WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Governing Board West Liberty University West Liberty, West Virginia

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities and the discretely presented component unit of West Liberty University (the University) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation). Those financial 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 Foundation, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. We conducted our audits 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 of the United States. The financial statements of the Foundation were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 University's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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



Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business type activities and the discretely presented component unit of West Liberty University, as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable cash flows, thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 to 10 and the Schedules of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Contributions on page 65 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 audits 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 October 13, 2017, on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and 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.

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Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania October 13, 2017



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Management Discussion and Analysis Fiscal Year 2017 (Unaudited) Financial Statements

About West Liberty University

West Liberty University ("WLU" or "University") is a state supported institution founded in 1837 and is West



Virginia's oldest institution of higher education. Founded as West Liberty Academy, it was privately operated until 1870 when it became West Liberty State Normal School. The name was changed to West Liberty State Teachers College in 1931 and West Liberty State College in 1943. It was approved to become a "University" by the Higher Education Policy Commission in November 2008 and approved by the Board of Governors' in May 2009.

West Liberty University serves approximately 2300 students representing 27 states and the District of Columbia and 23 countries. WLU grants baccalaureate degrees in elementary and secondary education, arts and sciences, business administration, heath sciences, as well as graduate degrees in Education, Professional Studies, Physician Assistant Studies, Business Administration and Criminology.

West Liberty University is governed by a 12 member Board of Governors that determines, controls, supervises, and manages the financial, business and educational policies and affairs of the University.

Overview of the Financial Statements and Financial Analysis

The following discussion and analysis of WLU's financial statements provides an overview of its financial activities for fiscal years 2017 and 2016 with an emphasis on the year ended June 30, 2017 and is required supplementary information prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued financial reporting guidelines for organizations that support government entities. Under GASB Statement No. 39, if a private foundation that provides financial support to a public college or university meets specified criteria, the university is required to include the foundation's financial activities in the university's financial statements. As a result, the financial statements of the West Liberty University Foundation are discretely presented following the University's financial statements. The University does not control the resources of the Foundation and therefore, discussion and analysis of this component unit is not included. The West Liberty University Research Corporation is presented as a component entity of the University.

There are three financial statements presented: the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the Assets (current and non-current) plus deferred outflows of resources, Liabilities (current and non-current) plus deferred inflows of resources, and Net Position (assets plus deferred outflows minus liabilities plus deferred inflows) of WLU as of June 30, 2017 and 2016. Assets denote the resources available to continue the operations of the University. Liabilities indicate how much the University owes vendors, employees and lenders. Deferred outflows and inflows are a consumption or acquisition of net assets applicable to a future reporting period and Net Position measures the equity or the availability of funds of the University for future periods.

Net position is divided into three major categories. The first category, net investment in capital assets, provides equity in the property, plant, and equipment owned by WLU, net of related debt. The next category is restricted net position, which is divided into two categories, nonexpendable (permanently restricted) and expendable. Expendable restricted net position available is for expenditure but must be spent for purposes as determined by donors and/or external entities that have placed time or purpose



restrictions on the use of the assets. The balances that have been restricted by the West Virginia Legislature ("Legislature") are within the expendable net position. These restricted activities are fundamental to the normal ongoing operations of WLU and are subject to change by future actions of the Legislature. The final category is unrestricted net position, which is available for expenditure for any lawful purpose of WLU.

Condensed Statements of Net Position (In Thousands)					
	2017	2016	2015		
ASSETS:					
Current assets	\$10,403	\$8,321	\$8,932		
Other noncurrent assets	1,633	1,752	1,900		
Capital assets — net	72,514	74,461	76,673		
Deferred outflow	306	204	174		
TOTAL ASSETS & DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$84,856	\$84,738	\$87,679		
LIABILITIES:					
Current liabilities	\$4,273	\$3,818	\$4,197		
Noncurrent liabilities	25,395	26,403	27,859		
Deferred inflow	149	200	252		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & DEFERRED INFLOWS	29,817	30,421	32,308		
NET POSITION:					
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	56,151	57,133	58,155		
Restricted expendable	9	312	107		
Unrestricted	(1,121)	(3,128)	(2,891)		
TOTAL NET POSITION	55,039	54,317	55,371		
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS & NET POSITION	\$84,856	\$84,738	\$87,679		

A review of the individual asset and liabilities categories that contributed to the overall decrease in net position indicates the following:



<u>2017:</u>

Capital assets (net) decreased by \$1,947,045 due to depreciation expense exceeding additions. Current Cash and Cash Equivalents increased by \$2,418,228 primarily due to improved operating cash flow.

Current Liabilities increased by \$454,740. This increase is tied to an increase in outstanding accounts payable at year end and an increase in construction work in progress.

<u>2016:</u>

Capital assets (net) decreased by \$2,211,913 due to depreciation expense. Current Cash and Cash Equivalents decreased by \$620,889.

Current Liabilities decreased by \$379,125. As with the prior year, this decrease is tied to a reduction in outstanding accounts payable at year end and a decrease in construction work in progress.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Changes in total net position, as presented on the Statement of Net Position, is based on the activities presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (SRECNP). The purpose of the SRECNP is to present the revenues earned, both operating and non-operating, and the expenses incurred, operating and non-operating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains and losses earned or incurred by WLU.

Generally speaking, operating revenues are earned for providing goods and services to the various customers and constituencies of WLU. Operating expenses are those expenses incurred to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for the operating revenues, and to carry out the WLU mission. Revenues for which goods and services are not provided are reported as non-operating revenues. For example, state appropriations are non-operating revenues because they are provided by the Legislature to WLU without the Legislature directly receiving commensurate goods and services for those revenues. Likewise, Pell grants are reported as non-operating, because of specific guidance in the AICPA industry audit guide.

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (In Thousands)					
	2017	2016	2015		
OPERATING REVENUES	\$26,737	\$26,059	\$31,229		
OPERATING EXPENSES	37,069	38,153	40,532		
OPERATING LOSS	(10,332)	(12,094)	(9,303)		
NON-OPERATING REVENUES					
(NET OF NON-OPERATING EXPENSES)	11,054	11,040	12,054		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITON	722	-1,054	2,751		
CAPITAL AND BOND PROCEEDS			225		
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	722	-1,054	2,976		
NET POSITION — Beginning of year	54,317	55,371	53,187		
RESTATEMENT – for July 1, 2014		-	(792)		
NET POSITION – Beginning of year, restated	54,317	55,371	52,395		
NET POSITION — End of year	\$55,039	\$54,317	\$55,371		

A review of the individual revenue and expense categories that contributed to the overall increase in net position for FY17 and decrease in net position for FY16 reveals the following:



Revenue Trends

Student tuition and fees (net of scholarship allowance) accounted for 52% of WLU's operating revenues in FY17 and 51% in FY16 and 36% of total revenues in FY17 and 35% of total revenues in FY16.

- Contracts and grants have increased by \$138,349. Contracts and grants account for 12% of revenue for both FY17 and FY16, respectively.
- Pell increased to \$3,638,797 in FY17 from \$3,572,488 in FY16.
- The State Appropriation decreased from \$7,868,870 in FY16 to \$7,797,244 in FY17 representing a decrease of 1% of total revenues.





 Salary/wages and employee benefit categories made up 53% of the operating expenses of WLU in FY17 and 57% in FY16. The University has fully funded the Mercer Scale for Classified Staff. Salary and wages decreased \$1,420,011 from FY16; benefits decreased by \$496,054.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows presents detailed information about the cash activities of WLU during the year. The statement is divided into five parts. The first section deals with operating cash flows and shows the net cash used in the operating activities of WLU. The second section reflects cash flows from noncapital financing activities. This section reflects the cash received and spent for non-operating, non-investing, and noncapital financing purposes. The third section deals with cash flows from capital and related financing activities. This section deals with the cash used for the acquisition and construction of capital assets and related items, and related funding received. The fourth section reflects the cash flows from investing activities and shows interest received from investing activities. The fifth section reconciles the net cash used in operating activities to the operating loss reflected in the SRECNP.

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows (In Thousands)

	2017	2016	2015
Cash Provided by (Used in)			
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$(6,659)	\$(9,194)	\$ (6,156)
NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	11,436	11,456	12,39
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(2,424)	(2,909)	(5,427)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	65	26	10
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,418	(621)	819
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS — Beginning of year	6,700	7,321	6,502
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS — End of year	\$9,118	\$6,700	\$7,321

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

2017 Capital:

 Capital projects initiated, but not completed in FY17 include an IT infrastructure upgrade. Associated costs in FY17 were \$408,630. This project includes installation of new equipment to include some new fiber and the addition of over 200 new wireless access points.

2016 Capital:

• Capital projects completed in FY16 were funded by the university and include the



installation of a new boiler system for Blatnik Hall \$275,346 and completion of the Elbin Library Fire Alarm System, \$79,994.

2017 and 2016 Debt:

• Principal repayments on 2012 Bond and 2013 Refinancing Bond amounted to \$1,220,000 and \$1,195,000 for FY17 and FY16, respectively.

Economic Outlook

National college enrollment has been declining since 2011. Despite the decrease in enrollment the University remains very competitive with four-year educational institutions both regionally and nationally. West Liberty anticipates a turnaround in enrollment numbers due to new academic and athletic programs.

The University continues to implement cost efficiency strategies and invest in initiatives that will increase enrollment and retention. The University has seen an increase in incoming freshman and transfers for the 2016-2017 academic year and is confident that enrollment will continue to grow over the coming years. Our strategic planning process has ensured that we overcome any challenges faced due to changes in enrollment and possible additional reductions of State support.

The University continues to broaden its programs of study. The following programs began classes in Fall 2016; Bachelor of Science in Zoo Science, Master in Business Administration, and the Master of Criminology. The Master of Science in Biology program began in Fall 2017. We are currently in the planning phases of several other master's programs including; Master of Science in Dental Hygiene (projected start Aug. 2018), and Master of Clinical Psychology (projected start Aug 2018).

In the Fall of 2017 the University added Acrobatics and Tumbling which will compete as a full member of the National Body of Acrobatics and Tumbling. In addition, the University added men's soccer which will compete as a club sport. Other established sports will have increased roster sizes for FY18. In addition, the University will break ground on a new turfed soccer field and track complex. Also in the Fall of 2017 the University brought one entire dormitory back on line and two floors in another. These rooms are single rooms that will be available at a double room rate. It is anticipated that this will increase residency on campus over time.

