



# Fitchburg State University

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Amended on November 8, 2021 at 3:48 PM EST

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### Date and Time

Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM EST

### Location

This meeting will be held remotely.

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Notice of a meeting of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

For public comments dial (when announced in the meeting): 978.665.3698

Public streaming:

Live stream

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### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>10:00 AM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance and Guests			
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Deborah Phillips	
<b>C.</b> Public Comments			3 m
<b>D.</b> Approve Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting - VOTE (09-21/22)	Approve Minutes		1 m
<b>II. Finance and Administration</b>			<b>10:04 AM</b>
<b>A.</b> Presentation by the auditors	Discuss		15 m
<b>B.</b> FY2021 Audit - VOTE (10-21/22)	Vote		2 m
<b>III. Dashboard</b>			<b>10:21 AM</b>

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. The current dashboard will be discussed.	FYI		10 m
<b>IV. Sabbatical Requests</b>			<b>10:31 AM</b>
A. Act on President's recommendation for faculty sabbatical requests - VOTE (11-21/22)	Vote		5 m
<b>V. Notifications</b>			<b>10:36 AM</b>
A. Personnel Actions (N03-21-22)	FYI		1 m
B. Financial Statements (N04-21/22)	FYI		5 m
<b>VI. Student Trustee Report</b>			<b>10:42 AM</b>
A. Joseph Cautela will provide the Student Trustee report.	FYI		5 m
<b>VII. Chair's Report</b>			<b>10:47 AM</b>
A. Debbie Phillips will provide the Chair's report.	FYI		5 m
<b>VIII. President's Report</b>			<b>10:52 AM</b>
A. COVID Update	FYI		5 m
B. DHE Trustee Convening Meeting	FYI		5 m
C. Open House update	FYI		5 m
D. Commencement Ceremonies	FYI		5 m
E. Early College	FYI		5 m
F. News Articles	FYI		1 m
<b>IX. Closing Items</b>			<b>11:18 AM</b>
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		1 m

## Cover Sheet

### Approve Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting - VOTE (09-21/22)

<b>Section:</b>	I. Opening Items
<b>Item:</b> (09-21/22)	D. Approve Minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting - VOTE
<b>Purpose:</b>	Approve Minutes
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting on October 19, 2021 VOTE Minutes.pdf

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## Fitchburg State University

# Minutes

## Board of Trustees Meeting

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### Date and Time

Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 8:15 AM

### Location

This meeting will be held remotely.

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Notice of a meeting of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 8:15 a.m.

This meeting will be held via teleconference as approved by Governor Baker.

For public comments dial (when announced in the meeting): 978.665.3698

Public viewing:

Live stream

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### Trustees Present

D. Irving (remote), D. Phillips (remote), F. O'Donnell (remote), J. Cautela III (remote), K. SPINELLI (remote), L. Barrieau (remote), M. Fiorentino, Jr. (remote), M. Nicholson (remote)

### Trustees Absent

C. Stimpson, D. Tiernan

### Ex Officio Members Present

R. Lapidus (remote)

### Non Voting Members Present

R. Lapidus (remote)

### Guests Present

C. Canney (remote), C. Estrella (remote), D. Deptula (remote), F. Barricelli (remote), G. Doiron (remote), J. Bry (remote), J. Wolfman (remote), L. Bayless (remote), M. McKenzie

(remote), P. McCafferty (remote), R. Toomey (remote), S. Swartz (remote), W. Cummings (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Phillips called a meeting of the board of trustees of Fitchburg State University to order on Tuesday Oct 19, 2021 at 8:16 AM.

### C. Public Comments

There were none

### D. Approve Minutes from the September 14, 2021 Meeting - VOTE (04-21/22)

M. Fiorentino, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Meeting on 09-14-21.

D. Irving seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

C. Stimpson	Absent
M. Nicholson	Abstain
D. Irving	Aye
J. Cautela III	Aye
M. Fiorentino, Jr.	Aye
D. Phillips	Aye
L. Barrieau	Aye
F. O'Donnell	Aye
D. Tiernan	Absent
K. SPINELLI	Aye

## II. Overview of Accreditation Process

### A. Committee Co-Chairs Dr. Cathy Canney and Dr. Daneen Deptula will discuss the draft self study.

The President thanked the NECHE Committee Co-Chairs, Dr. Catherine Canney and Dr. Daneen Deptula for their dedication and hard work. He recognized Vice Chair Lynn Barrieau for serving on the NECHE Steering committee as the Trustee representative. He thanked everyone on campus that actively contributed to this exercise. This process is a significant undertaking and it is an intensive process to look back over a ten-year time frame. The university is continuously working on areas that it can improve. The self-study document had been provided to board members in advance for their review.

C. Canney introduced a PowerPoint (attached). As the Co-Chairs overseeing the accreditation process, they want to acknowledge the work of the 90 plus individuals that have been working on this for over a year. In particular, the members of the Steering Committee, who have dedicated significant time to researching and writing reflections that accurately depict the work done and the commitment to continuous improvement in the future.

D. Deptula provided an overview of the NECHE process. The two purposes of the accreditation is to foster university improvement and to assure the quality of the institution. Through the process of preparing the self-study over the last year, the

university has had the opportunity to reflect on areas of high quality and identify areas for improvement. The accreditation process also assures that the university and its programs have value. It tells the public and potential employers that the university meets high educational standards.

