



BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

Independent Auditors' Reports as Required by Title 2 U.S. Code of
Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost
Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and
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Year Ended June 30, 2020

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
Brandeis University:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Brandeis University (the University), which comprise the balance sheet as of June 30, 2020, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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 entity'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 entity'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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brandeis University as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the University's 2019 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 25, 2019. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 28, 2020 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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the University's 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.

KPMG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
October 28, 2020

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Balance Sheet

June 30, 2020

(with comparative information as of June 30, 2019)

(In thousands of dollars)

Assets	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,459	29,223
Short-term investments	34,989	—
Accounts receivable, net	18,103	10,245
Notes receivable, net	7,595	9,133
Contributions receivable, net	11,751	8,212
Long-term investments	1,099,459	1,096,897
Funds held by bond trustee	30,031	45,420
Funds held in trust by others and other assets	28,177	25,465
Lease right-of-use assets	7,658	—
Property, plant and equipment, net	360,799	363,565
Total assets	\$ <u>1,638,021</u>	<u>1,588,160</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 30,739	27,868
Sponsored program advances	9,887	6,691
Student deposits and deferred revenue	11,079	14,932
Other short-term liabilities	35,000	—
Lease obligations	8,939	—
Other long-term liabilities	19,804	21,769
Long-term debt, net	292,334	304,417
Total liabilities	<u>407,782</u>	<u>375,677</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	182,890	182,857
With donor restrictions	1,047,349	1,029,626
Total net assets	<u>1,230,239</u>	<u>1,212,483</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ <u>1,638,021</u>	<u>1,588,160</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2020

(with summarized comparative information for the year ended June 30, 2019)

(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u>	<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Operating revenues and other support:				
Tuition and fees (net of financial aid)	\$ 174,340	—	174,340	168,605
Residence hall, and dining	<u>37,487</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>37,487</u>	<u>43,371</u>
Net tuition and fees, residence hall, and dining	211,827	—	211,827	211,976
Net assets utilized in operations	24,152	—	24,152	21,416
Sponsored programs – direct	42,830	—	42,830	41,230
Sponsored programs – indirect	14,199	—	14,199	13,063
Other investment income	1,367	—	1,367	1,562
Investment income from funds held in trust by others	328	—	328	474
Endowment return utilized	53,120	—	53,120	51,619
Other auxiliary enterprises	4,400	—	4,400	3,907
Other sources	<u>9,303</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>9,303</u>	<u>11,162</u>
Total operating revenues and other support	<u>361,526</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>361,526</u>	<u>356,409</u>
Operating expenses:				
Compensation	182,443	—	182,443	173,526
Employee benefits	41,958	—	41,958	36,903
Utilities and general repairs	17,111	—	17,111	18,233
Depreciation	28,673	—	28,673	28,702
Interest	12,266	—	12,266	11,078
Supplies, services, and other	<u>77,923</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>77,923</u>	<u>84,296</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>360,374</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>360,374</u>	<u>352,738</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	<u>1,152</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>3,671</u>
Nonoperating activities:				
Net investment return	4,512	36,035	40,547	58,619
Endowment return utilized in operations	(5,574)	(47,546)	(53,120)	(51,619)
Net assets utilized in operations	(6,485)	(17,667)	(24,152)	(21,416)
Net assets released for capital purposes	1,243	(1,243)	—	—
Contributions	6,498	48,213	54,711	41,755
Gain on bond refinancing	2,666	—	2,666	—
Other changes, net	<u>(3,979)</u>	<u>(69)</u>	<u>(4,048)</u>	<u>(2,316)</u>
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>(1,119)</u>	<u>17,723</u>	<u>16,604</u>	<u>25,023</u>
Change in net assets	33	17,723	17,756	28,694
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>182,857</u>	<u>1,029,626</u>	<u>1,212,483</u>	<u>1,183,789</u>
Net assets at end of year	\$ <u>182,890</u>	\$ <u>1,047,349</u>	\$ <u>1,230,239</u>	\$ <u>1,212,483</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended June 30, 2020

(with comparative information for the year ended June 30, 2019)

(In thousands of dollars)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 17,756	28,694
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization, net	27,140	27,799
Net realized and unrealized investment gains	(44,680)	(55,219)
Net change from funds held in trust by others	303	117
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	—	20
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(17,684)	(19,991)
(Gain) loss on debt refinancing	(2,015)	59
Change in operating assets, net	(22,070)	2,276
Change in operating liabilities, net	12,231	(2,251)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(29,019)</u>	<u>(18,496)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of property, plant and equipment	(28,530)	(30,253)
Purchases of investments	(196,117)	(235,790)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	203,246	264,036
Notes receivable issued	(105)	(389)
Notes receivable repaid	1,643	1,716
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(19,863)</u>	<u>(680)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal payments on bonds, notes and leases	(141,139)	(51,004)
Proceeds from issuance of bonds and notes, including premium	132,703	85,714
Cost of issuance of bonds and notes	(519)	(995)
Advances from line of credit	35,000	—
Change in funds held by bond trustee	15,389	(34,296)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	17,684	19,991
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>59,118</u>	<u>19,410</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	10,236	234
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>29,223</u>	<u>28,989</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u><u>39,459</u></u>	\$ <u><u>29,223</u></u>
Supplemental data:		
Interest paid	\$ 14,102	11,630
Decrease in accrued liabilities attributable to property, plant, and equipment	(2,623)	(1,333)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(with summarized comparative information for June 30, 2019)

(In thousands of dollars)

(1) Organization

Brandeis University (the University) is a private, not-for-profit, nonsectarian, co-educational institution of higher education with approximately 5,500 full-time equivalent undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1948, the University offers educational programs for undergraduates in liberal arts and sciences, and graduate education and training in the arts and sciences, business, social policy and management.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The University's financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The financial statements have been prepared to focus on the University as a whole and to present balances and transactions based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions, as follows:

Without donor restrictions: net assets not subject to donor stipulations restricting their use, but may be designated for specific purposes by the University or may be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. Such net assets may be designated by the Board of Trustees for specific purposes, including to function as endowment.

With donor restrictions: net assets subject to donor stipulations that restrict the purpose and usage or contain a time restriction, which may be perpetual. These net assets may be released from restrictions when the specified time elapses or actions have been taken to meet the restrictions. As further described in note 15, the University is subject to the Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), under which donor-restricted endowment funds may be appropriated for expenditure by the Board of Trustees of the University in accordance with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. Net assets of such funds in excess of their historic dollar value are classified as donor restricted until appropriated by the Board and spent on their intended purpose. In addition, net assets with donor restrictions includes donor-restricted endowment funds with underwater valuation. Life income trusts and pledges receivable for which the ultimate use is restricted by the donor are also reported as net assets with donor restrictions.

