924.55	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 18,924.55
Bookstore	1,361,554.64	719,700.98	65,255.14	576,598.52
Rent	139,670.07			139,670.07
Other	54,099.71			54,099.71
Total Sales and Services, Net	$ 1,574,248.97	$ 719,700.98	$ 65,255.14	$ 789,292.85

NOTE 11 - OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

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

	Salaries and Benefits	Supplies and Materials	Services	Scholarships and Fellowships	Utilities	Depreciation	Total
Instruction	$ 8,709,333.78	$ 372,746.52	$ 444,484.47	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 9,526,564.77
Academic Support	1,399,986.95	151,970.76	50,757.87				1,602,715.58
Student Services	1,439,231.33	64,166.84	150,364.15				1,653,762.32
Institutional Support	3,128,987.37	285,882.12	1,156,288.45				4,571,157.94
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	991,125.06	477,952.88	588,963.57		626,633.72		2,684,675.23
Student Financial Aid				2,519,430.43			2,519,430.43
Auxiliary Enterprises	273,814.44	1,100,523.89	80,675.12				1,455,013.45
Depreciation						710,948.06	710,948.06
Total Operating Expenses	$ 15,942,478.93	$ 2,453,243.01	$ 2,471,533.63	$ 2,519,430.43	$ 626,633.72	$ 710,948.06	$ 24,724,267.78

NOTE 12 - PENSION PLANS

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 compensation. 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 College's contractually-required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 9.15% of covered payroll. The College's contributions to the pension plan were $937,628.67, and employee contributions were $614,838.47 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 on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's website at http://www.osc.nc.gov/ 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 College reported a liability of $2,877,403.00 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 College's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the present value of future salaries for the College relative to the present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined. As of June 30, 2015, the College's proportion was 0.07808%, which was an increase of 0.00067 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:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
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:

Net Pension Liability (Asset)		
1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
$ 8,660,188.00	$ 2,877,403.00	$ (2,029,957.00)

Deferred Inflows of Resources and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions: For the year ended June 30, 2016, the College recognized pension expense of $288,641.00. At June 30, 2016, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Employer Balances of Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions by Classification:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	$ 0.00	$ 327,161.00
Changes of Assumptions		
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		311,742.00
Change in Proportion and Differences Between Agency's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	44,230.33	11,118.00
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	937,628.67	
Total	$ 981,859.00	$ 650,021.00

The amount of $937,628.67 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	$ (366,390.00)
2018	(366,390.00)
2019	(353,728.00)
2020	480,717.33
Total	$ (605,790.67)

NOTE 13 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. Health Benefits - The College 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). 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 College contributed 5.60% of the covered payroll under TSERS to the Fund. Required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2015, and 2014, were 5.49% and 5.4%, respectively. The College made 100% of its annual required contributions to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, which were $573,849.24, $604,275.25, and $582,586.44, respectively. The College 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 on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's website at http://www.osc.nc.gov/ or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

B. **Disability Income** - The College 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. 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 College made a statutory contribution of

.41% of covered payroll under TSERS to the DIPNC. Required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2015, and 2014, were .41% and .44%, respectively. The College made 100% of its annual required contributions to the DIPNC for the years ended June 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014, which were $42,013.96, $45,128.02, and $47,470.01, respectively. The College 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 College 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. Public Entity Risk Pool

Public School Insurance Fund

Fire and other property losses are covered by the Public School Insurance Fund (Fund), a state-administered public entity risk pool. The Fund is financed by premiums and interest collected through membership participation and retains a $10 million deductible per occurrence. Reinsurance is purchased by the Fund to cover catastrophic events in excess of the $10 million deductible. Membership insured property is covered under an all risk coverage contract. Building and contents are valued under a replacement cost basis. No coinsurance penalties apply. 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.

B. Employee Benefit Plans

1. State Health Plan

College 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 is funded by employer and employee contributions. 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.

C. Other Risk Management and Insurance Activities

1. Automobile, Fire, and Other Property Losses

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 College pays premiums to the North Carolina Department of Insurance for the coverage. Liability insurance for other College-owned vehicles is covered by contracts with private insurance companies.

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 North Carolina Community College System Office pays the premium, based on a composite rate, directly to the private insurer.

3. Employee Dishonesty and Computer Fraud

The College is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud for employees paid in whole or in part from state funds. This coverage is with a private insurance company and is handled by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. North Carolina Community College System Office is 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. The College is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and theft for employees paid from county and institutional funds by a policy purchased from a private insurance company. The policy covers the College for employee crime losses up to $100,000.

4. Statewide Workers' Compensation Program

The State Board of Community Colleges makes the necessary arrangements to carry out the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act which are applicable to employees whose wages are paid in whole or in part from state funds. The College purchases workers' compensation insurance for employees whose salaries or wages are paid by the Board entirely from county or institutional funds.

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

The College has established an encumbrance system to track its outstanding commitments on construction projects and other purchases. Outstanding commitments on other purchases were $94,467.56 at June 30, 2016.