There are the nine NECHE standards by which the university will be evaluated:

1. Mission and Purposes
2. Planning and Evaluation
3. Organization and Governance
4. The Academic Program
5. Students
6. Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship
7. Institutional Resources
8. Educational Effectiveness
9. Integrity, Transparency, and Public Disclosure

D. Deptula stated that changes in the standards since the last review in 2012 have resulted in the standards being much more outcome driven. In particular, they are looking for the university to present evidence and data to show how the standards are being met. Each standard was addressed with a committee composed of a balance of faculty and staff, along with two student members. Each committee carefully examined their standard and wrote narratives based on data and evidence to demonstrate how the university is meeting those expectations. The topics of the standards range from reflecting on the mission, how the university is organized, how students are being served, the status of institutional resources, the effectiveness of the education being provided, to the integrity in which the university conducts itself. In particular, the standards pay careful attention to financials, enrollments, and Board oversight, to demonstrate the capacity to remain a strong institution for the next ten years. The report is limited to 100 pages.

C. Canney stated as part of the accreditation process, based on the report of the evaluation team and review of the self-study, the Commission will acknowledge strengths of the institution and highlight areas that they believe the university that can continue to improve upon. In our 2012 visit, they raised two areas, one regarding implementation and assessment of our strategic planning and the assessment of the effectiveness of the Board of Trustees.

C. Canney informed the Board that a NECHE staff member read a draft of the report and that feedback was positive and deemed to be conforming to expectations. The self-study has been reviewed by university colleagues. University editor, Ben Railton from the English Studies Department has done two rounds of editing. The document has been reviewed by campus "content" experts focused on particular sections of the report. Last week, open forums were held for the entire campus to provide further feedback.

L. Barrieau commented that it has been a real eye-opening experience. She commented, what stood out the most, is the respect for each other and dedication to each other and felt lucky to be part of the process.

D. Deptula highlighted the areas of data and analysis. She invited board members to ask questions or comments as she moved along the presentation. She discussed each standard in detail and the metrics associated with each standard.

F. O'Donnell asked if there were areas that the university was deficient and how has the process changed, and what is now more important. D. Deptula responded

that the focus on outcomes and financials has been increased. C. Canney commented that a commitment to equity and inclusion has been emphasized.

M. Fiorentino commented that considering that he has sat on both sides of this process, it seems enrollment and finances will be looked at very closely. C. Canney responded that he was correct, and there will a narrative written in front of the document regarding our deficiencies. M. Fiorentino noted that it is important that Trustees do their part.

There was a discussion.

D. Phillips expressed her appreciation for the work done and recognized the extensive effort devoted to seeing the process through. She said if any Board member would like send her or L. Barrieau feedback, to please do so anytime.

M. Fiorentino complimented the Co-Chairs and the President. He said the report reads very well and achieves one voice. He asked the President if there are any areas that the Board should place close attention too. The President echoed comments made by others, which is to focus on enrollment and finances.

There was a discussion.

### III. Budget Update

#### A. Approve proposed budget revision.

The President discussed the previous budget that had presented and noted that given changes he wanted to present a revised budget that more accurately reflected the current situation.

J. Bry discussed the budget that was previously approved. He next discussed the updated budget for consideration. On the revenue side of the budget there are no changes. On the expense side, there have been savings stemming from the Early Retirement Incentive Programs and designed delays in those positions that were rehired. There have also been reductions in central service areas. The budget also proposes a 3% reduction in operational budgets to be implemented at the divisional level.

He noted that areas of greatest concern include enrollment in the undergraduate day division, low housing occupancy and ongoing COVID expenses. He concluded with the financial impact of collective bargaining successor contracts.

There was a brief discussion on credit card fees. M. Fiorentino asked how often the Board Receives budget updates. The President responded that financials are presented to the Board quarterly.

D. Irving made a motion to approve the revised budget as presented by the President.

K. SPINELLI seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

M. Fiorentino, Jr.	Aye
F. O'Donnell	Aye
D. Irving	Aye
C. Stimpson	Absent
K. SPINELLI	Aye
D. Phillips	Aye
L. Barrieau	Aye

**Roll Call**

M. Nicholson	Aye
J. Cautela III	Aye
D. Tiernan	Absent

**IV. Campus Security Authorities and Title IX**

**A. Acknowledgement of Amendments to Massachusetts State Universities' Segmental Affirmative Action Plan.**

The President stated that the Board will receive a tutorial and that they will need to understand and review the action plan.

The President introduced Dr. William Cummings, Director of Compliance.

W. Cummings presented a PowerPoint (Attached). He discussed the amendments to the plan. The Board was informed if they were to be approached by someone or aware of any violations to contact W. Cummings the next day or, if urgent, to contact University Police immediately.

There was a discussion.

M. Fiorentino, Jr. made a motion to accept Acknowledgement of Amendments to Massachusetts State Universities' Segmental Affirmative Action Plan.

J. Cautela III seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

J. Cautela III	Aye
F. O'Donnell	Aye
D. Tiernan	Absent
K. SPINELLI	Aye
M. Fiorentino, Jr.	Aye
M. Nicholson	Aye
C. Stimpson	Absent
D. Irving	Aye
D. Phillips	Aye
L. Barrieau	Aye

**V. Notifications**

**A. Personnel Actions (N02-21/22)**

The personnel actions were presented for informational purposes.

**VI. Student Trustee Report**

**A. Joseph Cautela will provide the Student Trustee Report**

J. Cautela informed the Board that the deadline for student compliance for the COVID vaccine was Oct. 15, 2021. He stated there was a strong consensus in favor of the mandate. However, Student Government was not pleased that when this policy was made, there was no student input. He commented that in the future, when such policies are initiated, SGA will work with Dr. Laura Bayless. He said surveys have been sent out to students regarding any concerns they may have. He plans to present the survey outcomes at the next Board meeting. He also noted that there is a section in the SGA newsletter for a student trustee report. In addition, flyers, and social media will include board meeting reports. He believes that it important to promote transparency. He formally



invited board members to participate in a networking event and/or attend an SGA meeting in person or virtually.