For comparison purposes, the 2020 statement of activities has been presented with 2019 summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. This summarized 2019 information is not intended to and does not include sufficient detail to constitute a complete presentation of changes in net assets in conformity with GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the University's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

(b) Nonoperating Activities

Nonoperating activities reflect all contributions, transactions of a long-term investment or capital in nature, investment return net of appropriations for current operational support in accordance with the University's endowment spending policy, collection of artwork, and other net asset changes resulting

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from transactions that do not arise from or currently affect operations, including one-time non-structural costs.

(c) Revenue Recognition

Revenues are reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions, unless they are limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expirations of donor-restrictions are reflected in the statement of activities as net assets utilized in operations. Net realized gains (losses) from the sale or other disposition of investments and the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments are reported as revenue without donor-restrictions, unless restricted by donor-imposed stipulations or law.

Revenue is recognized when or as the University satisfies performance obligations by rendering promised goods or services.

Tuition, student fees, residence hall and dining revenues are recorded as revenue during the year in which the related services are rendered. Payments are generally required to be received in advance of the academic term and are recorded as student deposits and deferred revenue. Tuition and student fees received for courses that cross fiscal years are prorated in accordance with the number of days of instruction. Other auxiliary enterprise revenues are recognized when the goods or services are provided.

(d) Contributions and Sponsored Programs

Contributions with and without donor restrictions are reported as increases to net assets. Contributions include unconditional promises (contributions receivable) that are reported at present value of expected cash flows, net of an allowance for uncollectable contributions receivable. Contributions of noncash assets are recorded at fair value on the date of the contribution.

Contributions without donor restrictions and contributions with donor restrictions for which time or purpose restrictions have been met are reclassified to operating activities as net assets utilized in operations, unless the purpose is capital in nature. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, net assets utilized in operations include \$17,667 and \$15,701 of net assets released from restrictions, respectively. Contributions for capital purposes are reported as nonoperating activities.

Grants and contracts awarded by federal and other sponsors, which generally are considered nonexchange transactions restricted by sponsors for certain purposes, are recognized as revenue when qualifying expenditures are incurred or other conditions under the agreements are met. The University has elected the simultaneous release policy available under ASU 2018-08, which allows a not-for-profit organization to recognize a restricted contribution directly in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction is met in the same period that the revenue is recognized.

Federal and other sponsored grants and contracts may be subject to fiscal funding clauses or annual appropriations. The University estimates that conditional awards outstanding as of June 30, 2020 approximate the University's recent historical annual sponsored program activity.

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(e) Fundraising Expense

Fundraising expense was \$12,340 and \$11,587 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and is classified as institutional support in note 4.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents, except those held as short-term investments, long-term investments, or funds held by bond trustee, consist of bank deposits, money market funds and investments with original maturities of three months or less and are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

(g) Short-term Investments

Short-term investments consist of operating funds deposited in short-term treasuries with maturities at the time of purchase of less than one year, and are carried at fair value.

(h) Fair Value

Investments and funds held in trust by others are reported at fair value in the University's financial statements. Fair value represents the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid upon the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes inputs used to measure fair value into three levels:

- Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted in active markets, but corroborated by market data; and
- Level 3 – unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. In determining fair value, the University utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. Certain investments are reported at their net asset value (NAV), which is used as a practical expedient to estimate their fair values, and these investments are not categorized in the fair value hierarchy.

(i) Funds Held by Bond Trustee

Funds held by bond trustee represents bond proceeds that will be drawn down to fund various capital projects. Funds held by bond trustee is invested in the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency's Short Term Asset Reserve Fund (STAR).

(j) Funds Held in Trust by Others and Other Assets

Funds held in trust by others (FHITBO) are perpetual trusts held in perpetuity by external trustees, as specified by the donors, and are reported by the University at fair value. Trust income is distributed at

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least annually to the University in accordance with the terms of the trusts and is recorded as investment income. Changes in the fair value of the trusts are recorded as increases or decreases to net assets with donor restrictions. The University had \$9,851 and \$10,154 of FHITBO as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Other assets include prepayments, inventories, and deferral of qualifying cloud computing arrangement implementation costs.

(k) Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of land improvements (18 years), buildings (60 years), building systems and improvements (18–50 years), equipment and furnishings (5–15 years), software (5 years), and leases (3–5 years).

Expenses for the repair and maintenance of facilities are recognized during the period incurred. Betterments, which add to the value of the related assets or materially extend the lives of the assets, are capitalized. The University recognizes the estimated fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with asset retirements in the period in which the obligation is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the University capitalizes the cost of the obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. The liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the asset's useful life. Payments to settle the obligation are charged against the liability, and any difference between the actual settlement cost and the related estimated liability recorded is recognized as a gain or loss in the statement of activities.

(l) Other Long-Term Liabilities

The University is bound by certain donor trust agreements that include gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. These funds are held for one or more beneficiaries and generally pay lifetime income to those beneficiaries, after which the principal is made available to the University in accordance with donor intentions. The assets are presented within long-term investments, and liabilities are recorded to recognize the present value of estimated future payments due to beneficiaries. The liabilities are \$10,559 and \$10,069 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The University also has asset retirement obligations arising from regulatory requirements to perform certain asset retirement activities, primarily asbestos removal, at or prior to disposal of certain property. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the estimated liabilities were \$5,472 and \$5,552, respectively. In addition, the University carries a liability related to refundable advances received under the Federal Perkins Loan Program as discussed in note 6. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, those liabilities were \$3,578 and \$5,102, respectively.

(m) Collections

Collections at Brandeis University are protected and preserved for public exhibition, education, research and the furtherance of public service. Collections are not capitalized and contributions of collections are not recognized as contribution revenue. Sales and purchases of collection items are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses in the University's financial statements in the period in which the items are sold or acquired, respectively.

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(n) Income Taxes

The University is a not-for-profit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the Code), and is generally exempt from income taxes pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code. The University is required to assess uncertain tax positions and has determined that there were no such positions that are material to the financial statements.

(o) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates, and the differences may be material.

(p) Allocation of Expenses

The statement of activities presents operating expenses by natural classification. Note 4 displays a matrix of operating expenses by both natural and functional categories. Depreciation, amortization, interest, and operation of plant expenses are allocated to functional expense categories on the basis of square feet utilized.

(q) Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, as amended, that requires, among other things, a lessee to recognize a right-of-use asset representing an entity's right to use the underlying asset for the lease term and a liability for lease payments on the balance sheet, regardless of classification of a lease as an operating or finance lease. As permitted by the ASU, for leases with a term of twelve months or less as a lessee, the University has elected not to recognize lease assets and liabilities and account for the lease similar to existing guidance for operating leases. The University early-adopted ASU 2016-02 in fiscal year 2020 using the modified retrospective approach. Right-of-use assets and related lease obligations of \$10,737 were recognized as of July 1, 2019 and are included in the balance sheet. The guidance did not materially impact the University's results of operations.

(r) Leasing

The University determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. The University has both leases under which it is obligated as a lessee and leases for which it is a lessor. Finance leases are included in property, plant, and equipment, operating leases are included in right of use assets, and the related lease obligations in the balance sheet.