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,118,039	\$ 6,699,811
Accounts Receivable - Net	847,214	1,087,031
Loans to Students - Current Portion	322,137	410,086
Prepaid Expenses	950	600
Inventories	111,261	106,045
Arrears Pay Conversion Receivable - Current Portion	3,518	16,945
Total Current Assets	10,403,119	8,320,518
NONCURRENT ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents, Held by Trustee	837,304	836,154
Loans to Students - Net of Allowance of	001,001	000,101
\$855,470 in 2017 and \$847,440 in 2016	627,255	728,229
Arrears Pay Conversion Receivable	168,092	188,018
Capital Assets - Net	72,514,094	74,461,139
Total Noncurrent Assets	74,146,745	76,213,540
Total Assets	84,549,864	84,534,058
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES Deferred Loss on Refunding of Debt - Net Deferred Outflows Related to Pension	72,952 232,893	80,353 123,993
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$ 84,855,709	\$ 84,738,404

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	2	017		2016
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$	803,452	\$	249,498
Accrued Liabilities		,971,090	Ψ	2,127,744
Unearned Revenues	•	15,951		18,750
Compensated Absences		76,645		53,595
Debt Obligation to Commission - Current Portion		153,900		148,336
Notes Payable - Current Portion		11,625		-
Bonds Payable - Current Portion	1	,240,000		1,220,000
Total Current Liabilities		,272,663		3,817,923
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES				
Advances from Federal Sponsors	1	,321,180		1,296,172
Compensated Absences, Net of Current Portion		759,759		808,326
Other Post Employment Benefits Liability	7	,028,772		6,868,686
Net Pension Liability		797,182		655,522
Debt Obligation to Commission, Net of Current Portion	1	,700,307		1,854,207
Notes Payable - Net of Current Portion		108,127		-
Bonds Payable, Net of Current Portion	13	,680,000		14,920,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	25	,395,327		26,402,913
Total Liabilities	29	,667,990		30,220,836
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Service Concession Arrangement - Net		70,137		67,514
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension		78,251		132,383
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	29	,816,378		30,420,733
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	56	,151,331		57,133,384
Restricted for - Expendable:				
Scholarships		8,984		312,340
Unrestricted (Deficit)		,120,984)		(3,128,053)
Total Net Position	55	,039,331		54,317,671
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position	\$84	,855,709	\$	84,738,404

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
OPERATING REVENUES		
Student Tuition and Fees - Net of Scholarship Allowance of		
\$5,948,192 in 2017 and \$5,722,586 in 2016	\$ 13,852,638	\$ 13,319,776
Contracts and Grants:		
Federal	590,328	985,316
State	3,452,659	3,275,622
Private	557,868	201,569
Interest on Student Loans Receivable	36,978	35,956
Auxiliary Enterprise Revenue - Net of Scholarship Allowance of		
\$3,328,329 in 2017 and \$3,443,407 in 2016	7,747,823	8,018,205
Miscellaneous	498,451	223,089
Total Operating Revenues	26,736,745	26,059,533
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and Wages	15,574,313	16,994,324
Benefits	4,171,051	4,667,105
Supplies and Other Services	9,158,669	8,715,349
Utilities	2,029,274	1,908,999
Student Financial Aid - Scholarships and Fellowships	2,902,879	2,549,593
Depreciation and Amortization	2,924,085	2,928,760
Loan Cancellations and Write-Offs	139,060	200,677
Fees Assessed by the Commission for Operations	170,061	188,291
Total Operating Expenses	37,069,392	38,153,098
OPERATING LOSS	(10,332,647)	(12,093,565)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
State Appropriations	7,797,244	7,868,870
Federal Pell Grants	3,638,797	3,572,488
Investment Income	70,339	28,154
Payments on Behalf of the University	141,672	112,931
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	-	(12,413)
Interest on Indebtedness	(622,257)	(522,542)
Fees Assessed by the Commission for Debt Service	(15,700)	(30,579)
Other Nonoperating Income	44,212	23,251
Net Nonoperating Income	11,054,307	11,040,160
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	721,660	(1,053,405)
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Net Position - Beginning of Year	54,317,671	55,371,076
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 55,039,331	\$ 54,317,671

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	 2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Student Tuition and Fees	\$ 13,723,939	\$ 13,352,460
Contracts and Grants	4,872,277	3,576,787
Payments to and on Behalf of Employees	(19,616,788)	(21,147,562)
Payments to Suppliers	(8,991,537)	(8,676,922)
Payments to Utilities	(2,025,100)	(1,968,156)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships	(2,902,879)	(2,549,593)
Loans Issued to Students	(115,057)	(239,122)
Collection of Loans to Students	365,966	224,193
Auxiliary Enterprise Charges	7,747,823	8,095,576
Fees Assessed by Commission	(157,679)	(188,291)
Other Receipts - Net	 439,423	 326,791
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	 (6,659,612)	 (9,193,839)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State Appropriations	7,797,244	7,868,870
Federal Pell Grants	3,638,797	3,587,203
William D. Ford Direct Lending Receipts	14,040,669	14,464,335
William D. Ford Direct Lending Payments	(14,040,669)	(14,464,335)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	11,436,041	11,456,073
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of Capital Assets	(585,546)	(1,173,406)
Proceeds from Note Issuance	130,098	-
Principal Paid on Long-Term Liabilities	(158,682)	(140,920)
Principal Paid on Bonds	(1,220,000)	(1,195,000)
Interest Paid on Bonds	(616,736)	(427,230)
Other Nonoperating Receipts	44,212	35,517
Reductions of Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,150)	116,142
Fees Assessed by Commission	(15,700)	(124,356)
Net Cash Used by Capital Financing Activities	(2,423,504)	(2,909,253)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Interest on Investments	 65,303	 26,130
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,418,228	(620,889)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	 6,699,811	 7,320,700
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 9,118,039	\$ 6,699,811

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH		
USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Operating Loss	\$ (10,332,647)	\$ (12,093,565)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash		
Used by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	2,924,085	2,928,760
Bad Debt Expense	139,060	200,677
Payments on behalf of the University	141,672	112,931
Effect of Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable	139,146	19,499
Loans to Students	188,923	(35,406)
Prepaid Expenses	(350)	34,286
Inventories	(5,216)	(1,120)
Accounts Payable	169,377	(147,227)
Due to Commission	(6,917)	(10,807)
Accrued Liabilities	(154,774)	(57,239)
Compensated Absences	(25,517)	(291,876)
Other Postemployment Benefits	160,086	404,868
Net Pension Liability	141,660	53,466
Deferred Outflows - Pension	(108,900)	(38,065)
Deferred Inflows - Pension	(54,132)	(39,645)
Unearned Revenues	(2,799)	(105,195)
Advances from Federal Sponsors	25,008	(20,974)
Other	 2,623	(107,207)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (6,659,612)	\$ (9,193,839)
NONCASH TRANSACTIONS		
Property Additions in Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 408,630	\$ 17,136

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED A COMPONENT UNIT OF WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

ASSETS	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 117,646	\$ 69,844
Unconditional Promises to Give	1,103,234	242,226
Other Receivables	7,555	12,059
Investments at Estimated Fair Value	14,638,884	12,461,210
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	2,175,746	2,056,347
Other Assets	67,707	67,707
Total Assets	\$ 18,110,772	\$ 14,909,393
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 8,880	\$ 11,075
Liability for Charitable Gift Annuities	21,477	24,701
Total Liabilities	30,357	35,776
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,561,783	1,282,238
Temporarily Restricted	5,207,072	3,494,435
Permanently Restricted	11,311,560	10,096,944
Total Net Assets	18,080,415	14,873,617
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 18,110,772	\$ 14,909,393

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED A COMPONENT UNIT OF WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	2017			
		Temporarily	Permanently	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Contributions	\$ 190,229	\$ 1,531,255	\$ 1,000,347	\$ 2,721,831
Investment Income	257,861	1,336,068	94,870	1,688,799
Change in Value of Split Interest				
Agreements	-	-	119,399	119,399
Special Events	87,231	-	-	87,231
Other Income	97,218	-	-	97,218
Net Assets Released from				
Restrictions and Other	1,154,686	(1,154,686)		-
Total Support and Revenues	1,787,225	1,712,637	1,214,616	4,714,478
EXPENSES AND LOSSES				
West Liberty University Support:				
Scholarships	470,949	-	-	470,949
Athletic Programs	125,854	-	-	125,854
Academic Programs	288,597	-	-	288,597
Capital Improvements	111,690	-	-	111,690
Other Programs	252,814	-	-	252,814
General and Administrative	218,221	-	-	218,221
Fundraising	39,555	-	-	39,555
Total Expenses and Losses	1,507,680			1,507,680
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	279,545	1,712,637	1,214,616	3,206,798
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	1,282,238	3,494,435	10,096,944	14,873,617
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,561,783	\$ 5,207,072	\$ 11,311,560	\$ 18,080,415

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED A COMPONENT UNIT OF WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

	2016			
		Temporarily	Permanently	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUES				
Contributions	\$ 78,623	\$ 1,058,406	\$ 155,833	\$ 1,292,862
Investment Income (Loss)	(127,267)	(226,240)	94,332	(259,175)
Change in Value of Split Interest				
Agreements	-	-	(112,577)	(112,577)
Special Events	77,242	-	-	77,242
Other Income	138,810	-	-	138,810
Net Assets Released from				
Restrictions and Other	1,308,270	(1,308,270)		
Total Support and Revenues	1,475,678	(476,104)	137,588	1,137,162
EXPENSES AND LOSSES				
West Liberty University Support:				
Scholarships	460,414	-	-	460,414
Athletic Programs	118,725	-	-	118,725
Academic Programs	403,475	-	-	403,475
Capital Improvements	38,197	-	-	38,197
Other Programs	416,959	-	-	416,959
General and Administrative	152,184	-	-	152,184
Fundraising	67,535			67,535
Total Expenses and Losses	1,657,489	-	-	1,657,489
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(181,811)	(476,104)	137,588	(520,327)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	1,464,049	3,970,539	9,959,356	15,393,944
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,282,238	\$ 3,494,435	\$ 10,096,944	\$ 14,873,617

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

West Liberty University (the University) is governed by the West Liberty University Board of Governors (the Board). The Board was established by Senate Bill 653 (S.B. 653).

Powers and duties of the Board include, but are not limited to, the power to determine, control, supervise, and manage the financial, business, and educational policies and affairs of the University under its jurisdiction, the duty to develop a master plan for the institution, the power to prescribe the specific functions and the University's budget request, the duty to review, at least every five years, all academic programs offered at the University, and the power to fix tuition and other fees for the different classes or categories of students enrolled at its institution.

S.B. 653 also created the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (the Commission), which is responsible for developing, gaining consensus around, and overseeing the implementation and development of a higher education public policy agenda.

West Liberty University Research Corporation (WLURC) has been created to foster and support research and academic program development at the University and further to provide services for inventions of the University faculty, staff, and students; and has been designated by the University to fulfill the provisions of the West Virginia Code pertaining to the role of public institutions to work in partnership with business, industry, or government. The University encourages the acceptance of grants, contracts, and equipment and the sharing of facilities, equipment, and skilled personnel to promote and develop joint, applied research and development, technical assistance, and instructional programs in West Virginia. WLURC has an approved Affiliation Agreement with the West Liberty University Board of Governors on behalf of West Liberty University providing for services and activities related to promotion, encouragement, and stimulation of research. This Affiliation Agreement was effective beginning July 1, 2010, and will be renewed automatically from fiscal year to fiscal year unless terminated or revised in writing by the parties as provide hereinafter within ninety (90) days of commencement of each new fiscal year.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the University have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. The financial statement presentation required by GASB provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the University's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, expenses, changes in net position, and cash flows.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reporting Entity

The University is a blended component unit of the West Virginia Higher Education Fund which represents separate funds of the State of West Virginia (the State) that are not included in the State's general fund. The University is a separate entity which, along with all the State institutions of higher education, the Commission (which includes the West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing (WVNET), and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, form the Higher Education Fund of the State. The Higher Education Fund is considered a component unit of the State, and its financial statements are discretely presented in the State's comprehensive annual financial report.

The accompanying financial statements present all funds under the authority of the University, including its blended component unit, the WLURC, a nonprofit, nonstock corporation. The basic criterion for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements is the exercise of oversight responsibility derived from the University's ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters of the WLURC.

A related organization of the University, the West Liberty University Foundation, Incorporated (the Foundation) is part of the University reporting entity under GASB and is included in the accompanying financial statements, as a discretely presented component unit, as the University has no ability to designate management, cannot significantly influence operations of this entity, and is not accountable for the fiscal matters of the Foundation. The Foundation is a private nonprofit organization that reports under FASB standards. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from the GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation's audited financial information as it is presented herein (see also Note 19).

Financial Statement Presentation

GASB establishes standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and requires that financial statements be presented on a basis to focus on the University as a whole. Net position is classified into four categories according to external donor restrictions or availability of assets for satisfaction of University obligations. The University's net position is classified as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This represents the University's total investment in capital assets, net of depreciation, capital related deferred inflows and outflows and outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent that debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets, net of related debt.