## **VII. Chair's Report**

### **A. Debbie Phillips will provide the Chair's Report.**

D. Phillips promoted the remote DHE Trustee Convening scheduled to take place on October 27. She noted that attendance would fulfill the governance portion of our training. She reminded Board members to commit to donating to the University to ensure 100% participation.

D. Phillips next asked if any Board member would like to serve on the Vice President/Provost Academic Affairs search. M. Nicholson volunteered.

## **VIII. President's Report**

### **A. COVID Update**

The President recommended that those have not participated previously in the Trustee Conference should consider attending. He thought the program information was worthwhile. He next thanked the Board members for completing the modules setup for training. He reported that the mandated COVID vaccination deadline concluded, and that approximately 10 students did not comply with the requirements. He was appreciative for all those that complied. He reported that nearly 100% of employees (faculty and staff) were fully vaccinated. He reinforced the idea that a high level of compliance does not ensure that no one will contract COVID, but did indicate that it has provided some piece of mind on campus. He reminded the board that COVID testing continues on campus five days per week for those that must test and for those that elect to do so. He mentioned ongoing discussion regarding out-of-state athletic travel for teams that play preseason games in the spring.

### **B. Provost Search**

The President informed the Board of two high level searches taking place that include the Provost/Vice President Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Health and Natural Sciences. The University does have partial committees formed. He welcome M. Nicholson to the Provost search. He noted that Dr. Laura Bayless, Vice President Student Affairs will facilitate the process to recruit students on each of the search committees. The process will begin shortly and the university would like the positions filled by the end of the academic year.

### **C. Health Services Update**

The President informed the Board that CHC Health Services are being used by both residential and off campus students. The university hired a dedicated nurse at CHC for Fitchburg State University students with a dedicated phone number. Students have been taking advantage of medical, optometry and behavioral health services. He mentioned that national data has highlighted that dental and eye care are often neglected by students resulting a variety of health issues that could impact academic performance. He noted that the university held vaccine clinics on campus. The traditional educational health informational activities are taking place along with a number of student leader trainings. The local grocery store, Hannaford's, held a flu clinic on campus due to supply chain issues with CHC. He noted F. O'Donnell's concerns with mental health challenges. The university has

seen an increase in this area. The university has added a number of interns in addition to a full-time staff member in Counseling Services. There have been evening hours added for students as well.

**D. News Articles**

The news articles were submitted for informational purposes.

The President said the University is providing more programming in the community. He stated students have been following protocols on campus and there have not been issues with students complying with COVID requirements. To date, no large outbreaks have occurred.

D. Phillips echoed the President's sentiments and appreciates the cooperation and the seriousness that students have taken in regards to the COVID mandates.

The President noted the article included in the packet announcing an Emmy award winner who is a Fitchburg State alum.

F. O'Donnell suggested that at the next Board retreat, that it be offsite and every Board member bring an idea for discussion.

**IX. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. Phillips

**Fitchburg State University  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

TO: Board of Trustees	DATE: November 9, 2021
FROM: The President	REQUEST NUMBER:
SUBJECT: October 19, 2021 Board Meeting minutes	09-21/22

It is requested that the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees vote to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

# Cover Sheet

## Presentation by the auditors

**Section:** II. Finance and Administration  
**Item:** A. Presentation by the auditors  
**Purpose:** Discuss

**Submitted by:**

**Related Material:**

Attachment C Fitchburg State University Foundation - AU-C 260 Letter V1.pdf

Attachment E FSU FOUNDATION Supporting Org 260 LETTER V1.pdf

Attachment A Conclusion Letter to Governance.pdf

Attachment D Foundation FS DRAFT updated 11.2.pdf

Attachment F FSU Foundation Supporting Org FS Revised draft 11.2 for client.pdf

Attachment G FSU - No Management Letter Acknowledgment Letter.pdf

Attachment H FSU Executive Summary 2021.pdf

Attachment I Executive Summary Foundation June 2021.pdf

Attachment J Executive Summary Foundation Supporting Org June 2021.pdf

Attachment K FSU Draft 2020 Long Form FS - 11-5-21.pdf

Attachment B Fitchburg State University - Financial Statements corrected copy.pdf

# **Attachment A**

## **Conclusion Letter to Governance**

**REPORT DATE**

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the aggregate discretely presented component units of Fitchburg State University (the "University") (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) for the year ended June 30, 2021, which collectively comprise Fitchburg State University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated **REPORT DATE**. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR") Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter dated June 15, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters*Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Fitchburg State University are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2021. We noted no transactions entered into by the University during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the University's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the allowance for doubtful collections of accounts receivable is based principally on its historical experience and an analysis of the collectability of individual accounts. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosures of cash and cash equivalents and investments in Note 2 to the financial statements.

The disclosures of pension and OPEB in Note 21 and 22 to the financial statements.

The disclosures of the interagency payables in Note 12 to the financial statements.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated **REPORT DATE**.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the University's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the University's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to Management's Discussion and Analysis, pension benefit schedules and OPEB benefit schedules which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the residence hall and residence hall damage fund activity, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of Fitchburg State University and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

CohnReznick LLP

PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



**Attachment B**  
**Fitchburg State University**  
**Draft 11.2.2021**

**Fitchburg State University  
(a department of the  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

**Financial Statements  
(With Supplementary Information)  
and Independent Auditor's Reports**

**June 30, 2021 and 2020**

PRELIMINARY DRAFT -  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**Fitchburg State University**  
**(a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (the "University") (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the Index.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. 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 General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### *Opinions*

In our opinion, 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 Fitchburg State University as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in 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.