Lease right-of-use assets represent the University's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. Lease obligations represent the University's liability to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating and finance lease right-of-use assets and related obligations are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using an appropriate incremental borrowing rate. The incremental borrowing rate is based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The

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value of an option to extend or terminate a lease is reflected to the extent it is reasonably certain management will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Interest expense is recognized as a component of the lease payment for finance leases.

Rental income arising from operating leases as a lessor is included in operating revenue in other sources in the Statement of Activities.

The following table summarizes cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of these liabilities, under ASC 842, for operating and finance leases as a lessee for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	<u>2020</u>
Operating cash flows from finance leases	\$ 62
Operating cash flows from operating leases	986
Financing cash flows from finance leases	419

(s) Related-Party Transactions

Members of the University's Board of Trustees may, from time to time, be associated either directly or indirectly with companies doing business with the University. The University has a written conflict of interest policy that requires each Trustee to certify compliance with such policy on an annual basis as well as disclose any potential related-party transactions. When such a relationship exists, measures are taken to mitigate any actual or perceived conflict, including requiring that such transactions be conducted at arms' length, with terms that are fair and reasonable to and for the benefit of the University.

(t) Reclassifications

Certain 2019 information has been reclassified to conform to the 2020 presentation.

(3) Tuition and Fees, Residence Hall and Dining Revenues

Revenue from tuition and fees, residence halls, and dining services is reflected net of reductions from institutional student aid and is recognized as the services are provided over the academic year, which generally aligns with the University's fiscal year. Such revenue is determined based on published rates for such services, less scholarships and financial aid awarded by the University to qualifying students. Aid in excess of a student's tuition and fees is reflected as a reduction of residence hall and dining charges. Disbursements made directly to students for living or other costs are reported as an expense.

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For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, such revenue at the published rates and financial aid is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tuition and fees	\$ 285,208	274,421
Less scholarships and financial aid	(110,868)	(105,816)
Tuition and fees, net	174,340	168,605
Residence hall and dining	37,487	43,371
Tuition and fees, residence hall and dining revenues	<u>\$ 211,827</u>	<u>211,976</u>

(4) Analysis of Expenses

Expenses by functional and natural classification for the year ended June 30, 2020 consist of the following:

	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Sponsored Programs</u>	<u>Academic Support</u>	<u>Student Services</u>	<u>Auxiliary Enterprises</u>	<u>Institutional Support</u>	<u>Total</u>
Compensation	\$ 85,526	25,987	25,586	15,992	4,030	25,322	182,443
Employee benefits	16,903	5,381	6,858	3,917	1,145	7,754	41,958
Utilities and general repairs	3,778	2,133	1,710	2,648	4,853	1,989	17,111
Depreciation	6,528	3,722	2,777	4,378	8,057	3,211	28,673
Interest	2,793	1,592	1,188	1,873	3,447	1,373	12,266
Supplies, services, and other	14,412	10,646	13,882	7,049	15,890	16,044	77,923
Total	<u>\$ 129,940</u>	<u>49,461</u>	<u>52,001</u>	<u>35,857</u>	<u>37,422</u>	<u>55,693</u>	<u>360,374</u>

Expenses by functional and natural classification for the year ended June 30, 2019 consist of the following:

	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Sponsored Programs</u>	<u>Academic Support</u>	<u>Student Services</u>	<u>Auxiliary Enterprises</u>	<u>Institutional Support</u>	<u>Total</u>
Compensation	\$ 83,715	24,521	23,086	15,472	3,829	22,903	173,526
Employee benefits	15,835	4,643	5,902	3,521	1,029	5,973	36,903
Utilities and general repairs	4,191	2,389	1,783	2,811	5,173	1,886	18,233
Depreciation	6,598	3,761	2,807	4,425	8,143	2,968	28,702
Interest	2,546	1,452	1,083	1,708	3,143	1,146	11,078
Supplies, services, and other	17,944	11,552	13,434	9,017	16,796	15,553	84,296
Total	<u>\$ 130,829</u>	<u>48,318</u>	<u>48,095</u>	<u>36,954</u>	<u>38,113</u>	<u>50,429</u>	<u>352,738</u>

The University's primary programs are instruction and sponsored programs. Expenses reported as academic support, student services, and auxiliary enterprises are incurred in support of these primary program activities.

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(with summarized comparative information for June 30, 2019)
(In thousands of dollars)

(5) Accounts Receivable

The composition of accounts receivable as of June 30 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Student receivables	\$ 3,144	2,471
Sponsored program receivables	11,666	6,550
Other	4,738	2,490
	<u>19,548</u>	<u>11,511</u>
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(1,445)</u>	<u>(1,266)</u>
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 18,103</u>	<u>10,245</u>

(6) Notes Receivable

The composition of notes receivable as of June 30 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Federal Perkins loan program	\$ 3,056	4,004
University student loan programs	8,454	9,137
	<u>11,510</u>	<u>13,141</u>
Less allowance for doubtful loans	<u>(3,915)</u>	<u>(4,008)</u>
Notes receivable, net	<u>\$ 7,595</u>	<u>9,133</u>

Notes receivable under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (the Program) are funded by the U.S. government and University funds and are subject to significant restrictions. The Program has ended and a portion of the amounts are generally refundable to the U.S. government.

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(7) Contributions Receivable

The composition of contributions receivable as of June 30 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Amounts due in:		
Less than one year	\$ 3,440	4,302
Between one and five years	9,236	4,448
More than five years	487	600
	<u>13,163</u>	<u>9,350</u>
Gross contributions receivable		
Less:		
Allowance for unfulfilled contributions	(1,246)	(902)
Discount, at rates from 0.29% to 3.72%	(166)	(236)
	<u>(1,412)</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>
Contributions receivable, net	<u>\$ 11,751</u>	<u>8,212</u>

(8) Long-Term Investments

The investment objective of the University is to invest its assets in a prudent manner to achieve a long-term rate of return sufficient to fund a portion of its spending and to increase investment value after inflation. The University diversifies its investments among asset classes by incorporating several strategies and managers. Major investment decisions are authorized by the University's Trustee Investment Committee that oversees the University's investments.

In addition to equity and fixed income investments, the University may also hold shares or units in institutional funds and alternative investment funds involving hedged and private equity strategies. Hedged strategies involve funds whose managers have the authority to invest in various asset classes at their discretion, including the ability to invest long and short. Funds with hedged strategies generally hold securities or other financial instruments for which a ready market exists, and may include stocks, bonds and securities sold short and often require the estimation of fair values by the fund managers in the absence of readily determinable market values. Because of the inherent uncertainties of valuation, these estimated fair values may differ significantly from values that would have been used had a ready market existed, and the differences could be material. Such valuations are determined by fund managers and generally consider variables such as operating results, comparable earnings multiples, projected cash flows, recent sales prices, and other pertinent information, and may reflect discounts for the illiquid nature of certain investments held. Long-term investments also include assets associated with gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.