Restricted Net Position – Expendable – This includes resources in which the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The West Virginia State Legislature (the State Legislature), as a regulatory body outside the reporting entity, has restricted the use of certain funds, by Article 10, *Fees and Other Money Collected at State Institutions of Higher Education* of the West Virginia State Code. House Bill 101 passed in March 2004 simplified the tuition and fee restrictions to auxiliaries and capital items. These activities are fundamental to the normal ongoing operations of the institution. These restrictions are subject to change by future actions of the State Legislature.

Restricted Net Position – Nonexpendable – This includes endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to principal. The University does not have any restricted nonexpendable net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Unrestricted Net Position – This represents resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of educational activities. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the University, and may be used at the discretion of the Board to meet current expenses for any purpose.

Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the University is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the University's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting with a flow of economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are reported when earned and expensed when materials or services are received. All intercompany accounts and transactions between the University and the WLURC have been eliminated.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the University considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, at the time of acquisition, to be cash and cash equivalents. Any cash and cash equivalents escrowed, restricted as noncurrent assets, or in funded reserves have not been included in cash and cash equivalents for the cash flow statement purposes.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents (Continued)

Cash and cash equivalents balances on deposit with the State of West Virginia Treasurer's Office (the State Treasurer) are pooled by the State Treasurer with other available funds of the State for investment purposes by the West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments (BTI). These funds are transferred to the BTI, and the BTI is directed by the State Treasurer to invest the funds in specific external investment pools in accordance with West Virginia Code, policies set by the BTI, provisions of bond indentures, and the trust agreements, when applicable. Balances in the investment pools are recorded at fair value or amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Fair value is determined by a third-party pricing service based on asset portfolio pricing models and other sources in accordance with GASB. The BTI was established by the State Legislature and is subject to oversight by the State Legislature. Fair value and investment income are allocated to participants in the pools based upon the funds that have been invested. The amounts on deposit are available for immediate withdrawal or on the first day of each month for the WV Short-Term Bond Pool and, accordingly, are presented as cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying financial statements.

The BTI maintains the Consolidated Fund investment fund, which consists of eight investment pools and participant-directed accounts, three of which the Commission may invest in. These pools have been structured as multi-participant variable net position funds to reduce risk and offer investment liquidity diversification to the Fund participants. Funds not required to meet immediate disbursement needs are invested for longer periods. A more detailed discussion of the BTI's investment operations pool can be found in its annual audited financial report. A copy of that annual report can be obtained from the following address: 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Room E-122, Charleston, WV 25305 or http://www.wvbti.com.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

It is the University's policy to provide for future losses on uncollectible accounts, contracts, grants, and loans receivable based on an evaluation of the underlying account, contract, grant, and loan balances, the historical collectability experienced by the University on such balances, and such other factors which, in the University's judgment, require consideration in estimating doubtful accounts.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined on the first-in, first-out method.

Noncurrent Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash, cash equivalents, and investments that are (1) externally restricted to make debt service payments, long-term loans to students, or to maintain sinking or reserve funds or (2) to purchase capital or other noncurrent assets, are classified as noncurrent assets in the accompanying statements of net position. Some of these funds may be held by trustees in accordance with the University's debt related trust indentures.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant, and equipment, books and materials that are part of a catalogued library, and infrastructure assets. Capital assets are stated at cost at the date of acquisition or construction, or fair value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. Interest on related borrowing, net of interest earnings on invested proceeds, capitalized during the period of construction was \$0 for both of the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 20 to 50 years for buildings and infrastructure, 20 years for land improvements, 7 years for library books, and 3 to 12 years for furniture and equipment. The University capitalizes all purchases of library books and uses a capitalization threshold of \$5,000 for other capital assets.

Unearned Revenues

Revenues for programs or activities to be conducted primarily in the next fiscal year are classified as unearned revenues, including items such as tuition, football ticket sales, orientation fees, room, and board. Financial aid and other deposits are separately classified as deposits.

Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEBs)

GASB provides standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of OPEB expenditures, assets, and liabilities, including applicable note disclosures and required supplementary information. During fiscal year 2006, House Bill No. 4654 was established to create a trust fund for postemployment benefits for the State. Effective July 1, 2007, the University was required to participate in this multiple employer cost-sharing plan, the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund, sponsored by the State. Details regarding this plan and its stand-alone financial statements can be obtained by contacting West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), State Capitol Complex, Building 5, Room 1001, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0710 or http://www.wvpeia.com.

GASB requires entities to accrue for employees' rights to receive compensation for vacation leave or payments in lieu of accrued vacation or sick leave as such benefits are earned and payment becomes probable. The University's full-time employees earn up to two vacation leave days for each month of service and are entitled to compensation for accumulated. unpaid vacation leave upon termination. Full-time employees also earn 1-1/2 sick-leave days for each month of service and are entitled to extend their health or life insurance coverage upon retirement in lieu of accumulated, unpaid sick leave. Generally, two days of accrued sick leave extend health insurance for one month of single coverage and three days extend health insurance for one month of family coverage. For employees hired after 1988 or who were hired before 1988 but did not choose such coverage until after 1988 but before July 1, 2001, the employee shares in the cost of the extended benefit coverage to the extent of 50% of the premium required for the extended coverage. Employees hired July 1, 2001, or later will no longer receive sick-leave credit toward insurance premiums when they retire. Additionally, all retirees have the option to purchase continued coverage regardless of their eligibility for premium credits. This liability is now provided for under the multiple-employer cost-sharing plan sponsored by the State.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEBs) (Continued)

Certain faculty employees (generally those with less than a 12-month contract) earn a similar extended health or life insurance coverage retirement benefit based on years of service. Generally 3-1/3 years of teaching service extend health insurance for one year of single coverage and five years extend health insurance for one year of family coverage. Faculty hired after July 1, 2009, will no longer receive years of service credit toward insurance premiums when they retire. Employees hired after July 1, 2010 receive no health insurance premium subsidy from the University. Two groups of employees hired after July 1, 2010 will not be required to pay the unsubsidized rate: 1) active employees who were originally hired before July 1, 2010, who have a break in service of fewer than two years after July 1, 2010; and 2) retired employees who retired before July 1, 2010, return to active service after July 1, 2010, and then go back into retirement. In those cases, the original hire date will apply.

The estimated expense and expense incurred for the vacation leave or OPEB benefits are recorded as a component of benefits expense on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Net Pension Liability

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the West Virginia Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), administered by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB), and additions to/reductions from the TRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported on the TRS financial statements, which can be found at https://www/wvretirement.com/Publications.html#CAFR. The plan schedules of TRS are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus in accordance with U.S. GAAP as prescribed by GASB. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has a legal requirement to provide the contributions.

TRS investments are reported at fair value. Detailed information on investment valuation can be found in the TRS financial statements. Management of TRS has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to employer allocation schedules, and actual results could differ (Note 13).

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Consumption of net position by the University that is applicable to a future fiscal year is reported as a deferred outflow of resources on the statement of net position. A deferred outflow on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This deferred outflow is accreted over the shorter of the life of the refunded bond or the refinancing bond issue. As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University's net deferred loss on refunding of debt was \$72,952 and \$80,353, respectively. As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University also had deferred outflows related to pension of \$232,893 and \$123,993, respectively (Note 13).

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Inflows of Resources

An acquisition of net position by the University that is applicable to a future fiscal year is reported as a deferred inflow of resources on the statement of net position. As of June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University had deferred inflows from service concession arrangements of \$70,137 and \$67,514, respectively, (Note 16) and deferred inflows related to pension of \$78,251 and \$132,383 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively (Note 13).

Risk Management

The State's Board of Risk and Insurance Management (BRIM) provides general, property and casualty, and liability coverage to the University and its employees. Such coverage is provided to the University by BRIM through self-insurance programs maintained by BRIM or policies underwritten by BRIM that may involve experience-related premiums or adjustments to BRIM.

BRIM engages an independent actuary to assist in the determination of its premiums so as to minimize the likelihood of premium adjustments to the University or other participants in BRIM's insurance programs. As a result, management does not expect significant differences between the premiums the University is currently charged by BRIM and the ultimate cost of that insurance based on the University's actual loss experience. In the event such differences arise between estimated premiums currently charged by BRIM to the University and the University's ultimate actual loss experience, the difference will be recorded as the change in estimate becomes known.

In addition, through its participation in the PEIA and third-party insurers, the University has obtained health, life, prescription drug coverage, and coverage for job-related injuries for its employees. In exchange for payment of premiums to PEIA and the third-party insurers, the University has transferred its risks related to health, life, prescription drug coverage, and job-related injuries.

Settled claims have not exceeded these coverage's for the past three years.

Classification of Revenues

The University has classified its revenues according to the following criteria:

Operating Revenues – Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) student tuition and fees, net of scholarship discounts and allowances; (2) sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net of scholarship discounts and allowances; (3) most federal, state, local, and nongovernmental grants and contracts; and (4) sales and services of educational activities.

Nonoperating Revenues – Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenues that are defined as nonoperating revenues by GASB, such as state appropriations, Federal Pell Grants, investment income, and the sale of capital assets (including natural resources).

Other Revenues – Other revenues consist primarily of grants and gifts for capital purchases.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Use of Restricted Net Position

The University has not adopted a formal policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. Generally, the University attempts to utilize restricted net position first when practicable. The University did not have any designated net position funds as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

Federal Financial Assistance Programs

The University makes loans to students under the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. Under this program, the U.S. Department of Education makes interest subsidized and nonsubsidized loans directly to students, through entities like the University. Direct student loan receivables are not included in the University's statements of net position, as the loans are repayable directly to the U.S. Department of Education. In 2017 and 2016, the University received and disbursed \$14,041,000 and \$14,464,000, respectively, under the Federal Direct Student Loan Program on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, which is not included as revenue and expense on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

The University also distributes other student financial assistance funds on behalf of the federal government to students under the Federal Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Academic Competitive Grant, Science Math Access to Retain Talent Grant, Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant, and College Work Study programs. The activity of these programs is recorded in the accompanying financial statements. In 2017 and 2016, the University received and disbursed approximately \$4,053,000 and \$3,989,000, respectively, under these federal student aid programs.

Scholarship Allowances

Student tuition and fee revenues, and certain other revenues from students, are reported net of scholarship allowances in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Scholarship allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the University, and the amount that is paid by students and/or third parties making payments on the student's behalf.

Financial aid to students is reported in the financial statements under the alternative method as prescribed by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. Certain aid such as loans, funds provided to students as awarded by third parties, and Federal Direct Lending is accounted for as a third-party payment (credited to the student's account as if the student made the payment). All other aid is reflected in the financial statements as operating expenses, or scholarship allowances, which reduce revenues. The amount reported as operating expense represents the portion of aid that was provided to the student in the form of cash. Scholarship allowances represent the portion of aid provided to the student in the form of reduced tuition. Under the alternative method, these amounts are computed on a University basis by allocating the cash payments to students, excluding payments for services, on the ratio of total aid to the aid not considered to be third-party aid.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Government Grants and Contracts

Government grants and contracts normally provide for the recovery of direct and indirect costs, subject to audit. The University recognizes revenue associated with direct costs as the related costs are incurred. Recovery of related indirect costs is generally recorded at fixed rates negotiated for a period of one to five years.

Service Concession Arrangements

The University has service concession arrangements for the operation of the University bookstore and food services. Significant renovations made to University facilities by service concession vendors are capitalized and revenues are deferred and accreted over the life of the contract.

Income Taxes

The University is exempt from income taxes, except for unrelated business income, as a nonprofit organization under federal income tax laws and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

Investments, including restricted cash and cash equivalents held in external pools, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in risk and values will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Newly Adopted Statements Issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board</u> (GASB)

The University implemented Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. This statement amends the blending requirements for the financial presentation of component units of all state and local governments established in Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended. The additional criterion requires blending of a component unit incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in which the primary government is the sole corporate member. The additional criterion does not apply to component units included in the financial reporting entity pursuant to the provisions of Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*. The University has determined that Statement No. 80 does not apply to its component units and has no effect on its financial statements.