### *Emphasis of Matter*

#### *Financial Statements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of Fitchburg State University and its discretely presented component unit are intended to present the respective financial position, the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that is attributable to the transactions of Fitchburg State University and its discretely presented component unit. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### *Other Matters*

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the pension and OPEB benefit schedules on pages 5 to **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and 97 to 103, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the 2021 financial statements that collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity shown on pages 105 to 106 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 2021 financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2021 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements or to the 2021 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity information are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2021 financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

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

Boston, Massachusetts  
**REPORT DATE**

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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***Introduction***

The following discussion and analysis are intended to provide an overview of the financial position and results of operations of Fitchburg State University (the "University") for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019. This discussion is provided by the management of the University and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto. The purpose of this document is to give some background to the financial statements and foster an understanding of how these statements relate to the mission and activities of the University.

The University, located in North Central Massachusetts, is one of the nine comprehensive public universities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth"). These institutions, along with the five-campus University of Massachusetts system and the fifteen community colleges comprise public higher education in Massachusetts. The University offers more than 30 undergraduate degree programs in fifteen academic departments, 22 graduate degree programs and several Graduate Certificates of Advanced Study. During fall 2020, there were approximately 3,141 full-time students and thousands of part-time students enrolled. For fiscal 2020, there was a combined full-time equivalent annual enrollment of approximately 4,469. Thousands more non-matriculated students take advantage of professional development programs through the School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education (SGOCE). The University awarded approximately 1,765 graduate and undergraduate degrees in fiscal 2020. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), formerly known as New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), and many of the University's programs are accredited by program-specific accrediting bodies.

***Financial Highlights***

The University experienced positive results from its operations in fiscal 2021 resulting in an increase in net position of approximately 11.0%. The following are key financial highlights for the current period:

- General appropriations from the Commonwealth are approved by the legislature to help fund the day-to-day operations of the University. The University received appropriations of \$33.8 million in fiscal 2021 as compared with \$33.3 million in fiscal 2020 and \$33 million in fiscal 2019.
- The University undergraduate fees increased slightly in the fiscal year. Total mandatory fees per semester were \$4,798, \$4,767 and \$4,692 in fiscal 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Tuition, which is controlled by the Commonwealth, has not increased since the fall of 2001 and remains at \$485 per semester for in-state students. The Graduate fees per 3 credit class saw a slight increase in fiscal 2021 to \$1,002 from \$957 for each of the fiscal years 2020 and 2019. On the other hand, the fees for the Accelerated Online Programs remained the same \$933 to \$1,251 per 3 credit class in fiscal 2019 to fiscal 2021.
- The University expended \$5.2 million from current funds for capital additions in fiscal 2021. Projects completed during the year included the renovations to the following: Percival Hall Phase IV, McKay Phases 3 and 4, Holmes Dining Dish Renovation, Hammond Curtain Wall Window, and an Orientation Software. Projects still in process at June 30, 2021 are: Campus wide electricity infrastructure upgrade, renovations to the Theater Building Phase 2, Recreation Center's Roof, and various projects at the McKay facility.
- Total assets and deferred outflows of resources at the end of fiscal 2021 were \$273.1 million and exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of 137.9 million by \$135.2 million (i.e., net position).

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- Total operating, non-operating, and gift revenue for fiscal 2021 was \$129.8 million, while expenses totaled \$116.4 million, resulting in a increase to net position of \$13.4 million. The increase in net position results from a decrease in operating expenses and an increase in capital revenue.
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 75 requires that an allocated portion of the Commonwealth's unfunded post-employment benefits other than pension be reported on the financial statements of the individual institutions of higher education. The allocation is based on the actual contributions paid by the institutions through the group insurance commission charges on the fringe benefit. A prior period restatement was made to fiscal year 2019 assets, liability, and expense accounts for GASB 75. The net of this restatement is an expense of \$0.93 million. The University's portion of the Commonwealth's unfunded post-employment benefits other than pension ("OPEB") liability after the restatement is calculated at \$25.8, \$24.1, and \$27.3 million at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- GASB Statement No. 68 requires that an allocated portion of the Commonwealth's net pension liability be reported on the financial statements of the individual institutions of higher education. The allocation is based on the actual contributions paid by the institutions through assessed fringe benefit charges. The University's portion of the Commonwealth's net pension liability is calculated at \$20.1, \$12.8 and \$12.5 million at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- Unrestricted net position (before benefits adjustments of \$39.8 million at June 30, 2021) available to support short-term operations totaling \$38.3 million.

Ratio analysis measures certain elements of an institution's overall financial health. The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education has instituted the use of certain core financial ratios as part of their performance measures for public universities and colleges in the Commonwealth. Analysis using these ratios, as well as other commonly accepted ratios, are incorporated throughout this document. These financial ratios are shown before unfunded benefits adjustments. Net assets benefits adjustment amount after the restatement are \$39.8 million in 2021, \$35.9 million in 2020 and \$ 34.2 million in 2019.

A change was made in fiscal year 2019 to the accounting for the dining hall income and expenses. The income and expenses related to the dining hall program was moved from an agency account to reflect an auxiliary income and its corresponding expenditure accounting. All relevant fiscal years and ratios are adjusted accordingly.

- **Current Ratio:** An excess of current assets over current liabilities (the current ratio) is a measure of liquidity and provides a buffer against future uncertainties. The University's current assets of \$41.3 million are sufficient to cover current liabilities of \$25.3 million. The University's current ratio at June 30 is 1.6 to 1 for 2021, 1.3 to 1 for 2020, and 1.7 to 1 for 2019.
- **Return on Net Position Ratio:** Net position represents the residual interest in the University's assets and deferred outflows of resources after liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are deducted. Comparing the current change in total net position to total net position at the beginning of the period (return on net position) is an economic measure that determines if the University is financially better off than in previous years. The University's return on net position at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 10.9%, -1.0% and 3%, respectively. The increase in 2021 return on net position ratio is caused by many factors. It is primarily the result of state funded on campus capital appropriation projects, federal grant expense reimbursements and loss revenue income, and a reduction in operating expenses. The decrease in 2020 return on net position ratio is primarily the result of the increase in expenses relating to COVID-19 and a slight decrease in tuition income from



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the on-ground program. While the increase in 2019 return on net position ratio is primarily the result of the increase in tuition income from the Accelerated Online program, and an increase in capital appropriations from the state.