Investments are reported at estimated fair value. If an investment is held directly by the University and an active market with quoted prices exists, the market price of an identical security is used as the reported fair value. Reported fair values for shares in registered mutual funds are based on share prices reported by the funds as of the last business day of the fiscal year. The University's interests in alternative investment

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funds are generally reported at NAV reported by fund managers, which are used as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value of the University's interests therein, unless it is probable that all or a portion of the investment will be sold for an amount different from NAV. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University had no plans or intentions to sell investments at amounts different from NAV. Registered mutual funds are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The University's long-term investments at June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table by strategy and, as applicable, their fair value hierarchy classification:

	Investments measured at NAV	Investments classified in fair value hierarchy			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Endowment investments:					
Global equity	\$ 83,880	23	—	—	83,903
Non-U.S. equity	180,555	153	—	—	180,708
Private equity	175,428	—	—	—	175,428
Hedge fund/credit:					
Credit – private	785	—	—	—	785
Hedge funds – long/short	203,593	—	—	—	203,593
Hedge funds – multi strategy	238,242	—	—	—	238,242
Real assets – private	88,160	—	—	—	88,160
Cash and cash equivalents	—	2,893	—	—	2,893
Receivable for investments sold	—	18,475	—	—	18,475
Treasuries and fixed income	—	80,964	—	438	81,402
Total endowment investments	970,643	102,508	—	438	1,073,589
Other investments:					
Equities	—	585	—	—	585
Cash and cash equivalents	—	392	—	—	392
Fixed income	—	—	1,148	—	1,148
Mutual funds	—	23,745	—	—	23,745
Total other investments	—	24,722	1,148	—	25,870
Total long-term investments	\$ 970,643	127,230	1,148	438	1,099,459

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The University's long-term investments at June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table by strategy and, as applicable, their fair value hierarchy classification:

	Investments measured at NAV	Investments classified in fair value hierarchy			Total
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Endowment investments:					
Global equity	\$ 83,937	—	—	—	83,937
Non-U.S. equity	150,406	141	—	—	150,547
Private equity	158,861	—	—	—	158,861
Hedge fund/credit:					
Credit – private	1,636	—	—	—	1,636
Hedge funds – long/short	257,929	—	—	—	257,929
Hedge funds – multi strategy	212,487	—	—	—	212,487
Real assets – private	97,825	—	—	—	97,825
Cash and cash equivalents	—	2,866	—	—	2,866
Treasuries and fixed income	—	106,999	—	438	107,437
Total endowment investments	963,081	110,006	—	438	1,073,525
Other investments:					
Equities	—	—	135	—	135
Cash and cash equivalents	—	55	—	—	55
Fixed income	—	—	8	—	8
Mutual funds	—	23,174	—	—	23,174
Total other investments	—	23,229	143	—	23,372
Total long-term investments	\$ 963,081	133,235	143	438	1,096,897

(a) Investment Liquidity

Hedge funds, global equity, and fixed income investments are redeemable at NAV under the terms of subscription agreements and/or partnership agreements. Investments with daily liquidity generally do not require any notice prior to withdrawal. Investments with monthly, quarterly or annual redemption frequency typically require notice periods ranging from 30 to 180 days. The following table presents the

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University's long-term investments by their availability for the next twelve months following June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019:

	June 30, 2020					
	Daily	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Illiquid	Total
Cash equivalents	\$ 3,285	—	—	—	—	3,285
Receivable for investments sold	—	17,914	—	561	—	18,475
Treasuries, fixed income and mutual funds	105,200	—	—	—	1,095	106,295
Equities	761	30,544	19,474	60,611	329,234	440,624
Hedge funds	—	—	121,282	141,878	179,460	442,620
Real assets	—	—	—	—	88,160	88,160
Total	<u>\$ 109,246</u>	<u>48,458</u>	<u>140,756</u>	<u>203,050</u>	<u>597,949</u>	<u>1,099,459</u>

	June 30, 2019					
	Daily	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual	Illiquid	Total
Cash equivalents	\$ 2,921	—	—	—	—	2,921
Treasuries, fixed income and mutual funds	129,610	—	—	—	1,009	130,619
Equities	141	22,119	48,486	37,340	285,393	393,479
Hedge funds	—	—	153,769	157,053	161,230	472,052
Real assets	—	—	—	—	97,826	97,826
Total	<u>\$ 132,672</u>	<u>22,119</u>	<u>202,255</u>	<u>194,393</u>	<u>545,458</u>	<u>1,096,897</u>

Investments categorized as illiquid include lock-ups with definite expiration dates, restricted shares, side pockets, or private equity and real asset funds where the University has no liquidity.

The University has certain investments with a fair value of \$99,023 at June 30, 2020 that have restricted redemptions for lock-up periods. Some of the investments with redemption restrictions allow earlier redemption for specified fees. The expiration of redemption lock-up period amounts are summarized in the table below:

Fiscal year	Amount
2021	\$ 22,570
2022	44,637
2023	28,079
2024	3,070
2025	667
Total	<u>\$ 99,023</u>

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(b) Commitments

Private credit, private equity, and real asset investments are generally made through limited partnerships. Under the terms of these agreements, the University is obligated to remit additional funding periodically as capital is called by the manager. These partnerships have a limited existence, generally between ten and fifteen years, and provide for annual one year extensions after the initial contract period for the purpose of systematically liquidating portfolio positions and returning capital to the investors. However, depending on market conditions, the inability to execute the fund's strategy, and other factors, a manager may extend or reduce the term of a fund from that which was originally anticipated. As a result, the timing and amount of future capital calls expected to be exercised in any particular future year is uncertain. The aggregate amount of unfunded commitments associated with global equities, hedge funds, private equity, and real assets investments as of June 30, 2020 was \$9,944, \$9,000, \$80,377, and \$100,406, respectively.

(9) Leasing

The University is committed to annual payments under several long-term non-cancellable operating and capital leases for office space, equipment, and vehicles through fiscal year 2029.

The components of finance lease expense are as follows:

	<u>2020</u>
Lease cost:	
Finance lease expense:	
Amortization of right-of-use assets	\$ 419
Interest on lease obligations	62
Operating lease expense	1,429
Short-term lease expense	<u>604</u>
Total lease cost	<u><u>\$ 2,514</u></u>
	<u>2020</u>
Other information:	
Weighted average remaining lease term – finance leases	2.93 years
Weighted average remaining lease term – operating leases	8.13 years
Weighted average discount rate – finance leases	5.46 %
Weighted average discount rate – operating leases	6.03 %

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Payments due include options to extend leases that are reasonably certain through fiscal year 2029 and are summarized below as of June 30, 2020:

<u>Fiscal year</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 1,401	299	1,700
2022	1,428	294	1,722
2023	1,210	214	1,424
2024	1,129	85	1,214
2025	1,151	8	1,159
Thereafter	3,976	—	3,976
Less amounts representing interest	<u>(2,194)</u>	<u>(62)</u>	<u>(2,256)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,101</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>8,939</u>

The University is the lessor in three long-term non-cancellable leases for space. Rental income for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$1,484 and \$1,629, respectively.