NOTE 16 - BLENDED COMPONENT UNIT

Condensed combining information for the College's blended component unit for the year ended June 30, 2016, is presented as follows:

Condensed Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2016

	College	Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets	$ 6,247,432.76	$ 171,434.19	$ 6,418,866.95
Capital Assets	26,080,269.44	618,942.57	26,699,212.01
Other Noncurrent Assets	5,248,845.33	13,413,937.83	18,662,783.16
Total Assets	37,576,547.53	14,204,314.59	51,780,862.12
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	981,859.00		981,859.00
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities	964,944.61	2,076.03	967,020.64
Long-Term Liabilities	3,572,301.83		3,572,301.83
Total Liabilities	4,537,246.44	2,076.03	4,539,322.47
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	650,021.00		650,021.00
NET POSITION			
Investment in Capital Assets	26,080,269.44	618,942.57	26,699,212.01
Restricted - Nonexpendable	1,995,196.56	135,000.00	2,130,196.56
Restricted - Expendable	4,495,042.57		4,495,042.57
Unrestricted	800,630.52	13,448,295.99	14,248,926.51
Total Net Position	$ 33,371,139.09	$ 14,202,238.56	$ 47,573,377.65

Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	College	Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence	Eliminations	Total
OPERATING REVENUES				
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	$ 2,787,447.46	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 2,787,447.46
Sales and Services, Net	741,386.42	204,869.45	(156,963.02)	789,292.85
Total Operating Revenues	3,528,833.88	204,869.45	(156,963.02)	3,576,740.31
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Operating Expenses	23,910,949.77	703,332.97	(600,963.02)	24,013,319.72
Depreciation	691,585.83	19,362.23		710,948.06
Total Operating Expenses	24,602,535.60	722,695.20	(600,963.02)	24,724,267.78
Operating Loss	(21,073,701.72)	(517,825.75)	444,000.00	(21,147,527.47)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
State Aid	12,061,399.04			12,061,399.04
County Appropriations	3,124,135.00			3,124,135.00
Noncapital Grants	5,096,950.96			5,096,950.96
Noncapital Gifts	597,534.35	104,725.90	(444,000.00)	258,260.25
Investment Loss	(16,120.33)	(219,436.95)		(235,557.28)
Other Nonoperating Revenues	41,051.89			41,051.89
Other Nonoperating Expenses	(3,747.46)	(3,000.00)		(6,747.46)
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	20,901,203.45	(117,711.05)	(444,000.00)	20,339,492.40
Capital Contributions	1,563,656.08			1,563,656.08
Additions to Endowments	22,974.56	25,000.00		47,974.56
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	1,414,132.37	(610,536.80)		803,595.57
NET POSITION				
Net Position, July 1, 2015 (As Restated)	31,957,006.72	14,812,775.36		46,769,782.08
Net Position, June 30, 2016	$ 33,371,139.09	$ 14,202,238.56	$ 0.00	$ 47,573,377.65

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows June 30, 2016

	College	Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellent	Total
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	$ (20,577,114.08)	$ (533,731.40)	$ (21,110,845.48)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	20,502,754.35	129,725.90	20,632,480.25
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	955,564.78	78,177.72	1,033,742.50
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	67,029.18	(325,695.51)	(258,666.33)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	948,234.23	(651,523.29)	296,710.94
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2015	6,255,180.67	812,207.48	7,067,388.15
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2016	$ 7,203,414.90	$ 160,684.19	$ 7,364,099.09

NOTE 17 - CHANGES IN FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the College 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.

NOTE 18 - NET POSITION RESTATEMENT

As of July 1, 2015, net position as previously reported was restated as follows:

	Amount
July 1, 2015 Net Position as Previously Reported	$ 46,670,467.08
Restatement:	
Record CIP Erroneously Written Off in Prior Periods	99,315.00
July 1, 2015 Net Position as Restated	$ 46,769,782.08

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mitchell Community College
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Proportionate Net Pension Liability
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Last Three Fiscal Years — *Exhibit B-1*

	2015	2014	2013
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net Pension Liability	0.07808%	0.07741%	0.07830%
Proportionate Share of TSERS Collective Net Pension Liability	$ 2,877,403.00	$ 907,571.00	$ 4,753,608.00
Covered-Employee Payroll	$ 11,006,835.19	$ 10,788,637.77	$ 10,811,398.04
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	26.14%	8.41%	43.97%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	94.64%	98.24%	90.60%

Mitchell Community College
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of College Contributions
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years ***Exhibit B-2***

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Contractually Required Contribution	$ 937,628.67	$ 1,007,125.42	$ 937,532.62	$ 900,589.43	$ 769,996.83
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	937,628.67	1,007,125.42	937,532.62	900,589.43	769,996.83
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Covered-Employee Payroll	$ 10,247,307.87	$ 11,006,835.19	$ 10,788,637.77	$ 10,811,398.04	$ 10,349,419.80
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	9.15%	9.15%	8.69%	8.33%	7.44%

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Contractually Required Contribution	$ 514,261.79	$ 342,529.14	$ 317,918.44	$ 271,089.63	$ 218,258.17
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	514,261.79	342,529.14	317,918.44	271,089.63	218,258.17
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Covered-Employee Payroll	$ 10,431,273.55	$ 9,594,653.69	$ 9,461,858.44	$ 8,888,184.74	$ 8,205,194.39
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	4.93%	3.57%	3.36%	3.05%	2.66%

Mitchell Community College
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of College Contributions
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Changes of Benefit Terms:

Cost of Living Increase

2015*	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
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
Mitchell Community College
Statesville, 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 Mitchell Community College (College), a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2017. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Mitchell Community College Endowment for Excellence (Endowment), as described in our report on the College's financial statements. The financial statements of the Endowment 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 Endowment.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the College'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 College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College'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 College'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 College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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This audit required 380 audit hours at an approximate cost of $39,140.