- **Primary Reserve Ratio:** This ratio indicates how long the University could function using its expendable reserves without relying on additional net position generated by operations. The University's primary reserve ratio at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 40.3%, 27.1% and 32.3%, respectively.
- **Secondary Reserve Ratio:** This ratio measures the significance of non-expendable net position in relation to an institution's operating size. An improving trend shows an improved capital base and the higher the ratio value, the better the long term financial condition. The University's secondary reserve ratio at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 115.2%, 105.5% and 106.3%, respectively.
- **Composite Financial Index:** In order to assess and evaluate the total financial health of an institution, core financial ratios are weighted and combined into a single factor called the Composite Financial Index (CFI). When calculated, a strength factor of three indicates a relatively healthy institution that can sustain moderate growth with expendable net position exceeding debt levels. The University's CFI at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 3.3, 0.9 and 1.8, respectively.

***Using the Financial Statements***

Fitchburg State University reports its activity as a business type activity using the full accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting ensures that all amounts owed to the University and all pending obligations of the University are accounted for in the appropriate period, thus giving a clear picture of the University's financial position. The University is a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A summary of the University's financial statements is incorporated in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in its government-wide financial statements.

The University's financial statements include three major documents: The Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows. These statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards.

**Statements of Net Position**

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the University at the end of the year and includes all assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the University, with the difference reported as net position. Assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows are generally measured using current values, with a notable exception in capital assets, which are stated at historical cost less an allowance for depreciation. Net position is one indicator of the financial condition of the University, while the change in net position from one period to the next is an indicator of whether the financial condition has improved or worsened. The statements of net position (condensed, in thousands) at June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019, are as follows:

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	2021	2020	2019
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	\$ 41,281	\$ 30,142	\$ 34,855
Capital assets, net	185,530	181,470	182,821
Other	33,135	27,877	26,767
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>259,946</b>	<b>239,489</b>	<b>244,443</b>
Deferred outflows of resources	13,188	8,276	8,913
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	25,290	22,779	20,799
Long-term liabilities	102,672	94,742	102,753
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>127,962</b>	<b>117,521</b>	<b>123,552</b>
Deferred inflows of resources	9,934	8,417	4,526
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	129,112	125,002	121,719
Restricted			
Nonexpendable	567	504	523
Expendable	6,980	7,779	8,559
Unrestricted			
Designated	22,004	16,867	18,462
Undesignated (deficit)	(23,425)	(28,325)	(23,985)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 135,238</b>	<b>\$ 121,827</b>	<b>\$ 125,278</b>

Current assets consist mainly of cash and cash equivalents (68.8%) and accounts receivable (30.6%). Other assets include non-current restricted cash and cash equivalents, investments in marketable securities and loans receivable. Capital assets are used to provide services to students, faculty and staff. These assets are not available for current or future spending. Current liabilities primarily include revenue received in advance (35.2%), trade accounts and salaries payable, accounts payable - construction, the current portion of compensated absences, accrued faculty payroll. In the normal course of events and based on a consistent past history in this regard, it is anticipated that obligations due to employees will be funded by state appropriations. Deferred inflows and outflows of resources represent either the acquisition or use of net assets applicable to future periods and are distinct from assets and liabilities. The change in fiscal year 2019 unrestricted net position, deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources from prior year financial statement is a result of a restatement of GASB 75. The decrease in net position in fiscal year 2020 compared to increase in fiscal year 2019 was primarily the result of the pandemic. Although we have turned the corner on the pandemic in fiscal year 2021 we are still feeling the effects related to the undergraduate student population and on those students living in campus housing. On a hopeful note, fiscal year 2021 saw an increase in the state's funding of the campus' deferred maintenance program and a one-time federal grant reimbursement of loss revenues due to COVID-19 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. About a half of this loss revenue was recognized in fiscal year 2021 and the balance is to be recognized in fiscal year 2022. The individual elements of revenue and expenses and their corresponding effect on our net position are illustrated in the following schedule.

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Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The following Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (condensed, in thousands) presents information showing the University's results of operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019. Changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods (e.g. the accrual for compensated absences).

	2021	2020	2019
Operating revenues			
Tuition and fees (net)	\$ 43,352	\$ 43,717	\$ 44,253
Grants	16,594	13,986	9,370
Sales and service of educational department	1,083	1,299	1,456
Auxiliary	8,583	10,628	14,915
Other operating revenue	551	1,154	831
Total operating revenue	<u>70,163</u>	<u>70,784</u>	<u>70,825</u>
Operating expenses			
Instruction	37,848	38,623	38,610
Research and public service	1,112	1,076	952
Academic support	8,538	8,830	8,596
Student services	14,437	13,419	13,603
Scholarships	4,327	5,202	2,841
Institutional support	17,041	14,499	13,632
Operations and maintenance	11,791	11,553	11,757
Depreciation	11,448	11,032	10,442
Auxiliary	8,552	14,563	15,322
Total operating expenses	<u>115,094</u>	<u>118,797</u>	<u>115,755</u>
Net operating loss	<u>(44,931)</u>	<u>(48,013)</u>	<u>(44,930)</u>
Non-operating revenue and expenses			
State appropriations	45,830	44,088	43,795
Investment income	3,172	867	1,218
Interest expense and debt issue costs	(1,307)	(1,967)	(2,008)
State capital appropriations	10,392	1,318	3,558
Capital gifts and grants	255	256	257
Total non-operating revenue	<u>58,342</u>	<u>44,562</u>	<u>46,820</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	13,411	(3,451)	1,890
Net position, beginning of the year	<u>121,827</u>	<u>125,278</u>	<u>123,388</u>
Net position, end of the year	<u>\$ 135,238</u>	<u>\$ 121,827</u>	<u>\$ 125,278</u>