(10) Property, Plant and Equipment

The composition of property, plant, and equipment as of June 30 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land and land improvements	\$ 47,887	45,833
Buildings	210,225	210,225
Building systems and improvements	417,646	407,960
Equipment, furnishings, and software	140,899	133,846
Leased vehicles and other equipment	<u>2,124</u>	<u>1,791</u>
	818,781	799,655
Less accumulated depreciation	(483,788)	(455,115)
Construction in progress	<u>25,806</u>	<u>19,025</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 360,799</u>	<u>363,565</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$28,673 in 2020 and \$28,702 in 2019. Operation and maintenance expenses amounted to \$27,578 in 2020 and \$29,031 in 2019.

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(11) Financial Assets and Liquidity Resources

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, financial assets and other liquidity resources available within one year for general expenditures as defined by the University and representing operating expenses, scheduled principal payments on debt, and capital construction costs, were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Financial assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,459	29,223
Short-term investments	34,989	—
Accounts receivable, net, due within one year	18,103	10,245
Notes receivable, net, due within one year	845	914
Scheduled pledge payments, net, available for operations	2,385	2,529
Funds held by bond trustee	30,031	45,420
Subsequent year's Board-approved endowment payout	66,529	57,902
Total financial assets available within one year	<u>\$ 192,341</u>	<u>146,233</u>

The University's working capital and cash flows have seasonal variations during the year attributable to tuition billing and a concentration of contributions received at calendar and fiscal year ends. To manage liquidity, the University has other liquidity resources including \$70,000 in bank lines of credit as described in footnote 13. As of June 30, 2020, \$35,000 was outstanding under these lines of credit. In addition, the quasi endowment of \$96,623 can be made available for general expenditures with approval from the University's Board of Trustees, subject to investment liquidity provisions.

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(12) Long-Term Debt

Long term outstanding as of June 30 consists of the following:

	2020	2019
Commonwealth of MA Development Finance Agency (MDFA) Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2018 Series S-1, at interest rate of 5.00% maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2040	\$ 116,445	—
Commonwealth of MA Development Finance Agency (MDFA) Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2018 Series S-2, at interest rate of 5.00% maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2034	36,905	36,905
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2018 Series R, at interest rate of 5.00% maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2019 through October 1, 2039	34,500	35,500
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue, 2017 Series Q, at interest rate of 2.58% maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2017 through April 1, 2032, at which time a balloon payment of \$13,200 will be due.	19,025	19,375
TD Bank note at interest rate of 3.68% maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2017 through June 15, 2032, at which time a balloon payment of \$19,125 will be due.	28,275	28,875
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2013 Series P-2, at interest rates of 3.04%, maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2013 through July 1, 2033	17,355	18,330
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2013 Series P-1, at interest rates of 3.48%, maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2017 through April 1, 2043	14,050	14,440
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2010 Series O-2 at interest rates from 3.0% to 5.0%, maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2012 through October 1, 2028	—	64,835
MDFA Revenue Bonds, Brandeis University Issue 2010 Series O-1, at interest rates from 3.0% to 5.0%, maturing in annual installments from October 1, 2013 through October 1, 2040	—	72,570
Total	266,555	290,830
Unamortized premium, net	27,648	15,930
Unamortized issuance costs	(1,869)	(2,343)
Long-term debt, net	\$ 292,334	304,417

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The University's principal payment obligations as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Fiscal year	Amount
2021	\$ 10,100
2022	10,579
2023	11,089
2024	11,624
2025	12,021
Thereafter	211,142
	\$ 266,555

Interest expense for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$11,978 and \$11,010, respectively. There were no capitalized interest costs in 2020 and 2019.

Bond indentures require the maintenance of certain financial covenants which, among other restrictions, require the University to maintain an annual debt service coverage ratio of not less than 1.2 to 1.0 and a liquidity ratio of not less than 50%. The University was in compliance with all such covenants at June 30, 2020 and 2019.

On July 3, 2019, the University issued Series S-1 bonds for \$116,445 through MDFA. Substantially all of the proceeds of Series S-1 were used on October 1, 2019 for the refunding of existing bonds, MDFA Series O-1 and O-2. The Series S-1 bonds have a fixed interest rate of 5.00% and mature in annual installments from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2040. Series S-1 bonds were issued with an original premium of \$16,258, which will also be amortized over the life of the bond.

(13) Line of Credit

The University has a \$35,000 line of credit with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. at an interest rate of LIBOR, which was 16 basis points as of June 30, 2020, plus 45 basis points when funds are drawn. There is an annual commitment fee of 0.1% based on the daily average unused portion of the loan commitment, which is paid quarterly. The maturity date of the credit agreement is March 31, 2021. During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the total drawn amounts were \$35,000 and \$0, respectively.

On May 14, 2020, the University secured a second \$35,000 line of credit with Century Bank at an interest rate of LIBOR plus 95 basis points, but in no event less than 1.65%, when funds are drawn. There is no annual commitment fee on the unused portion of the loan commitment. The maturity date of the credit agreement is May 1, 2025. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, there were no borrowings against this line of credit.

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(14) Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions by major category is as follows as of June 30:

<u>Detail of net assets</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Restricted contributions	\$ 35,861	26,315
Contributions receivable, net	11,751	8,212
Endowment	970,755	968,716
Student loans	2,643	2,572
Life income and annuity funds	11,867	12,223
Funds held in trust by others	9,851	10,154
Physical plant and other	633	1,244
Unexpended endowment income	3,988	190
Total net assets with donor-imposed restrictions	<u>\$ 1,047,349</u>	<u>1,029,626</u>

Net assets with donor-imposed restrictions provide support for instruction, scholarships, auxiliary programs, library, research, capital, and other programmatic purposes.

(15) Endowments

The University's endowment is pooled for investment purposes and consists of approximately 2,000 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The endowment consists of both donor-restricted funds managed in accordance with applicable law and donor intent, as well as funds designated by the University's Board to operate as endowment (quasi-endowment).

If an individual donor restricted endowment fund balance falls below its original fair value, that fund is considered to be "underwater." As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, funds with an original gift value of \$17,126 and \$1,714 were "underwater" by \$787 and \$486, respectively.

The University follows the provisions of UPMIFA. State law allows the Board of Trustees to appropriate the endowment funds as is prudent taking into consideration the University's long-term and short-term needs, present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price level trends, and general economic conditions.

The endowment investment objectives are to maximize risk-adjusted returns over a long-term horizon and to achieve its objectives by having a strategy of investing in multiple asset classes. In order to meet the primary investment goals for endowment funds, the average annual net total return over an extended period, after adjusting for inflation, is deemed sufficient to support the spending rate as determined by the University's Board of Trustees. To have a reasonable probability of achieving the Fund's primary investment goal at an acceptable risk level, the University's Trustees Investment Committee has adopted a long-term asset allocation policy.