The University has early implemented Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. This statement establishes recognition and measurement requirements for irrevocable split-interest agreements created through trusts – or other legally enforceable agreements with characteristics that are equivalent to irrevocable split-interest agreements – in which a donor irrevocably transfers resources to an intermediary. The intermediary administers these resources for the unconditional benefit of a government or at least one other beneficiary. The University has determined it has no irrevocable split-interest agreements.

The University also adopted Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Statement No. 86 provides guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with existing resources are placed in an irrevocable trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. The adoption of this standard had no effect on the University's financial statements.

Recent Statements Issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

The GASB has also issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. This statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for defined benefit other postemployment benefits and defined contribution other postemployment benefits that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through other postemployment benefit plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. This statement also establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for defined benefit other postemployment benefits and defined contribution other postemployment benefits that are provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through other postemployment benefit plans that are not administered through trusts that meet certain criteria. GASB Statement No. 75 will require the University to record its proportionate share of the unfunded net OPEB liabilities in the West Virginia Retiree Health Benefit Trust Fund. Although the amount of the liability is unknown, it is presumed to be material.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

<u>Newly Adopted Statements Issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board</u> (GASB) (Continued)

The GASB has also issued Statement No. 83, Certain Asset Retirement Obligations, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018. Statement No. 83 establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for legally enforceable liabilities associated with the retirement of tangible capital assets. Examples of asset retirements covered under this standard are the decommissioning of a nuclear reactor or the dismantling and removal of sewage treatment plants as required by law. The University has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 83 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB has also issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Statement No. 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments to determine whether an activity should be reported in a fiduciary fund in the financial statements. The University has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 84 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB has also issued Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Statement No. 85 addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation of certain GASB statements. The University has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 85 may have on its financial statements.

The GASB has also issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Statement No. 87 establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. In other words, most leases currently classified as operating leases will be accounted for and reported in the same manner as capital leases. The University has not yet determined the effect that the adoption of GASB Statement No. 87 may have on its financial statements.

NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The composition of cash and cash equivalents held at June 30, 2017 and 2016 was as follows:

2017	Current	Noncurrent	Total
With State Treasurer	\$ 8,721,137	\$ -	\$ 8,721,137
With Trustee Bank	-	837,304	837,304
In Bank	394,262	-	394,262
On Hand	2,640	-	2,640
Total	\$ 9,118,039	\$ 837,304	\$ 9,955,343
2016	Current	Noncurrent	Total
With State Treasurer	\$ 6,143,447	\$ -	\$ 6,143,447
With Trustee Bank	-	836,154	836,154
In Bank	553,724	-	553,724
On Hand	2,640		2,640
Total	\$ 6,699,811	\$ 836,154	\$ 7,535,965

Cash and cash equivalents with trustee bank include deposits held by the Bond Trustee for the bonds issued in March 2013 and May 2012. The University uses WesBanco Bank (the Trustee Bank) as its trustee bank for the bond proceeds. The total amount held by the Trustee Bank on June 30, 2017 and 2016 is \$837,304 and \$836,154, respectively, and was invested in Federated U.S. Treasury Cash Reserves. These funds are rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's and Aaa by Moody's. These funds have neither significant custodial credit risk nor interest rate risk. These funds are neither exposed to a concentration of credit risk nor any foreign currency risk.

The carrying amount of cash in the bank at June 30, 2017 and 2016 was \$394,262 and \$553,724, respectively, as compared with the bank balance of \$571,173 and \$660,736, respectively. The difference in these balances was primarily caused by outstanding checks and items in transit. The bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance as noted below or were collateralized by securities held by State's agent. Regarding federal depository insurance, accounts are 100% insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Cash and cash equivalents in the bank included \$0 and \$24,545 of restricted cash for grants as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Amounts with the State Treasurer as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 are comprised of two investment pools, the WV Money Market Pool and the WV Short Term Bond Pool.

NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk — Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The following table provides information on the Standard & Poor's rating of the investment pools as of June 30:

	201	7	2016			
			S & P			
External Pool	Carrying Value	Rating	Carrying Value	Rating		
WV Money Market Pool	\$ 8,524,911	AAAm	\$ 6,001,913	AAAm		
WV Short Term Bond Pool	196,226	Not Rated	141,534	Not Rated		
	\$ 8,721,137		\$ 6,143,447			

A Fund rated AAAm has extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks. AAAm is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by Standard & Poor's.

Interest Rate Risk — Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. All the amounts with the State Treasurer are subject to interest rate risk. The following table provides information on the weighted-average maturities for the WV Money Market Pool:

	2017	7	2016	6
		WAM		WAM
External Pool	Carrying Value	(Days)	Carrying Value	(Days)
WV Money Market Pool	\$ 8,524,911	36	\$ 6,001,913	49

The following table provides information on the effective duration for the WV Short Term Bond Pool:

	201	7	2016	6
		Effective		Effective
		Duration		Duration
External Pool	Carrying Value	(Days)	Carrying Value	(Days)
WV Short Term Bond Pool	\$ 196,226	426	\$ 141,534	462

Other Investment Risks — Other investment risks include concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, and foreign currency risk. None of BTI's Consolidated Fund's investment pools or accounts are exposed to these risks as described below.

NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Cash and Cash Equivalents in Bank with Trustee

Credit Risk — Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. Cash in bank with Trustee is governed by provisions of the bond agreement.

	 Carrying Value				
	2017		2016		
Investment Type					
Federated U.S. Treasury Cash Reserves	\$ 837,304	\$	836,154		

The objective of the money market fund is to increase the current level of income while continuing to maintain liquidity and capital. Assets are invested in high quality, short-term money market instruments.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the University will not be able to recover the value of the investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The University does not have a formal custodial credit risk policy.

Interest Rate Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The BIT's investment policy limits investment maturities from potential fair value losses due to increasing interest rates. No more than 5% of the money market fund's total market value may be invested in the obligations of a single issuer, with the exception of the U.S. government and its agencies. The University does not have formal interest rate or concentration of credit risk policies.

NOTE 4 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	2017		2016		
Student Tuition and Fees - Net of Allowance for					
Doubtful Accounts of \$907,085 in 2017 and					
\$768,025 in 2016	\$	690,135	\$	703,295	
Due from West Virginia Agencies		9,549		28,848	
Interest Receivable on State Cash Accounts		7,591		2,555	
Due from Component Unit - West Liberty Foundation		10,183		35,419	
Grants and Contracts Receivable		129,756		316,914	
Total	\$	847,214	\$	1,087,031	

NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset transactions for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	2017								
	E	Beginning					Ending		
		Balance		Additions		Reductions		Balance	
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:									
Land	\$	182,777	\$	-	\$	-	\$	182,777	
Construction in Progress		34,206		408,630		34,206		408,630	
Total Capital Assets not	٠	040.000	٠	100.000	•	04.000	•	504 407	
Being Depreciated	\$	216,983	\$	408,630	\$	34,206	\$	591,407	
Other Capital Assets:									
Infrastructure	\$	8,958,188	\$	309,288	\$	_	\$	9,267,476	
Buildings	Ψ	97,103,606	Ψ	130,098	Ψ	117,080	Ψ	97,116,624	
Leasehold Improvements		829,767						829,767	
Equipment		9,159,688		153,131		1,462,535		7,850,284	
Leased Equipment		127,912						127,912	
Library Books		2,256,853		10,099		-		2,266,952	
Total Other Capital Assets	11	18,436,014		602,616		1,579,615	11	17,459,015	
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Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:									
Infrastructure		3,681,373		463,486		-		4,144,859	
Buildings	3	31,379,155		1,829,075		117,080	3	33,091,150	
Leasehold Improvements		569,280		82,331		-		651,611	
Equipment		6,271,845		519,005		1,462,535		5,328,315	
Leased Equipment		127,912		-		-		127,912	
Library Books		2,162,293		30,188		-		2,192,481	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	4	14,191,858		2,924,085		1,579,615	4	45,536,328	
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Other Capital Assets - Net	\$ /	74,244,156	\$	(2,321,469)	\$	-	\$ /	71,922,687	
Capital Asset Summary:									
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated	\$	216,983	\$	408,630	\$	34,206	\$	591,407	
Other Capital Assets		18,436,014	Ψ	602,616	Ψ	1,579,615		17,459,015	
Total Cost of Capital Assets		18,652,997		1,011,246		1,613,821		18,050,422	
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Less: Accumulated Depreciation		14,191,858		2,924,085		1,579,615		15,536,328	
Capital Assets - Net	¢	74,461,139	¢	(1,912,839)	\$	34,206	¢	72,514,094	
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NOTE 5 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	2016							
	E	Beginning	Ending					
				eductions	Balance			
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:								
Land	\$	182,777	\$	-	\$	-	\$	182,777
Construction in Progress		10,262		379,284		355,340		34,206
Total Capital Assets not								
Being Depreciated	\$	193,039	\$	379,284	\$	355,340	\$	216,983
Other Capital Assets:								
Infrastructure	\$	8,912,113	\$	46,075	\$	-		8,958,188
Buildings	ç	96,643,502		474,779		14,675	ç	97,103,606
Leasehold Improvements		829,767		-		-		829,767
Equipment		8,991,568		177,840		9,720		9,159,688
Leased Equipment		127,912		-		-		127,912
Library Books		2,250,231		6,622		-		2,256,853
Total Other Capital Assets	11	7,755,093		705,316		24,395	11	8,436,014
Less: Accumulated Depreciation for:								0 004 070
Infrastructure		3,233,655		447,718		-		3,681,373
Buildings	2	29,527,434		1,853,983		2,262	Ċ	31,379,155
Leasehold Improvements		486,949		82,331		-		569,280
Equipment		5,769,979		511,586		9,720		6,271,845
Leased Equipment		127,912		-		-		127,912
Library Books		2,129,151		33,142		-		2,162,293
Total Accumulated Depreciation		1,275,080		2,928,760		11,982		4,191,858
Other Capital Assets - Net	\$ 7	76,480,013	\$	(2,223,444)	\$	12,413	\$ 7	4,244,156
Capital Asset Summary:								
Capital Assets not Being Depreciated	\$	193,039	\$	379,284	\$	355,340	\$	216,983
Other Capital Assets		17,755,093		705,316		24,395		8,436,014
Total Cost of Capital Assets	11	17,948,132		1,084,600		379,735	11	8,652,997
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2	1,275,080		2,928,760		11,982		4,191,858
Capital Assets - Net	\$ 7	76,673,052	\$	(1,844,160)	\$	367,753	\$ 7	4,461,139
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The University maintains various collections of inexhaustible assets to which no value can be practically determined. Such collections include contributed works of art, historical treasures, and literature that are held for exhibition, education, research, and public service. These collections are neither disposed of for financial gain nor encumbered in any means. Accordingly, such collections are not capitalized or recognized for financial statement purposes.