State appropriations are reported net of the amount of in state day school tuition collected by the University on behalf of the Commonwealth. The tuition collected (for in state supported courses taught by state employees) is then remitted to the Commonwealth as required by Massachusetts General Law. The

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following schedule details the Commonwealth appropriations received by the University. Included in appropriations are the fringe benefit costs for University employees, which are paid by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth appropriates general funds to cover the cost of fringe benefits for state employees, but these funds are not appropriated directly to the University. Employees who are paid from local trust funds, grants or other sources receive the same fringe benefits. Generally, the University reimburses the Commonwealth for the benefit costs associated with these employees. In 2012 legislation was passed that allowed the state universities to retain out of state day tuition. The legislation further mandated that the Commonwealth would fund the fringe benefits for any employee paid from this funding source. The fringe benefit rate charged by the Commonwealth, exclusive of compensated absences, for fiscal years 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 36.38%, 35.48% and 34.89%, respectively. The current fringe benefit rate includes group medical insurance (20.65%); retirement (14.66%) and terminal leave (1.07%).

The following schedule (condensed, in thousands) details the Commonwealth appropriations received by the University:

	2021	2020	2019
Commonwealth general appropriations	\$ 33,771	\$ 33,297	\$ 31,242
Commonwealth special appropriations	-	30	1,746
Appropriations to cover fringe benefits provided to employees of the Commonwealth	<u>12,528</u>	<u>11,637</u>	<u>11,596</u>
	46,299	44,964	44,584
Tuition remitted back to the Commonwealth	<u>(469)</u>	<u>(876)</u>	<u>(789)</u>
Net appropriations	45,830	44,088	43,795
Additional state capital appropriations	<u>10,392</u>	<u>1,318</u>	<u>3,558</u>
Total appropriations	<u>\$ 56,222</u>	<u>\$ 45,406</u>	<u>\$ 47,353</u>

State appropriations are a significant source of funding for the University. According to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, appropriations are considered non-operating revenue. As such, the University appears to experience a loss from operations. However, it should be noted that state appropriations are used to fund the operating activities of the University.

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The following schedule (condensed, in thousands) illustrates the University's incurred losses from operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

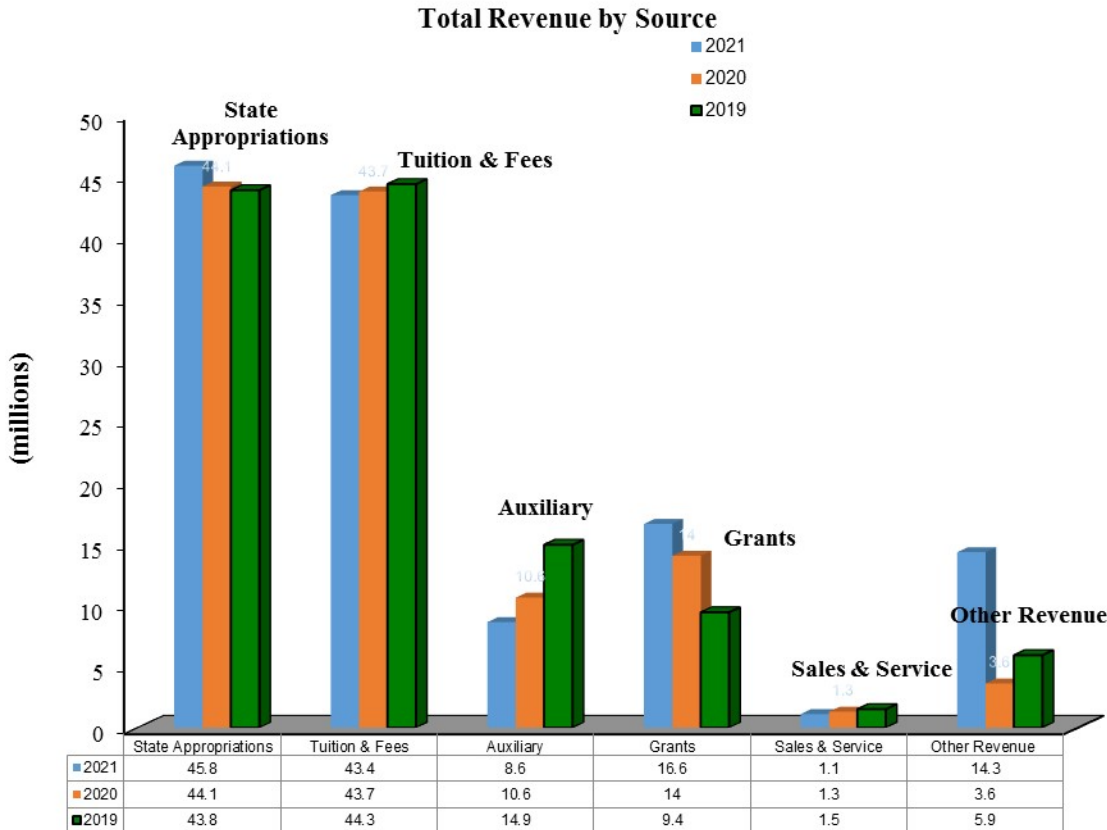
	2021	2020	2019
Tuition and fees revenue, net	\$ 43,352	\$ 43,717	\$ 44,252
Other operating revenue	26,811	27,067	26,573
Total operating revenue	70,163	70,784	70,825
Operating expenses	(115,094)	(118,797)	(115,755)
Operating loss	(44,931)	(48,013)	(44,930)
Total state appropriations	45,830	44,088	43,795
Other revenue (expense), net	12,512	474	3,025
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 13,411	\$ (3,451)	\$ 1,890

**Net Operating Revenues Ratio:** This ratio indicates whether total operating activities resulted in a surplus or deficit. A positive ratio indicates that the institution experienced an operating surplus and is indicative of efficient and effective operations. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019, the University's net operating revenues ratio was 5.6%, -2.8% and .7%, respectively.