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Net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Donor-restricted amounts reported below include gifts donated to the endowment, term endowments and appreciation.

Endowment and quasi-endowment funds consist of the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

		2020			Total funds as of June 30, 2020	
		Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions			
			Original gift	Accumulated returns		Total
Donor restricted:						
Financial aid	\$	—	314,074	49,199	363,273	
Department programs and support		—	410,355	187,432	597,787	
Quasi (board-designated):						
Financial aid		35,435	—	—	35,435	
Department programs and support		67,399	9,695	—	9,695	
Total	\$	<u>102,834</u>	<u>734,124</u>	<u>236,631</u>	<u>970,755</u>	
2019						
		Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions		Total funds as of June 30, 2019	
			Original gift	Accumulated returns		Total
Donor restricted:						
Financial aid	\$	—	300,710	55,169	355,879	
Department programs and support		—	405,412	197,730	603,142	
Quasi (board-designated):						
Financial aid		36,161	—	—	36,161	
Department programs and support		68,648	9,695	—	9,695	
Total	\$	<u>104,809</u>	<u>715,817</u>	<u>252,899</u>	<u>968,716</u>	

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Changes in endowment and quasi-endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Without donor restrictions</u>	<u>With donor restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets at June 30, 2019	\$ 104,809	968,716	1,073,525
Net investment return	4,123	35,265	39,388
Contributions	13	17,092	17,105
Distributions	(6,111)	(51,534)	(57,645)
Transfers	—	1,216	1,216
Net assets at June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 102,834</u>	<u>970,755</u>	<u>1,073,589</u>

Changes in endowment and quasi-endowment funds for the year ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	<u>Without donor restrictions</u>	<u>With donor restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net assets at June 30, 2018	\$ 109,099	937,287	1,046,386
Net investment return	5,881	52,898	58,779
Contributions	2	19,688	19,690
Distributions	(10,223)	(41,396)	(51,619)
Transfers	50	239	289
Net assets at June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 104,809</u>	<u>968,716</u>	<u>1,073,525</u>

(16) Retirement Plans

The University participates in defined contribution plans providing retirement benefits for substantially all full-time and regular part-time employees. Under the programs, the University makes monthly contributions, currently 6%–10% of the annual eligible wages of participants, up to defined limits. University contributions are subject to the participants meeting the minimum employee contributions, age, and service requirements. Additional voluntary contributions by participants are made subject to statutory limits. The University's contribution to the plans totaled \$11,133 in 2020 and \$10,473 in 2019. The University suspended contributions to the plans in fiscal year 2021.

(17) Contingencies

The University is involved in legal cases that have arisen in the normal course of its operations. The University believes that the outcome of these cases will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the University.

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(18) COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic. As a result, the University closed its residential campus to most students and implemented remote learning for all classes through the rest of the academic year. The University provided emergency financial assistance and applied pro-rata refundable credits for room and board to students impacted by the campus closure. The University received funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and provided additional aid to students during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. The full extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the University will depend on future developments, including the spread and duration of the pandemic. The University continues to monitor the impact of the pandemic and is prepared to take additional measures to protect the health of the Brandeis community and promote the continuity of its academic mission.

(19) Subsequent Events

The University evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition or disclosure through October 28, 2020, the date on which the financial statements were issued.

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	<u>Federal CFDA number</u>	<u>Pass-through entity identifying number</u>	<u>Passed through to subrecipients</u>	<u>Total federal expenditures</u>
Student Financial Assistance Cluster:				
U.S. Department of Education:				
Office of Student Financial Assistance Programs:				
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	Direct	\$ —	3,025,789
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007	Direct	—	652,071
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033	Direct	—	497,600
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	Direct	—	4,014,186
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	Direct	—	18,842,206
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants	84.379	Direct	—	5,634
University of Colorado	84.379	FA8750-18-2-0016	—	142,545
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			—	27,180,031
Research and Development Cluster:				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):				
National Institutes of Health (NIH):				
Aging Research:				
Boston College	93.866	Direct	277,774	1,706,736
Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged	93.866	5104641-01	—	9,260
University of Southern California	93.866	90069	—	88,679
University of Wisconsin-Madison	93.866	103250176	—	3,375
University of Wisconsin-Madison	93.866	000000095	—	109,054
University of Wisconsin-Madison	93.866	833K070	—	76
University of Wisconsin-Madison	93.866	778	—	19,660
Total Aging Research			277,774	1,936,840
Alcohol Research Programs				
	93.273	Direct	—	311,263
Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation Research:				
Children's Hospital	93.855	Direct	258,190	1,344,465
University of Houston	93.855	GENFD000162021	—	33,254
	93.855	R-16-0076	—	132,812
Total Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation Research			258,190	1,510,531
Biomedical Research and Research Training:				
	93.859	Direct	624,936	8,101,470
Boston University	93.859	4500003234	—	53,811
California Institute of Technology	93.859	S409880	—	59,379
University of Michigan	93.859	SUBK00010341/3005375	—	215,853
University of Massachusetts	93.859	WA00755109OSP2018131	—	20,678
Total Biomedical Research and Research Training			624,936	8,451,191
Cancer Cause and Prevention Research:				
Harvard Medical School	93.393	Direct	—	12,047
	93.393	149668.5112349.0002	—	76,734
Total Cancer Cause and Prevention Research			—	88,781
Cancer Treatment Research				
	93.395	Direct	134,678	381,305
Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research				
Regents of the University of Minnesota	93.865	Direct	196,404	852,342
	93.865	H006124301	—	44,878
Total Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research			196,404	897,220
Discovery and Applied Research for Technical Innovations to Improve Human Health				
	93.286	Direct	—	34,599
Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs:				
Boston Medical Center Corporation	93.279	Direct	248,541	2,512,964
Brigham and Women's Hospital	93.279	7369	—	62,944
Emory University	93.279	120025	—	27,315
New York University	93.279	A025421	—	21,991
Texas Christian University	93.279	F1171-02	—	6,624
University of Miami	93.279	25935-LESA19-00	—	12,016
	93.279	SPC-000451	—	55,846
Total Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs			248,541	2,699,700
Extramural Research Programs in the Neurosciences and Neurological Disorders				
Harvard University	93.853	Direct	—	5,120,384
	93.853	152738.5095125.0504	—	348,038
Total Extramural Research Programs in the Neurosciences and Neurological Disorders			—	5,468,422
Medical Library Assistance:				
Harvard Medical School	93.879	153063.5109902.0004	—	9,331
Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training	93.282	Direct	—	33,889
Mental Health Research Grants				
University of Colorado	93.242	Direct	—	2,855,081
	93.242	941.002	—	73,433
Total Mental Health Research Grants			—	2,928,514
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences:				
Tufts University	93.350	EP01804009	—	19,410
Tufts University	93.350	EP0182176	—	13,609
Total National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences			—	33,019
Research and Training in Complementary and Alternative Medicine				
Research Infrastructure Programs	93.213	Direct	100,956	689,744
Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders	93.351	Direct	—	252,826
	93.173	Direct	292,904	1,195,959
Trans-NIH Research Support				
Boston University	93.310	Direct	48,808	485,164
	93.310	4500002491	—	59,977
Total Trans-NIH Research Support			48,808	545,141
Vision Research				
Case Western Reserve University	93.867	Direct	—	716,811
Trustees of Columbia University New York	93.867	RES513833	—	73,556
	93.867	1(GG013056-01)	—	213,548
Total Vision Research			—	1,003,915
Total NIH Awards			2,183,191	28,472,190

