



# Brandeis

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## Letter from the Chief Financial Officer and University Treasurer – Fiscal Year 2023:

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements for Brandeis University (“the University”) for fiscal year 2023.

The University’s financial profile remained solid in fiscal year 2023. Total assets grew slightly to \$1.7 billion and net assets grew to \$1.4 billion. The rate of return on the University’s endowment portfolio was +4.9% in fiscal year 2023, compared to -2.9% in fiscal year 2022. The fair market value of the University’s endowment was \$1.2 billion at the end of fiscal year 2023.

The University’s operating activities generated a net operating surplus of \$1.9 million. Operating revenue, derived primarily from teaching and research activities, increased by 4.0% from the previous fiscal year to \$403.5 million. Operating expenses increased by 4.2% to \$401.6 million as the University faces inflationary pressures for salaries and services and increases in student support.

Undergraduate student enrollment in fiscal year 2023 continued to recover from the pandemic, and the results were on a par with the pre-pandemic level in fiscal year 2019. The University remains committed to meeting the full financial need of all undergraduate students who are eligible to receive financial aid. Such effort aims to eliminate the necessity for students to pursue unsubsidized loans in order to finance their education. The overall financial aid for the undergraduate population increased by 8.1% from the previous fiscal year.

The University continues to maintain a healthy working capital balance, which was \$46.7 million at the end of fiscal year 2023. The University’s long-term debt liability decreased by \$12.5 million due to principal repayments and bond amortization. During the fiscal year 2023, the University received \$8.4 million in reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) for Covid-19 testing costs that were incurred during the pandemic to keep the campus operational. The FEMA reimbursement is recorded as a non-operating activity in the audited financial statements and is not reflected in the net operating surplus.

The University’s financial profile has been reaffirmed by S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investor Service, which have issued A+ and A1 credit ratings, respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Samuel Solomon'.

Samuel Solomon

Chief Financial Officer and University Treasurer