The following is a graphic illustration of total revenue (operating, non-operating and capital) by source. Total revenue for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$129.8, \$117.3, and \$119.6 million, respectively.

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State appropriations have increased slightly over the past three fiscal years (2019-2021), and these increases are a result of the state funding of the collective bargaining agreements which were ratified in 2018. Although ratified in 2018, the state did not start paying out the salary increases until fiscal year 2019 and at that time the state supplemented this increase with a one-time payment. In fiscal year 2020, we also had a supplement funding appropriation from the state because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last twenty years, general appropriations (including fringe benefits) that support the operating costs of the University have decreased to 39.4% from 61.5% in fiscal year 2001. In addition to the increasing amount of local payroll, all other operating costs incurred by the University are funded from other non-state revenue sources. Tuition and fees are reported net of tuition waivers, exemptions, and scholarship allowances. The \$485 per credit tuition charged per semester is controlled at the state level and remains unchanged since 2001. The board approved a few minimal fee increases in 2021 and these increases were mainly due to the need for improved and robust internet services and increased data protection. Because of the pandemic and the reduction of in face-to-face student activities on campus, the board waived the student activity fee of \$45 per semester. In fiscal year 2020 the only fee increase approved was the University fee of \$75.00 per semester. Because of the robust online program, overall total tuition and fee revenue had only a moderate decrease of 2.0% in fiscal year 2021 and a 1.5% decrease in fiscal year 2020 but saw an increase of 3% in fiscal year 2019. During fiscal year 2021, 2020 and 2019, in-state tuition, fees and room & board for full time resident students were \$11,571, \$10,578 and \$10,492 per semester, respectively. In-state tuition and fees for commuting students in fiscal years 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$5,291, \$5,261 and \$5,177 per semester, respectively.

Auxiliary revenue represents revenue received from the operations of the University's residence and dining halls. Auxiliary revenue does not include fees charged for the student housing facility owned and operated

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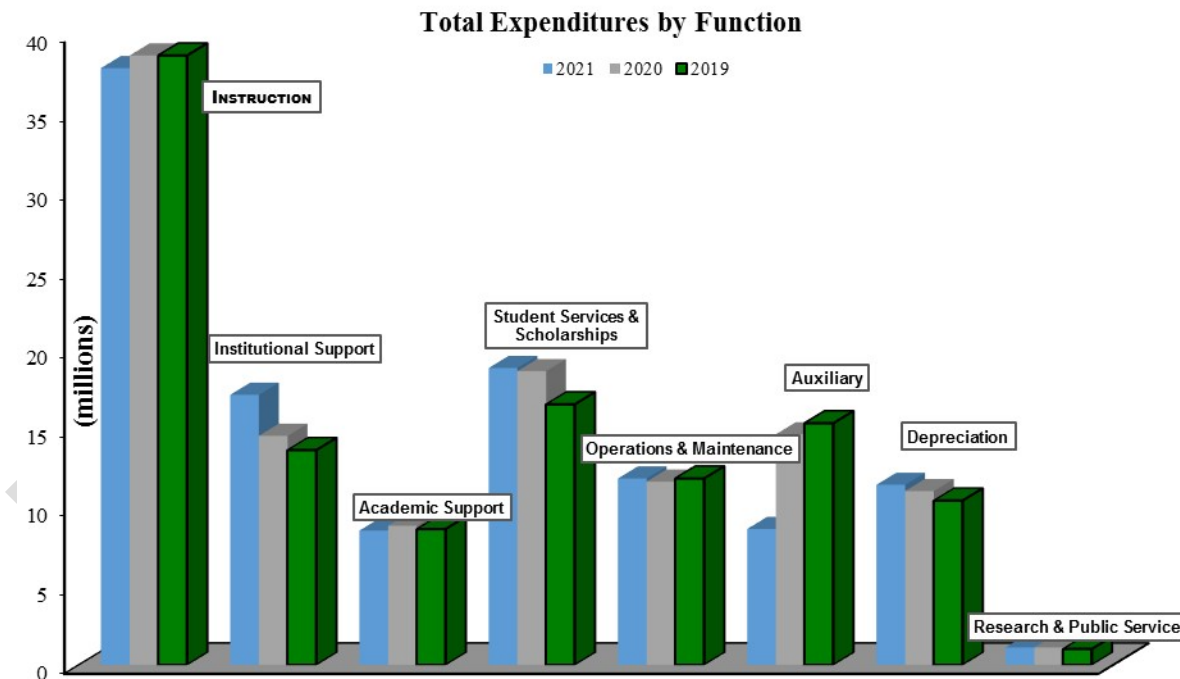
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by the FSU Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Supporting Organization"). The average residence hall occupancy rate for the fiscal year 2021 was 50.3% of capacity versus 76.2% of capacity in fiscal year 2020 and 89.4% capacity in fiscal year 2019.