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 Supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA)
 Fiscal Year to Date June 30, 2020

	<u>Federal CFDA number</u>	<u>Pass-through entity identifying number</u>	<u>Passed through to subrecipients</u>	<u>Total federal expenditures</u>
Administration for Children and Families:				
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Profession Opportunity Grants	93.093	Direct	\$ —	351,089
Child Care and Development Block Grant				
Boston University	93.575	450003227	—	32,466
Welfare Reform Research Evaluations and National Studies	93.595	Direct	—	13,691
Total Administration for Children and Families			—	397,246
Administration for Community Living:				
ACL National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research	93.433	Direct	254,263	1,792,169
Regents of the University of Minnesota	93.433	A005198606 90RT5039	—	17,171
Temple University – Of The Commonwealth	93.433	254026-04-BU	—	6,883
University of Illinois	93.433	90RT5032-05-00	—	28,901
University of Illinois at Chicago	93.433	16216	—	44,132
Total Administration for Community Living			254,263	1,889,256
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality:				
National Research Service Awards_Health Services Research Training	93.225	Direct	—	3,972
Total Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality			—	3,972
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:				
Disabilities Prevention	93.184	Direct	—	61,820
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs:				
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	93.136	INTF2400H78500224436	—	199,315
Occupational Safety and Health Program:				
Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health	93.262	T42 OH008416	—	381
Packaging and Spreading Proven Pediatric Weight Management Interventions for Use by Low-Income Families:				
Miriam Hospital	93.349	710-7147144	—	142,083
Total Centers for Disease Control and Prevention			—	403,599
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:				
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse:				
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	93.959	INTF2400H78500224438	150,000	222,540
Total Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration			150,000	222,540
Total DHHS Awards			2,587,454	31,388,803
Department of Commerce:				
Statistical, Research, and Methodology Assistance:				
Purdue University	11.016	18100032-04	—	25,689
Department of Interior:				
National Park Service				
Cooperative Research and Training Programs Resources of the National Park System:				
University of Wyoming	15.945	1004044F-BU	—	322
Department of Defense:				
Advanced Research Projects Agency:				
Research and Technology Development:				
Smart Information Flow Technologies	12.910	CLIC-ECI-BU-01 3B	—	281,567
Defense Threat Reduction Agency:				
Scientific Research – Combatting Weapons of Mass Destruction				
University of Colorado	12.351	1000576525	—	105,140
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences:				
Uniformed Services University Medical Research Projects				
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation	12.750	4591/949849	—	17,525
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation	12.750	4592-949855-65048	—	23,229
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation	12.750	4609-949709-65048	—	26,734
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation	12.750	5104-982161-66066	—	17,919
Total Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences			—	85,407
Total Department of Defense			—	472,114
Department of Energy:				
Office of Science Financial Assistance Program	81.049	Direct	—	983,779
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Information Dissemination:				
The Regents of the University of California	81.117	Subcontract 7408146	—	984
The Regents of the University of California	81.117	Subcontract 7415318	—	37,310
Total Department of Energy			—	1,022,073
Department of Justice:				
National Institute of Justice Research, Evaluation, and Development Project Grants:				
Colorado State University	16.560	G-01508-01	—	84,211
National Aeronautics and Space Administration:				
Aerospace Education Services Programs:				
University of Wisconsin-Madison	43.001	775K751	—	6,610
Human Exploration Research:				
Baylor College of Medicine	43.003	7000000537	—	64,829
Baylor College of Medicine	43.003	7000000728	—	113
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration			—	71,552
National Science Foundation:				
Biological Sciences	47.074	Direct	—	681,344
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070	Direct	—	864,585
Education and Human Resources	47.076	Direct	—	127,068
Engineering Grants	47.041	Direct	56,595	274,700

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	<u>Federal CFDA number</u>	<u>Pass-through entity identifying number</u>	<u>Passed through to subrecipients</u>	<u>Total federal expenditures</u>
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049	Direct	\$ 326,702	3,741,780
Hampton University	47.049	HU-190001	—	179
Pennsylvania State University	47.049	5894-BU-NSF-2471	—	15,163
Stony Brook University	47.049	685,876749/1136652/2	—	366,782
Stony Brook University	47.049	PHY-1624739	—	45,958
Total Mathematical and Physical Sciences			<u>326,702</u>	<u>4,169,862</u>
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences	47.075	Direct	11,520	479,644
Total National Science Foundation			<u>394,817</u>	<u>6,597,203</u>
Total Research and Development Cluster			<u>2,982,271</u>	<u>39,661,967</u>
Other Sponsored Programs Cluster:				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance:				
University of Denver	93.243	SC37837-01/SC37835-01	—	246,132
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:				
Global AIDS:				
Cardno Emerging Markets USA, Ltd.	93.067	4727-001-20-CR-01	—	162,575
Total Other Sponsored Programs Awards from DHHS			<u>—</u>	<u>408,707</u>
Agency for International Development:				
USAID Foreign Assistance for Programs Overseas				
Save the Children Fund	98.001	999002387	—	877,166
Total Agency for International Development			<u>—</u>	<u>877,166</u>
Corporation for National and Community Service:				
AmeriCorps				
YouthBuild USA	94.006	19NDHMA003	—	36,510
Total Corporation for National and Community Service			<u>—</u>	<u>36,510</u>
Department of Education:				
TRIO_Student Support Services	84.042	Direct	—	339,720
Total Department of Education			<u>—</u>	<u>339,720</u>
Department of Justice:				
Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	16.754	Direct	52,486	106,794
Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative				
Spectrum Health Systems	16.812	2015-CY-BX-0017	—	249
Services for Trafficking Victims				
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration	16.320	2018-VT-BX-K015	—	25,122
Total Department of Justice			<u>52,486</u>	<u>132,165</u>
Institute of Museum and Library Services:				
Museums for America	45.301	Direct	—	37,915
National Science Foundation:				
Engineering Grants	47.041	Direct	—	6,361
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences	47.075	Direct	—	14,727
Total National Science Foundation			<u>—</u>	<u>21,088</u>
National Endowment for the Humanities:				
Promotion of the Humanities_Digital Humanities Initiative	45.169	Direct	—	22,507
Promotion of the Humanities_Public Programs	45.164	Direct	38,813	71,971
Total National Endowment for the Humanities			<u>38,813</u>	<u>94,478</u>
United States Institute of Peace				
Priority Grant Competition	91.005	Direct	60,000	154,381
Total United States Institute of Peace			<u>60,000</u>	<u>154,381</u>
Total Other Sponsored Programs Cluster			<u>151,299</u>	<u>2,102,130</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards			<u>\$ 3,133,570</u>	<u>68,944,128</u>

See accompanying notes to supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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Notes to Supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2020

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) summarizes the expenditures of Brandeis University (the University) under programs funded by the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the University, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of the University.