The University had no construction commitments of as of June 30, 2017.
NOTE 6 CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term obligation transactions for the University for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

			2017		
	Beginning			Ending	Current
	Balance	Additions	Reductions	Balance	Portion
Bonds Payable:					
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 16,140,000	\$-	\$ (1,220,000)	\$ 14,920,000	\$ 1,240,000
Notes Payable	-	130,098	(10,346)	119,752	11,625
Other Long-Term Liabilities:					
Advances from Federal Sponsors	1,296,172	25,008	-	1,321,180	-
Compensated Absences	861,921	-	(25,517)	836,404	76,645
OPEB Liability	6,868,686	800,044	(639,958)	7,028,772	-
Net Pension Liability	655,522	141,660	-	797,182	-
Debt Obligation to Commission	2,002,543		(148,336)	1,854,207	153,900
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 27,824,844	\$ 1,096,810	\$ (2,044,157)	\$ 26,877,497	
			2016		
	Beginning			Ending	Current
	Balance	Additions	Reductions	Balance	Portion
Bonds Payable:					
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 17,335,000	\$-	\$ (1,195,000)	\$ 16,140,000	\$ 1,220,000
Other Long-Term Liabilities:					
Advances from Federal Sponsors	1,515,182	-	(219,010)	1,296,172	-
Compensated Absences	1,152,634	-	(290,713)	861,921	53,595
OPEB Liability	6,463,819	925,514	(520,647)	6,868,686	-
Net Pension Liability	637,277	18,245	-	655,522	-
Debt Obligation to Commission	2,143,463		(140,920)	2,002,543	148,336
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 29,247,375	\$ 943,759	\$ (2,366,290)	\$ 27,824,844	

NOTE 7 BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable at June 30, 2017 and 2016 consisted of the following:

		Annual	2017	2016
	Original	Principal	Principal	Principal
	Interest	Installment	Amount	Amount
	Rates	Due	Outstanding	Outstanding
Series 2012 Due 2027	2.000-3.250 %	585,000 - 785,000	\$ 7,490,000	\$ 8,100,000
Series 2013 Due 2028	1.300-2.680	580,000 - 765,000	7,430,000	8,040,000
Total			\$ 14,920,000	\$ 16,140,000

NOTE 7 BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The Board of Governors of the University issued bonds on May 1, 2012: the University Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (the Series 2012 Bonds) for \$10,000,000. The proceeds of the Series 2012 Bonds will be used to finance certain capital improvements to the University. The University set up a separate 2012 Capital Fee to be used solely for the payment of the bonds. The University drew the required full principal amount by June 12, 2013. The bond proceeds will be expended from the trustee as funds are requested for payments on capital projects that were preapproved by the Board of Governors of the University. As of June 30, 2017, \$9,163,846 had been expended from the bond proceeds for costs of issuance and capital expenditures on the Series 2012 Bonds.

The Board of Governors of the University issued bonds on March 6, 2013: the University Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 (the Series 2013 Bonds) for \$9,810,000. The proceeds of the Series 2013 Bonds were issued to (1) currently refund in full the outstanding Series 2003A, 2003B, and 2003C Bonds and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds and related costs. The Auxiliary and Institutional Capital Fees originally set up for the Series 2003A, 2003B, and 2003C Bonds are to be used solely for the payment of the Series 2013 Bonds. This issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds resulted in a loss of \$103,105 (which is reflected as deferred outflows of resources on the statement of net position and being amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt) and an economic gain of \$2,702,042.

The Bonds are special obligations of the State and are not general obligations or a debt of the State. Neither the credit nor the taxing power of the State is pledged for the payment of the Bonds. The above bond issues are fully insured as to principal and interest by the Federal Guaranty Insurance Company.

A summary of the annual aggregate principal and interest payments for years subsequent to June 30, 2017 is as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 1,240,000	\$ 380,495	\$ 1,620,495
2019	1,265,000	356,525	1,621,525
2020	1,290,000	330,509	1,620,509
2021	1,320,000	301,091	1,621,091
2022	1,355,000	266,298	1,621,298
2023-2027	7,325,000	756,743	8,081,743
2028	1,125,000	24,189	1,149,189
Total	\$ 14,920,000	\$ 2,415,850	\$ 17,335,850

NOTE 8 LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The University leases building and classroom/office space under an operating lease agreement. Aggregate payments under these agreements were \$231,123 and \$207,156 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The University does not have any noncancelable leases. Future minimum rental commitments as of June 30, 2017, should the leases not be cancelled, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	A	mount
2018	\$	239,112
2019		239,112
2020		228,263
2021		221,466
2022		221,466
2023-2027		1,166,850
2028-2032		1,246,416
2033-2035		521,056
Total	\$	4,083,741

The University had no capital lease obligations as of June 30, 2017.

NOTE 9 NOTES PAYABLE

On July 1, 2016, the University purchased a piece of property adjacent to the University for \$128,000 to provide additional student housing. To fund the purchase of this property, the West Liberty Foundation funded a loan to the University in the amount of \$130,098, which included the purchase price of the property and any settlement charges. The terms of this loan include an interest rate of 3% to be paid over ten years ending on July 1, 2026.

Future minimum payments on this note payable as of June 30, 2017 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	A	Amount		
2018	\$	11,625		
2019		11,984		
2020		12,346		
2021		12,734		
2022		13,127		
Thereafter		57,936		
Total	\$	119,752		

NOTE 10 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In accordance with GASB, OPEB costs are accrued based upon invoices received from PEIA, based upon actuarial determined amounts. At June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the noncurrent liability related to OPEB costs was \$7,028,772, \$6,868,686, and \$6,463,819, respectively. The total of OPEB expense incurred (equal to contributions required) and the amount of OPEB contributions made was \$800,044 and \$639,958, respectively, during 2017, or 80%. The total of OPEB expense incurred (equal to contributions required) and the amount of OPEB contributions made was \$925,514 and \$520,647, respectively, during 2016, or 56%. The total of OPEB expense incurred (equal to contributions required) and the amount of OPEB contributions made was \$945,070 and \$583,015, respectively, during 2015, or 62%. As of the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 there were 53, 38, and 41 retirees, respectively, receiving these benefits.

NOTE 11 UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION (DEFICIT)

The University did not have any designated unrestricted net position as of June 30, 2017 or 2016.

	2017	2016
Total Unrestricted Net Position		
Before OPEB Liability	\$ 5,907,788	\$ 3,740,633
Less: OPEB Liability	7,028,772	6,868,686
Total Unrestricted (Deficit) Net Position	\$ (1,120,984)	\$ (3,128,053)

NOTE 12 STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION INDEBTEDNESS

The University is a State institution of higher education and the University receives a State appropriation to finance its operations. In addition, it is subject to the legislative and administrative mandates of State government. Those mandates affect all aspects of the University's operations, its tuition and fee structure, its personnel policies, and its administrative practices.

The State has chartered the Commission with the responsibility to construct or renovate, finance, and maintain various academic and other facilities of the State's universities and colleges, including certain facilities of the University. Financing for these facilities was provided through revenue bonds issued by the former Board of Regents or the former Boards of the College and College Systems (the Boards). These obligations administered by the former Boards.

NOTE 12 STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION INDEBTEDNESS (CONTINUED)

The Commission has the authority to assess each public institution of higher education for payment of debt service on these system bonds. The education and general capital fees (previously tuition and registration fees) of the members of the former State University System are generally pledged as collateral for the Commission's bond indebtedness. Student fees collected by the institution in excess of the debt service allocation are retained by the institution for internal funding of capital projects and maintenance. Although the bonds remain as capital obligation of the Commission, an estimate of the obligation of each institution is reported as a long-term payable by each institution and as a receivable by the Commission, effective as of June 30, 2002.

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 the debt service allocations assessed were as follows:

	 2017		2016
Principal	\$ 148,336	\$	140,920
Interest	88,140		93,777
Other	 15,700		30,579
Total	\$ 252,176	\$	265,276

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Some employees of the University are enrolled in a defined benefit pension plan, the West Virginia Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), which is administered by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB).

Following is the University's pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, revenues, and the pension expense and expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017:

	2017				2016
Net Pension Liability	\$	797,182		\$	655,522
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	232,893	-	\$	129,993
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	78,251	-	\$	132,383
Revenues - Payments on Behalf of the University	\$	141,672	-	\$	112,931
Pension Expense	\$	202,180	-	\$	140,026
Contributions Made by WLU	\$	74,992		\$	75,199

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

<u>TRS</u>

Plan Description

TRS is a multiple employer defined benefit cost sharing public employee retirement system providing retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. It covers all full-time employees of the 55 county public school systems in the State of West Virginia (the State) and certain personnel of the 13 State-supported institutions of higher education, State Department of Education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired prior to July 1, 1991. Employees of the State-supported institutions of higher education and the Higher Education Policy Commission hired after June 30, 1991, are required to participate in the Higher Education Retirement System. TRS closed membership to new hires effective July 1, 1991.

TRS is considered a component unit of the State of West Virginia for financial reporting purposes, and, as such, its financial report is also included in the State of West Virginia's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. TRS issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan. A copy of the report may be obtained from the TRS website at https://www.wvretirement.com/Publications.html#CAFR.

Benefits Provided

TRS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits. A member is eligible for normal retirement at age 60 with five years of service, age 55 with 30 years of service or any age with 35 years of service. A member may retire with 30 years of credited service at any age with the pension reduced actuarially if the member retires before age 55. Terminated members with at least five, but less than 20, years of credited service who do not withdraw their accumulated contributions are entitled to a deferred retirement commencing at age 62. Retirement benefits are equivalent to 2% of average annual salary multiplied by years of service. Average salary is the average of the 5 highest fiscal years of earnings during the last 15 fiscal years of earnings. Chapter 18, Article 7A of the West Virginia State Code assigns the authority to establish and amend the provisions of the plan, including contribution rates, to the State Legislature.

Contributions

The funding objective of the CPRB pension trust funds is to meet long-term benefit requirements through contributions, which remain relatively level as a percent of member payroll over time, and through investment earnings. Contribution requirements are set by CPRB. A member who withdraws from service for any cause other than death or retirement may request that the accumulated employee contributions plus interest be refunded.

Member Contributions: TRS funding policy provides for member contributions based on 6% of members' gross salary. Contributions as a percentage of payroll for members and employers are established by State law and are not actuarially determined.

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Employer Contributions: Employers make the following contributions:

The State (including institutions of higher education) contributes:

- 1. 15% of gross salary of their State-employed members hired prior to July 1, 1991;
- 2. 15% of School Aid Formula (SAF) covered payroll of county-employed members;
- 3. 7.5% of SAF-covered payroll of members of the TDCRS;
- 4. a certain percentage of fire insurance premiums paid by State residents; and
- 5. under WV State code section 18-9-A-6a, beginning in fiscal year 1996, an amount determined by the State Actuary as being needed to eliminate the TRS unfunded liability within 40 years of June 30, 1994.

As of the June 30, 2016 and 2015 measurement dates, respectively, the University's proportionate share attributable to this special funding subsidy was \$134,784 and \$106,136 and is recorded as revenue.

The University's contributions to TRS for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, were approximately \$74,992, \$75,199, and \$85,928, respectively.

Assumptions

The total pension liabilities for financial reporting purposes were determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2015 and rolled forward to June 30, 2016. The following actuarial assumptions were used and applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method: Entry age normal cost with level percentage of payroll.
- Asset valuation method: Investments are reported at fair value.
- Amortization method and period for contributions: Level dollar, fixed period over 40 years, from July 1, 1994 through fiscal year 2034.
- Investment rate of return of 7.50%, net of pension plan administrative and investment expenses.
- Projected salary increases: Teachers 3.00–6.00% and nonteachers 3.00–6.50%, based on age.
- Inflation rate of 3.0%.
- Discount rate of 7.50%.
- Mortality rates based on RP-2000 Mortality Tables.
- Withdrawal rates: Teachers 0.8-35% and nonteachers 1.4-24.75%.
- Disability rates: 0-0.7%.
- Retirement age: An age-related assumption is used for participants not yet receiving payments.
- Retirement rates: 0-100%, based on age.
- Ad hoc cost-of-living increases in pensions are periodically granted by the State Legislature. However, the retirement system makes no automatic provision for such increases.

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Assumptions (Continued)

Experience studies are performed at least once in every five-year period. The most recent experience study covered the period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. These assumptions will remain in effect for valuation purposes until such time as the CPRB adopts revised assumptions.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges 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 the long-term geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in TRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, are summarized below.