For purposes of the Schedule, federal awards include all grants, contracts and similar agreements entered into directly between the University and agencies and departments of the federal government and all subawards passed through to the University by nonfederal organizations pursuant to federal grants, contracts and similar agreements. The Schedule also denotes awards passed through from the University to other non-federal subrecipient organizations.

(2) Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures for direct costs are recognized as incurred using the accrual basis of accounting and cost accounting principles of the Uniform Guidance. Under these cost principles, certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Expenditures also include a portion of costs associated with general University activities (facilities and administrative costs) which are allocated to awards under negotiated formulas commonly referred to as facilities and administrative cost rates (note 3). Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

(3) Facilities and Administrative Cost Rates

The University elected not to use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance. The University has approved predetermined facilities and administrative cost rates effective through fiscal year June 30, 2020 for on-campus and off-campus sponsored research program activities. The base rates in effect for the year ended June 30, 2020 were 62.50% for on-campus research and 26.00% for off-campus research. The rates for other federally sponsored programs were 33.90% for on-campus programs and 26.00% for off-campus programs. Facilities and administrative cost recoveries are reported as part of federal expenditures on the Schedule.

(4) Federal Student Financial Assistance

Perkins Loan Program

The Perkins Loan Program listed below is administered directly by the University, and balances and transactions relating to this program are included in the University's financial statements. Loan activities and balances consist of the following for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance as of July 1, 2019	Loans issued	Payments received and other changes	Balance as of June 30, 2020
\$	4,014,186	—	958,391	3,055,795

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Notes to Supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2020

As required by the Uniform Guidance, the amount shown on the Schedule as expenditures for the Perkins Loan Program is equal to the balance outstanding at July 1, 2019. The University is continuing to service loans under the Perkins programs; however, no new loans were made subsequent to September 30, 2017. There was no administrative cost allowance recovered for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Federal Direct Loans

The University distributed \$18,842,206 of federally guaranteed loans to students of the University through the Federal Direct Loan Program (CFDA 84.268), which includes Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, and Direct Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students. These distributions and the related funding sources are not included in the University's financial statements.



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Independent Auditors' 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*

The Board of Trustees
Brandeis University:

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 Brandeis University (the University), which comprise the balance sheet as of June 30, 2020, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2020.

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) as a basis for designing 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 entity'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 financial statements. 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.

KPMG LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
October 28, 2020



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**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program;
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of
Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

The Board of Trustees
Brandeis University:

Report on Compliance for Major Federal Program

We have audited Brandeis University's (the University's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the University's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. The University's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the University's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the University's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the University's major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the University's compliance.

Opinion on Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the University complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.



The University's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The University is also responsible for preparing a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in our auditors' report. The University's response and corrective action plan were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response or the corrective action plan.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the University is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the University's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001, which we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The University's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The University is also responsible for preparing a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in our auditors' report. The University's response and corrective action plan were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response or the corrective action plan.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Report on Supplementary Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2020, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

KPMG LLP

December 18, 2020

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year ended June 30, 2020

(1) Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

- (a) Type of report issued on whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles: **Unmodified**
- (b) Internal control deficiencies over financial reporting disclosed by the audit of the financial statements:
 - Material weaknesses: **No**
 - Significant deficiencies: **None reported**
- (c) Noncompliance material to the financial statements: **No**

Federal Awards

- (d) Internal control deficiencies over major program disclosed by the audit:
 - Material weaknesses: **No**
 - Significant deficiencies: **Yes, 2020-001**
- (e) Type of report issued on compliance for major program: **Unmodified**
- (f) Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?: **Yes, 2020-001**
- (g) Major program:
 - Student Financial Assistance Cluster – various CFDA numbers
- (h) Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: **\$2,068,324.**
- (i) Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee: **Yes**

(2) Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

None

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended June 30, 2020

(3) Findings and Questioned Costs Relating to Federal Awards

Finding No.: 2020-001 – Enrollment Reporting

Federal Agency: Department of Education

Pass-through Agency: Direct

Program Name: Student Financial Assistance Cluster – Federal Direct Loan Program

CFDA Numbers: 84.268

Federal Award Numbers: P268K200184

Federal Award Year: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Criteria

According to 34 CFR Section 685.309, under the Federal Direct loan program, institutions must complete and return the Enrollment Reporting roster file via National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) within 15 days of receipt. Enrollment information must be reported within 30 days whenever attendance changes for students, unless a roster will be submitted within 60 days. An institution must notify the Secretary of Education if it discovers that a loan under Title IV of the Act was made to or on behalf of a student who was enrolled or accepted for enrollment at the school, and the student has ceased to be enrolled on at least a half-time basis or failed to enroll on at least a half-time basis for the period for which the loan was intended.

Condition Found

Of the forty (40) students with enrollment changes selected for testwork, we noted thirty-eight (38) students whose changes in enrollment status were not accurately transmitted to NSLDS. The reporting to NSLDS for these students was transmitted with the status of withdrawn, when the enrollment status was graduated.

Cause

The University utilizes a third-party administrator, the National Student Loan Clearinghouse (NSLC), to transmit enrollment rosters and changes in enrollment status to NSLDS. Due to a coding error in the University's reporting via the NSLC, the inaccurate enrollment status was transmitted (withdrawn versus graduated) to NSLDS. While the change in enrollment was transmitted timely, and did not have effect on the timing of students' loan repayments, the University's review procedures did not identify that the incorrect status was reported to NSLDS.

Possible Asserted Effect

Inaccurate submission of student enrollment status information affects the determinations that lenders and servicers of student loans make related to in-school status, as well as the federal government's payment of interest subsidies.

Questioned Costs

No questioned costs identified.

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Year ended June 30, 2020

Statistical Sampling

The sample was not intended to be, and was not, a statistically valid sample.

Repeat Finding

This was not a finding in the prior year.

Recommendation

We recommend that the University review its processes to ensure that any enrollment changes are reported accurately within the required 30 or 60 day time frame when submitted to the NSLC. Additionally, a review of the submitted enrollment changes to the NSLC and NSLDS should be performed to ensure current student status is properly reflected.

View of University Officials

The University agrees with the finding and confirms that the issue had no impact on students' federal student loan repayment as they were reported as separated from the University in a timely manner. The University continues to review and improve business processes, including those performed by our third-party vendor, to ensure timely and accurate reporting to NSLDS. The University has submitted a corrected filing to NSLDS as a remedial effort.