	2016	
	Long-Term Expected	
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity	7.0 %	27.5 %
International Equity	7.7	27.5
Core Fixed Income	2.7	7.5
High-Yield Fixed Income	5.5	7.5
TIPS	2.7	-
Real Estate	7.0	10.0
Private Equity	9.4	10.0
Hedge Funds	4.7	10.0

	2015	
	Long-Term Expected	
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation
Domestic Equity	7.0 %	27.5 %
International Equity	7.7	27.5
Core Fixed Income	2.7	7.5
High-Yield Fixed Income	5.5	7.5
Real Estate	5.6	10.0
Private Equity	9.4	10.0
Hedge Funds	4.7	10.0
Cash	1.5	-

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Assumptions (Continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total TRS pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that State contributions will continue to follow the current funding policy. Based on those assumptions, TRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on TRS' investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. In the event of benefit payments that are not covered by the pension plan's fiduciary net position, a municipal bond rate of 2.71% is to be used to discount the benefit payments not covered by the plan's fiduciary net position. The rate equals the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at June 30, 2016.

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the University's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the University's TRS net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50%) or one percentage point higher (8.50%) than the current rate (dollars in thousands).

	Current Discount						
	1% Decrease Rate 1% Increa						
	(6.50%)	(7.50%)	(8.50%)				
Net Pension Liability 2017	\$ 1,008,502	\$ 797,182	\$ 616,554				
Net Pension Liability 2016	849,830	655,522	488,678				

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

The TRS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and rolled forward to the measurement dates.

At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability was \$2,315,601 and \$2,151,222. Of this amount, the University recognized \$797,182 and \$655,522, respectively, as its proportionate share on the Statement of Net Position. The remainder of \$1,518,419 and \$1,495,700, respectively, denotes the University's proportionate share of net pension liability attributable to the special funding provided by the state.

The allocation percentage assigned to each participating employer and nonemployer contributing entity is based on their proportionate share of employer and nonemployer contributions to TRS for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. Employer contributions are recognized when due. At the June 30, 2016 measurement date, the University's proportion was 0.019397%, an increase of 0.000480% from its proportion of 0.018917%, calculated as of June 30, 2015.

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the University recognized TRS pension expense of \$202,180 and \$140,026, respectively. Of this amount, \$60,508 and \$27,095, respectively was recognized as the University's proportionate share of the TRS expense, \$134,784 and \$106,136, respectively, as the amount of pension expense attributable to special funding from a nonemployer contributing entity and \$6,888 and \$6,795, respectively, as the amount of pension extributable to a special funding situation. The University also recognized revenue of \$141,672 and \$112,931, respectively, for support provided by the State.

At June 30, 2017, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the TRS pension are as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Change in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$	53,581	\$	73,710
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings		65,489		-
Difference Between Projected and Actual Experience		7,298		4,541
Changes in Assumptions		31,533		
Contributions After Measurement Date Total	\$	74,992 232,893	\$	- 78,251

The University will recognize the \$74,992 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from pension contributions after the measurement date as a reduction of the TRS net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in TRS pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Am	ortization	
June 30, 2018	\$	2,599	
June 30, 2019		2,599	
June 30, 2020	24,414		
June 30, 2021		39,729	
June 30, 2022		10,309	
Total	\$	79,650	

NOTE 13 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

At June 30, 2016, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the TRS pension were as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		 rred Inflows Resources
Change in Proportion and Difference Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	\$	48,794	\$ 99,040
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings		-	27,667
Difference Between Projected and Actual Experience		-	5,676
Contributions After Measurement Date Total	\$	75,199 123,993	\$ - 132,383

Payables to the Pension Plan

The University did not report any amounts payable for normal contributions to the TRS as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

NOTE 14 RETIREMENT PLANS

Substantially all full-time employees of the University participate in either the West Virginia Teachers' Retirement System (the TRS) or the Teachers' Insurance and Annuities Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (the TIAA-CREF). (See Note 13 for information regarding TRS).

Effective January 1, 2003, higher education employees enrolled in the basic 401(a) retirement plan with TIAA-CREF have an option to switch to the new Educators Money 401(a) basic retirement plan (Educators Money). New hires have the choice of either plan.

The TIAA-CREF and Educators Money are defined-contribution benefit plans in which benefits are based solely upon amounts contributed, plus investment earnings. Employees who elect to participate in these plans are required to make a contribution equal to 6% of total annual compensation. The University matches the employees' 6% contribution. Contributions are immediately and fully vested. In addition, employees may elect to make additional contributions to TIAA-CREF and Educators Money, which are not matched by the University.

Total contributions to the TIAA-CREF for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$1,738,346, \$1,774,389, and \$2,073,698, respectively, which consisted of equal contributions from the University and covered employees of \$869,173 in 2017, \$887,194 in 2016, and \$1,036,849 in 2015.

Total contributions to the Educators Money for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$42,348, \$43,674, and \$51,100, respectively, which consisted of equal contributions from the University and covered employees of \$21,174 in 2017, \$21,837 in 2016, and \$25,550 in 2015.

The University's total payroll for the years ended June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 was \$15,574,313, \$16,994,324, and \$18,234,730, respectively, and total covered employees' salaries in the TIAA-CREF, and Educators Money were \$14,486,218 and \$352,898, respectively, in 2017; \$14,786,574 and \$364,953, respectively, in 2016; and \$17,280,814 and \$411,475, respectively, in 2015.

NOTE 15 CONTINGENCIES

The nature of the education industry is such that, from time-to-time, claims will be presented against the University on account of alleged negligence, acts of discrimination, breach of contract, or disagreements arising from the interpretation of laws or regulations. While some of these claims may be for substantial amounts, they are not unusual in the ordinary course of providing education services in a higher education system. In the opinion of management, all known claims are covered by insurance or are such that an award against the University would not seriously impact the financial status of the University.

NOTE 15 CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

Under the terms of federal grants, periodic audits are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants. Such audits could lead to reimbursement to the grantor agencies. The University's management believes disallowances, if any, will not have a significant financial impact on the University's financial position.

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 establishes rules and regulations for arbitrage rebates. There were no arbitrage rebate liabilities that were recorded in the financial statements as of June 30, 2017 and 2016.

The University owns various buildings that are known to contain asbestos. The University is not required by federal, state, or local law to remove the asbestos from its buildings. The University is required by Federal Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations to manage the presence of asbestos in its buildings in a safe condition. The University addresses its responsibility to manage the presence of asbestos in its buildings on a case-by-case basis. Significant problems of dangerous asbestos conditions are abated as the condition becomes know. The University also addresses the presence of asbestos as building renovation or demolition projects are undertaken and through asbestos operation and maintenance programs directed at containing, managing, or operating with the asbestos in a safe condition.

NOTE 16 SERVICE CONCESSION AGREEMENTS

The University has identified two contracts for services that meet the four criteria of a service concession arrangement (SCA) under GASB Statement No. 60, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements*. SCAs are defined as a contract between a government and an operator, another government, or a private entity, in which the operator provides services, the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties, the government still has control over the services provided, and the government retains ownership of the assets at the end of the contract. The contracts are with Sodexo America, LLC and Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc.

The University has a contract with Sodexo America, LLC (Sodexo) to provide food services within University facilities. The contract was effective on July 1, 2011 for a period of five (5) years with five (5) additional one-year extension options. Sodexo provides meal plans to students through the University as well as offering cash sales to the University community. The University receives annual commission payments from Sodexo calculated as a contractually agreed percentage of cash sales and the University pays Sodexo for the meal plans from fees collected by the University from students. In 2017 and 2016 the University received \$54,332 and \$59,567, respectively, in commissions from Sodexo. In 2017 and 2016, \$17,817 and \$0, respectively, in renovations had been classified as a capital asset with an offsetting deferred inflow of resources. Over the life of the contract, the University will amortize the deferred inflow of resources, while recognizing auxiliary revenue each year. If the agreement expires, terminates, or is amended in a way that has an adverse impact on Sodexo, the University will be liable for the unamortized portion of Sodexo's investment.

NOTE 16 SERVICE CONCESSION AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The University contracts with Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc. (Barnes & Noble) to operate a bookstore located within University facilities. These services provide the University community with a professional bookstore. The contract was effective on August 1, 2002 for a period of ten (10) years. The contract was subsequently extended on August 1, 2012 for five (5) years through 2017, with five (5) additional one-year extension options. The University receives annual commission payments calculated as a contractually agreed percentage of bookstore revenue. In 2017 and 2016, the University received \$84,185 and \$110,684, respectively, in commissions from Barnes & Noble. In addition to the commission. Barnes & Noble paid a one-time signing bonus of \$40,000 in 2013. Barnes & Noble also provides \$10,000 annually to the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc.'s Scholarship fund and Gala sponsorship. In 2013, \$52,188 in bookstore renovations was recorded as a capital asset with an offsetting deferred inflow of resources. Over the life of the contract, the University will amortize the deferred inflow of resources, while recognizing auxiliary revenue each year. If the agreement expires, terminates, or is amended in a way that has an adverse impact on Barnes & Noble, the University will be liable for the unamortized portion of Barnes & Noble's investment. No significant renovations to University facilities were made by Barnes & Noble in 2017 and 2016.

NOTE 17 SEGMENT INFORMATION

Under the auspices of the State and the Board of Governors, the University issued revenue bonds to finance certain of its auxiliary enterprise activities and capital improvements. Investors in those bonds rely solely on the revenue generated from new capital fees created for repayment.

Descriptive information for each of the University's segments is shown below:

a. The Board of Governors of the University issued University Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013.

On March 6, 2013, the University issued University Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, amounting to \$9,810,000. The Series 2013 Bonds were issued to (1) currently refund in full the outstanding Series 2003A, 2003B, and 2003C Bonds and (2) pay the costs of issuance of the Series 2013 Bonds and related costs.

The Series 2013 Bonds outstanding consist of \$9,120,000 Term Bonds as follows:

	Principal	Maturity	Interest		
Amount		Date	Rate		
\$	3,520,000	May 1, 2020	1.85 %		
	3,520,000	May 1, 2025	2.48		
	2,080,000	May 1, 2028	2.68		

NOTE 17 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

b. The Board of Governors of the University issued University Revenue Bonds, Series 2012.

On May 1, 2012, the University issued University Revenue Bonds, Series 2012, amounting to \$10,000,000. The Series 2012 Bonds were issued to finance capital improvements.

The Series 2012 Bonds outstanding consist of \$10,000,000 Term Bonds as follows:

Principal		Maturity	Interest			
Amount		Date	Rate			
\$	4,000,000	November 1, 2019	2.00 %			
	3,000,000	November 1, 2023	2.75			
	3,000,000	November 1, 2027	3.25			

NOTE 17 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	20	17	2016				
Condensed Statements of	WLU Revenue Refunding Bond 2013 as of Year Ended June 30, 2017	WLU Revenue Bond Issue 2012 as of Year Ended June 30, 2017	WLU Revenue Refunding Bond 2013 as of Year Ended June 30, 2016	WLU Revenue Bond Issue 2012 as of Year Ended June 30, 2016			
Net Position							
Assets: Current Assets Noncurrent Assets Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 6,908,486 9,985,072 72,952	\$ 720,494 9,741,911	\$ 7,101,450 10,241,088 80,353	\$ 736,786 9,532,653			
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 16,966,510	\$ 10,462,405	\$ 17,422,891	\$ 10,269,439			
Liabilities: Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities Total Liabilities	\$ 649,483 6,810,000 7,459,483	\$ 1,063,597 6,870,000 7,933,597	\$ 641,363 7,430,000 8,071,363	\$ 648,467 7,520,000 8,168,467			
Net Position: Net Investments in Capital Assets Unrestricted Total Net Position Total Liabilities and	2,628,024 6,879,003 9,507,027	1,843,282 685,526 2,528,808	2,281,441 7,070,087 9,351,528	1,432,653 668,319 2,100,972			
Net Position	\$ 16,966,510	\$ 10,462,405	\$ 17,422,891	\$ 10,269,439			

NOTE 17 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	20	17	2016					
	WLU Revenue Refunding Bond	WLU Revenue Bond Issue	WLU Revenue Refunding Bond	WLU Revenue Bond Issue				
	2013	2012	2013	2012				
	as of	as of	as of	as of				
	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended				
Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2016				
Operating:								
Operating Revenues	\$ 608,716	\$ 839,608	\$ 608,760	\$ 839,670				
Net Operating Income	608,716	839,608	608,760	839,670				
Nonoperating:								
Nonoperating Revenues	-	1,149	-	22				
Nonoperating Expenses	(453,217)	(412,921)	(462,348)	(418,462)				
Net Nonoperating Expense	(453,217)	(411,772)	(462,348)	(418,440)				
Net Increase in Net Position	155,499	427,836	146,412	421,230				
Net Position - Beginning of Year	9,351,528	2,100,972	9,205,116	1,679,742				
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 9,507,027	\$ 2,528,808	\$ 9,351,528	\$ 2,100,972				
Condensed Statements of Cash Flows								
Net Cash Provided by								
Operating Activities Net Cash Used by Capital	\$ 608,716	\$ 839,608	\$ 608,760	\$ 839,670				
and Related Financing Activities	(798,180)	(855,900)	(802,529)	(792,950)				
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(189,464)	(16,292)	(193,769)	46,720				
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	7,097,950	736,786	7,291,719	690,066				
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 6,908,486	\$ 720,494	\$ 7,097,950	\$ 736,786				

NOTE 18 NATURAL CLASSIFICATIONS WITH FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the following tables represent operating expenses within both natural and functional classifications:

					20	17						
	 Salaries and Wages	Benefits	Supplies and Other Services	Utilities		larships and owships	Depreciation and Amortization		Loan ncellations and /rite-Offs		Fees ssessed by the mmission	Total
Instruction	\$ 8,241,699	\$ 1,978,654	\$ 982,484	\$ 22,593	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 11,225,430
Research	90,833	6,079	167,348	32,658		-	-		-		-	296,918
Academic Support	1,366,495	329,242	262,587	372		-	-		-		-	1,958,696
Student Services	1,340,441	384,172	577,259	8,568		-	-		-		-	2,310,440
General Institutional Support	2,184,945	794,604	1,796,821	4,345		-	-		-		-	4,780,715
Operations and Maintenance												
of Plant	492,372	178,798	1,054,181	1,230,165		-	-		-		-	2,955,516
Student Financial Aid	-	-	-	-	2	,902,879	-		-		-	2,902,879
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,857,528	499,502	4,317,989	730,573		-	-		-		-	7,405,592
Depreciation	-	-	-	-		-	2,924,085		-		-	2,924,085
Other	-	-	-	-		-	-		139,060		170,061	309,121
Total	\$ 15,574,313	\$ 4,171,051	\$ 9,158,669	\$ 2,029,274	\$ 2	,902,879	\$ 2,924,085	\$	139,060	\$	170,061	\$ 37,069,392
					20)16						
									Loan		Fees	
	Salaries		Supplies		Scho	olarships	Depreciation	Ca	ncellations	A	ssessed	
	and		and Other			and .	and		and		by the	
	Wages	Benefits	Services	Utilities	Fell	owships	Amortization	V	Vrite-Offs	Co	mmission	Total
Instruction	\$ 9,420,051	\$ 2,295,697	\$ 793,464	\$ 25,441	\$	-	\$-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 12,534,653
Research	281,788	9,462	209,422	23,216		-	-		-		-	523,888
Academic Support	1,100,834	308,683	155,358	296		-	-		-		-	1,565,171
Student Services	1,428,418	451,960	601,212	7,535		-	-		-		-	2,489,125
General Institutional Support	2,236,726	814,044	1,782,305	4,044		-	-		-		-	4,837,119
Operations and Maintenance												
of Plant	635,880	218,001	1,075,818	1,188,682		-	-		-		-	3,118,381
Student Financial Aid	-	-	-	-	2	,549,593	-		-		-	2,549,593
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,890,627	569,258	4,097,770	659,785		-	-		-		-	7,217,440
Depreciation	-	-	-	-		-	2,928,760		-		-	2,928,760
Other	-	-	-	-		-	-		200,677		188,291	388,968
Total	\$ 16,994,324	\$ 4,667,105	\$ 8,715,349	\$ 1,908,999	\$2	,549,593	\$ 2,928,760	\$	200,677	\$	188,291	\$ 38,153,098

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) was formed to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes for the support and benefit of West Liberty University (the University). The Foundation is a separate nonprofit organization incorporated in the State and has as its purpose "... to aid, strengthen, and further in every proper and useful way, the work and services of the University and its affiliated nonprofit organizations." Oversight of the Foundation is the responsibility of an independently elected Board of Directors not otherwise affiliated with the University. The President of the University is a nonvoting member of the Board of Directors. In carrying out its responsibilities, the board of directors of the Foundation employs management, forms policy, and maintains fiscal accountability over funds administered by the Foundation. Although the University does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources or income thereon that the Foundation holds and invests is restricted to the activities of the University by donors. While contributions are generally for the benefit and support of the University, the Foundation exercises discretion over the distribution of assets. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the University, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the University and is, therefore, discretely presented with the University's financial statements in accordance with GASB.

During the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the Foundation contributed \$685,119 and \$588,100, respectively, to the University for scholarships, capital improvements, athletic, academic, and other programs.

The notes taken directly from the audited financial statements of the Foundation are as follows:

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Basis of Accounting</u> – The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

<u>Basis of Presentation</u> – Financial statement presentation complies with the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) No. 958-205, *Not-for-Profit Entities, Presentation of Financial Statements*. Under FASB ASC No. 958-205, the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Assets and contributions that are not restricted by donors or for which restrictions have expired are unrestricted. Assets and contributions for which the donor has imposed restrictions that permit the Foundation to use or expend the donated assets for University support according to the restrictions, are temporarily restricted. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by actions of the Foundation. Assets and contributions for which the donor stipulates that resources be maintained permanently, but permits the Foundation to use or expend part or all of the income derived from the donated assets, are permanently restricted. Such assets are comprised of endowment accounts which are subject to the restrictions of gift instruments requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity. The investment income, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, is recorded as temporarily restricted until disbursed according to the terms of the gift instrument.

Both temporarily and permanently restricted net assets are to be used for the support and benefit of West Liberty University.

<u>Income Taxes</u> – The West Liberty Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation has analyzed tax positions taken for filing with the Internal Revenue Service and all state and local jurisdictions where it operates. The Foundation believes that income tax filing positions will be sustained upon examination and does not anticipate any adjustments that would result in a material adverse effect on the Foundation's statement of financial position or statement of activities. Accordingly, the Foundation has not recorded any reserves, or related accruals, for interest and penalties for uncertain tax positions at June 30, 2017. The Foundation's tax returns through 2013 have been closed for purposes of examination by taxing authorities.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the reporting period, as well as disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Contributions</u> – Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases those net asset classes. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Contributions of donated noncash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at estimated net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using risk-free interest rates for United States Government securities. Amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are not recorded as support until the conditions are substantially met.

<u>Investments</u> – Investments in equity securities and all debt securities are reported at their fair value based upon quoted market prices.

The Foundation operates a pooled investment portfolio for all funds. New funds or additions to existing funds are assigned a share in the investment pool based upon the amount of cash or estimated fair value of securities deposited. Income, including unrealized appreciation or depreciation and realized capital gains and losses, is allocated on a monthly basis.

<u>Income from Investments</u> – All investment income in the form of interest and dividends is credited to unrestricted net assets unless otherwise designated by the donor. All capital appreciation/depreciation earned on permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, or unrestricted investments is credited to unrestricted net assets unless otherwise restricted by the donor.

<u>Cash Surrender Value of Insurance Policies</u> – The Foundation records as an asset the cash surrender value of life insurance policies for which it is the owner and beneficiary.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of 3 months or less to be cash equivalents. Money market funds included in noncurrent investments are not considered cash equivalents.

<u>Reclassifications</u> – Certain amounts in the 2016 financial statements footnotes have been classified to conform to the 2017 presentation. Reclassifications had no effect on 2016 changes in net assets or total net assets. The Foundation reassessed its presentation of beneficial interest in perpetual trust. As a result, \$2,056,347 was reclassified from a Level 1 fair value hierarchy to a Level 3 hierarchy as of July 1, 2016. See Fair Value Measurements for a description of Level 3 securities classification and activity for the year.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017	2016
Receivable in One Year Receivable in Two to Five Years Total Unconditional Promises to Give Less: Discounts to Net Present Value	\$ 1,060,450 <u>45,831</u> 1,106,281 <u>3,047</u>	\$ 195,550 50,000 245,550 3,324
Net Unconditional Promises to Give	<u>\$ 1,103,234</u>	<u>\$ 242,226</u>

The discount rate used on long-term pledges was 3.50% for the period ended June 30, 2017.

An allowance for uncollectible promises is provided based on management's evaluation of potential uncollectible promises receivable at year-end. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, management determined that all outstanding promises to give are fully collectible.

INVESTMENTS

The cost and estimated fair values of investments at June 30, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	2017					20	16	
	Fair Value		Cost		Fair Value		_	Cost
Money Market Funds	\$	275,253	\$	275,253	\$	315,107	\$	315,107
Corporate Bonds and Notes		355,688		349,800		415,338		398,997
United States Treasury								
Obligations		100,046		99,431		618,007		623,770
Equity Securities		9,231,536		7,713,400		7,837,999		7,433,930
Mutual Funds		3,656,919		3,591,961		2,395,707		2,307,652
Alternative Investment Funds		898,742		773,381		748,954		667,760
Mortgage Loan		120,700		120,700		130,098		130,098
Total	\$	<u>14,638,884</u>	\$	12,923,926	\$	<u>12,461,210</u>	\$	<u>11,877,314</u>

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following schedule summarizes the investment income and its classification in the statement of activities for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

	June 30, 2017							
	Unrestricted	Temporarily <u>Restricted</u>	Permanently Restricted	Total				
Interest and Dividends Realized Gains Unrealized Gains Investment Fees	\$ 131,076 30,426 111,849 (15,490)	\$ 108,773 244,124 1,011,938 (28,767)	\$ 94,870 - - -	\$ 334,719 274,550 1,123,787 (44,257)				
Total	<u>\$ 257,861</u>	<u>\$1,336,068</u>	<u>\$ 94,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,688,799</u>				
		Temporarily	Permanently					
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	Restricted	Total				
Interest and Dividends Realized Losses Unrealized Losses Investment Fees	<u>Unrestricted</u> \$ 90,257 (124,898) (76,366) (16,260)	Restricted \$ 146,599 (201,276) (145,361) (26,202)		<u>Total</u> \$ 331,188 (326,174) (221,727) (42,462)				

Investments include securities held to satisfy charitable gift annuity agreements as follows:

	2017 2016
Fair Value	<u>\$ 179,212</u>
Cost	<u>\$ 117,074</u>

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS

Split-interest agreements consist of beneficial interests in perpetual trusts and charitable gift annuities. The Foundation was bequeathed a beneficial interest in a perpetual trust in accordance with a decedent's will. Under the terms of this split-interest agreement, the Foundation is to receive distributions of 10% of the income from the trust in perpetuity. These distributions are to be used to establish an endowment, the income from which will be used to provide scholarships. The Foundation's beneficial interest is valued in the statement of financial position at 10% of the fair market value of the trust assets. Adjustments due to changes in the market value of the trust assets are recorded as changes in value of split- interest agreements. Distributions received from the trust are permanently restricted for endowed scholarships and are recorded as permanently restricted investment income.

The Foundation participates in charitable gift annuity agreements with certain donors. Under these agreements, temporarily restricted contribution revenue is recorded when donors transfer assets to the Foundation. The amount of revenue recognized is the difference between the fair value of the assets received and the liability calculated at the net present value of the estimated future payments to the beneficiaries over their life expectancies. In estimating the net present value of the liability, the Foundation uses life expectancy information prepared by the American Council on Gift Annuities. The discount rate for each charitable gift annuity is established at the beginning of the agreement. The discount rate applied to gift annuities held at June 30, 2017 and 2016, is 0.10 percent.

The following summarizes the transactions affecting the beneficial interest in perpetual trust for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016:

	2017	2016
Distributions Received from the Trust Recorded as a Permanently Restricted Investment Income	<u>\$ 94,870</u>	<u>\$ 94,332</u>
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	<u>\$ 119,399</u>	<u>\$ (112,577</u>)

TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Net assets were temporarily and permanently restricted for the following purposes at June 30:

	20)17	2016				
	Temporarily	Permanently	Temporarily	Permanently Restricted			
	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted				
Scholarships Sponsored Projects Capital Projects	\$ 3,860,492 336,833 1,009,747	\$ 11,311,560 - -	\$ 3,265,652 220,202 	\$ 10,096,944 - -			
Totals	\$ 5,207,072	\$ 11,311,560	\$ 3,494,435	\$ 10,096,944			

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the Foundation to a concentration of credit risk, consist principally of pledges receivable, investment securities, and cash. Exposure to losses on pledges receivable is principally dependent on each donor's financial condition. The Foundation monitors the exposure for credit losses and maintains allowances for anticipated losses as necessary.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least possible that changes in the value of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the Foundation's statements of financial position and activities.

Cash balances in banks are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2017, the Foundation had no uninsured cash balances.

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

As required by U. S. GAAP, each financial asset and liability must be identified as having been valued according to specified level of input. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Foundation has the ability to access at the measurement date. Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs utilize inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy, within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls, has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the investment. The Foundation classified investments in equity securities and mutual funds as Level 1 instruments because they comprise assets traded on public exchanges with readily determinable fair values and observable market-based inputs. Debt securities are classified as Level 2 securities and are valued using a matrix pricing or other market approaches. The fair value of the mortgage loan is estimated to be its amortized cost. The Foundation's fair value of assets and liabilities reported on the statement of financial position at their fair value as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, are summarized below, by level.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017

Valued on a recurring basis:

	Leve	I 1 Level	2 Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Equity Securities	\$ 9,23	31,536 \$	- \$	- \$ 9,231,536
Debt Securities		- 455	5,734	- 455,734
Mutual Funds	3,65	56,919	-	- 3,656,919
Alternative Investment Funds	89	98,742	-	- 898,742
Money Market Funds	39	92,899	-	- 392,899
Mortgage Loan		- 120),700	- 120,700
Investments at Estimated Fair Value	14,18	30,096 576	5,434	- 14,756,530
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust			- 2,175,74	6 2,175,746
Total	\$ 14,18	80,096 \$ 576	5,434 \$ 2,175,74	6 \$ 16,932,276
<u>June 30, 2016</u>				
Valued on a recurring basis:				
Valued on a recurring basic.	Leve	1 Level	2 Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Equity Securities	\$ 7,83	7,999 \$	- \$	- \$ 7,837,999
Debt Securities		- 1,033	3,345	- 1,033,345
Mutual Funds	2,39	5,707	-	- 2,395,707
Alternative Investment Funds	74	8,954	-	- 748,954
Money Market Funds	38	4,951	-	- 384,951
Mortgage Loan		- 130),098	- 130,098
Investments at Estimated Fair Value	11,36	7,611 1,163	3,443	- 12,531,054
Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust		<u> </u>	- 2,056,34	7 2,056,347
Total	\$ 11,36	7,611 \$ 1,163	3,443 \$ 2,056,34	7 \$ 14,587,401

Fair value of the contribution from the beneficial interest in the perpetual trust is measured using the fair value of the assets held in the trusts as reported by the trustee as of June 30, 2017. The Foundation's portion of the trusts was transferred from a Level 1 measurement to Level 3 during the year ended June 30, 2017, after the Foundation evaluated the terms of the trust agreement and considered the current practice among other similar Foundation entities for classifying beneficial interests in perpetual trusts. The Foundation considers the measurement of its beneficial interest in the trusts to be a Level 3 measurement within the fair value hierarchy because, even though that measurement is based on the adjusted fair values of the trusts' assets reported by the trustee, the Foundation will never receive those assets or have the ability to direct the trustee to redeem them.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The beneficial interest in perpetual trust (split interest agreement) is valued using unobservable inputs (Level 3) in accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements. Changes to the beneficial interest in perpetual trust in fiscal year 2017 are as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,056,347
Investment Income for Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	94,870
Distribution From Beneficial Interest in Perpetual Trust	(94,870)
Net Valuation Gain	119,399
Total	\$ 2,175,746

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Endowment Investments

The Foundation's endowment consists of approximately 100 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA. In accordance with SPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the various funds, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment funds, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Foundation, and (7) the Foundation's investment policies.

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

ENDOWMENT FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Investment Return Objectives, Risk Parameters, and Strategies – The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies, approved by the Board of Directors, for endowment assets which create the framework for a well-diversified asset mix that can be expected to generate long-term returns at a level of risk suitable to West Liberty University Foundation, Inc.

Accordingly, the Foundation takes a total return approach regarding endowment assets. The assets are to be invested for the long-term, and a higher short-term volatility in these assets is to be expected and accepted. The total return approach is designed to give the Foundation financial flexibility with regard to ongoing capital structure decisions. The Foundation has a tolerance to accept short-term volatility in the value of the funds in line with the market fluctuations to seek long-term capital growth. Domestic equities of both large and small capitalization, fixed-income, and cash equivalents have been determined to be acceptable vehicles for plan assets. Additional asset classes and style strategies may be incorporated into the investment philosophy in the future.

Spending Policy – The Foundation has a policy for appropriating for distribution up to 4% of the value of the endowment assets. This amount will be calculated using a rolling 3-year moving average of the market value of the funds at fiscal year-end.

	June 30, 2017							
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total Net Endowment Assets				
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds Board-Designated	\$ -	\$ 3,343,246	\$ 9,111,314	\$12,454,560				
Endowment Funds	196,301			196,301				
Total	<u>\$ 196,301</u>	<u>\$ 3,343,246</u>	<u>\$ 9,111,314</u>	<u>\$12,650,861</u>				
		June 3	30, 2016					
	Unrestricted	June 3 Temporarily Restricted	30, 2016 Permanently <u>Restricted</u>	Total Net Endowment Assets				
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds Board-Designated	<u>Unrestricted</u> \$ -	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently	Endowment				
		Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Endowment <u>Assets</u>				

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund is set forth below:

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

ENDOWMENT FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Changes in endowment net assets are as follows:

	June 30, 2017						
	Total Net Temporarily Permanently Endowment Unrestricted Restricted Restricted Assets	-					
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning of Year Contributions Investment Income Amounts Appropriated for Expenditure	\$ 178,492 \$ 2,224,607 \$ 8,040,597 \$ 10,443,696 5,000 6 975,847 980,853 23,328 1,432,007 94,870 1,550,205 (10,519) (313,374) - (323,893	3					
Endowment Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 196,301</u>	=					
	June 30, 2016	-					
	Total Net Temporarily Permanently Endowment Unrestricted Restricted Assets	-					
Endowment Net Assets, Beginning of Year Contributions Investment Income Program Revenue Amounts Appropriated for Expenditure	\$ 326,762 \$ 2,736,225 \$ 7,790,432 \$ 10,853,419 19,000 9,470 155,833 184,303 (15,202) (314,923) 94,332 (235,793 - 70,417 - 70,417 (152,068) (276,582) (428,650)	3 3) 7					
Endowment Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 178,492</u>	<u>}</u>					

NOTE 19 COMPONENT UNIT'S DISCLOSURE (CONTINUED)

RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the amounts expended in support of West Liberty University programs as reported on the statements of activities, the Foundation disbursed \$130,098 on July 1, 2016, to fund a loan to the University. The loan is secured by a deed of trust on real estate that is to be used for student housing.

LEASE

The Foundation leases office space in Wheeling, West Virginia under a lease agreement signed July 11, 2016, with a term beginning August 1, 2016, and expiring June 30, 2021. As defined by the lease agreement, payments from August 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, are \$1,800.00 (monthly).

As defined by the lease agreement, payments from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2021, are \$1,800.00 x annual CPI increase (monthly).

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS June 30, 2017 AND June 30, 2016

Schedule of Proportionate Share of TRS Net Pension Liability

(In Thousands)

	University's									University's	University's Plan Fiduciary Net
	Proportionate									Proportionate	Position as a
	Share as a							Univ	/ersity's	Share as a	Percentage of
	Percentage of	Univ	versity's	S	State's		Total	Co	overed	Percentage of	Total
Measurement	Net Pension	Prop	ortionate	Prop	ortionate	Prop	ortionate	Em	ployee	Covered	Pension
Date	Liability	S	hare	5	Share	5	Share	Pa	ayroll	Payroll	Liability
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June 30, 2014	0.018471 %	\$	637	\$	1,440	\$	2,077	\$	568	112%	65.95%
June 30, 2015	0.018917		656		1,496		2,152		574	114	66.25
June 30, 2016	0.019397		797		1,518		2,315		501	159	61.42

Schedule of Employer Contributions

(In Thousands)

									Actual	
									Contribution	
								as a		
	Actuarially Contribution								Percentage of	
Fiscal	Fiscal Determined			Actual Deficiency			Covered		Covered	
Year	Contribution		Contribution		(Exc	cess)	Payroll		Payroll	
June 30, 2015	\$	84	\$	85	\$	(1)	\$	574	14.81%	
June 30, 2016		86		93		(7)		501	18.56	
June 30, 2017		75		80		(5)		500	16.00	

These schedules are intended to show information for ten years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only three years reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in the notes. Information, if necessary, can be obtained from the CPRB Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.



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

Governing Board West Liberty University West Liberty, West Virginia

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 business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of West Liberty University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2017. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the West Liberty University Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), the University's discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on the University's financial statements. The financial statements of the Foundation 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 Foundation.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the University's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control 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 and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses that we consider to be a material weakness (2017-001).

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether West Liberty University's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

West Liberty University's Responses to Findings

West Liberty University's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The University's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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 result 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.

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania October 13, 2017

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

CURRENT YEAR

2017-001: Lack of Segregation of Duties

Condition

There was a lack of segregation of duties for a significant period of time during the year ended June 30, 2017. There was no written evidence of review and approval of journal entries or account reconciliations completed throughout the year. While there were discussions between the Vice President of Finance and Administration and the individual preparing and recording the journal entries and preparing the account reconciliations, there was no documented evidence of review or approval.

<u>Criteria</u>

Journal entries and account reconciliations should be reviewed by an individual other than the preparer so that adjustments, if any, can be made on a timely basis.

<u>Cause</u>

The lack of segregation of duties existed during the year ended June 30, 2017, due to significant turnover of personnel during the current and prior years. Certain duties were temporarily assigned during periods of the year when key positions remained open. This also led to the review and approval process of journal entries and account reconciliations not being documented.

Possible Asserted Affect

Management could improperly record, process, summarize or report financial data and be unable to detect such errors or omissions. This could also result in a misappropriation of assets being concealed.

Auditors' Recommendation

We recommend the University review and modify its internal control system to assure all proper controls are in place to address the lack of segregation of duties.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:

Explanation of disagreements with audit finding: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Actions planned in response to the finding: Staffing in the department has stabilized over the past few months and duties have been distributed. Internal controls over journal entries have been addressed and a formal review has been implemented. Additionally, all procedures in place are currently being reviewed and changes in the control structure or a mitigating control will be implemented where necessary.

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

2017-001: Lack of Segregation of Duties (Continued)

Responsible party: Roberta C. Linger

Planned completion date for corrective action plan: Management has already evaluated a few areas and has already implemented corrective action in a few areas. All areas will be reviewed and any changes to the internal control structure or mitigating control will be implemented by the third quarter of FY 2018.

Plan to monitor completion of corrective action plan: Areas will be reviewed and monitored monthly to ensure that any new procedures in place are functioning properly and any remaining problem areas will be addressed.