Grant revenue is made up of federal, state and private grants. Grant revenue includes grants for financial aid programs such as PELL, SEOG and Federal Work Study and a federal pandemic related grant called HEERF – Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - which was approved to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant was appropriated in three phases –the CARES Act in March 2020, the CRRSAA in December 2020 and the ARP grant in March 2021 and was to be expended within one year of performance. HEERF award was authorized and given to be used for student and institutional support respectively. A total of \$2.1 million institutional support was authorized in FY20 and \$11.3 million in FY21. While a total of \$2 million student support was authorized in FY20 and \$7.4 million in FY21.

Other revenue includes investment and miscellaneous revenue.

The following is a graphic illustration of total expenditures (operating) by function. Total expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$115.1, \$118.8 and \$115.8 million, respectively.



Expenditures, exclusive of depreciation, decreased by 3.82% in 2021 and increased by 3.3% in FY2020 versus 9.0% in fiscal year 2019. The fiscal year 2021 decrease was mainly because of two reasons. The first reason was because of a one-time re-funding of the auxiliary debt payment thru MSCBA in July 2020. This refunding resulted in reduced interest expense payments made in fiscal year 2021 and a corresponding reduction of the principal debt liability payment also. Another reason for the reduction in expenditure relates to the reduced number of students living in student housing and those using the dining

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facilities. On the other hand, fiscal year 2020 increase was largely due to COVID-19 related expenses. The fiscal year 2019 increase was primarily due to payment of retroactive salary increases for fiscal years 2018, mandated increase in benefits payments, increases in resident hall debt payments to MSCBA and increase in the commission payment arising from the accelerated online program. The most significant area of expense remains Instruction, which represents 32.8% of total operating expenses in fiscal year 2021, 32.5% of total expenses in fiscal year 2020 and 33.05% of total expenses in fiscal year 2019. In fiscal year 2021 faculty payroll of (\$24.5 million) and related benefits of (\$9 million) represents approximately 86.3% of Instructional expenses while in fiscal year 2020 (\$25.4 million) and related benefits (\$9. million) represent approximately 89.2% of instructional expenditures. But in fiscal year 2019, faculty payroll (\$24.4 million) and related benefits (\$8.5 million) represent 85.2% of instructional expenditures. Institutional Support consists of the day-to-day operational support of the institution, excluding physical plant operations. Scholarships are funded from Title V entitlement programs such as PELL and SEOG, as well as, from institutional operating funds. Operations and Maintenance consists of expenditures related to physical plant. Expenditures in this functional area include general repair costs and deferred maintenance costs that are below the capitalization threshold of \$50,000. The financial statements include \$11.4, \$11.0 and \$10.0 million in depreciation expense for 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**Demand Ratios:** Demand ratios measure the extent to which each type of expense consumes operating and non-operating revenues. The following table displays the amount of operating and non-operating revenue, exclusive of capital grants and appropriations, consumed by the various functional expense categories:

Expense	2021	2020	2019
Instruction	31.80%	33.40%	33.30%
Institutional Support	14.30%	12.50%	11.00%
Academic Support	7.20%	7.60%	7.40%
Student Services & Scholarships	15.70%	16.10%	14.20%
Operations & Maintenance	9.90%	10.00%	10.10%
Auxiliary	7.20%	12.60%	13.20%
Depreciation	9.60%	9.50%	9.00%

Note: The total sum of all Demand Ratios will be greater (less) than 100 percent, with the difference representing the surplus (deficit).

**Statement of Cash Flows**

The statement of cash flows provides pertinent information about the cash receipts and cash payments during a certain period of time. The statement provides an additional tool to assess the financial health of the institution. As required by GASB, the statement is reported using the direct method. The direct method of cash flow reporting portrays net cash flows from operations as major classes of receipts (e.g. tuition and fees) and disbursements (e.g. cash paid to employees for services).



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The following are the University's statements of cash flows (condensed, in thousands) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019:

	2021	2020	2019
Cash received from operations	\$ 65,565	\$ 70,669	\$ 71,023
Cash expended for operations	(87,499)	(93,843)	(89,436)
Net cash used in operations	(21,934)	(23,174)	(18,413)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	33,385	32,451	32,198
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(8,622)	(13,085)	(10,525)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	598	(376)	273
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	3,427	(4,184)	3,533
Cash and equivalents, beginning of the year	35,461	39,645	36,112
Cash and equivalents, end of the year	\$ 38,888	\$ 35,461	\$ 39,645

In fiscal year 2021, the University's cash and cash equivalent increased by \$3.4 million to \$38.8 million. This increase in cash and cash equivalent stemmed from reduced payments of \$3.3 million to suppliers, \$2.6 million reduction in payroll expenses, an increase of \$0.9 million in state appropriations and reduction of \$1.8 million in auxiliary expenses and \$2 million in grant revenue. The University's cash and cash equivalents decreased by approximately \$4.2 million during fiscal 2020, resulting in the cash and cash equivalents balance of \$35.5 million at the fiscal year-end. The decrease in fiscal year 2020 is primarily due to an increase in coronavirus expenditure, increase in payroll expenses of \$3.6 million, reduction in auxiliary income of \$4.4 million and an increase in grant income of \$4 million. Fiscal year 2019 had an increase which was primarily due to the increase in tuition and fees with negligible corresponding increase in accounts receivable and state and general capital appropriations and a decrease in capital expenditures.

Non-capital financing activities, as defined by GASB, include state appropriations. These appropriations fund the operating activities of the University. Investing activities include interest and dividends received from portfolio investments, as well as interest earned on university funds held in various short-term money management vehicles.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets consist of land, land improvements, buildings and building improvements, equipment, library materials, and construction in progress. As of June 30, 2021, net capital assets increased by \$4.1 million to \$185.5 million net of current depreciation of \$11.4 million. At fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, net capital assets decreased to \$181.5 million net of current depreciation expense of \$11.0 million. At June 30, 2019 net capital assets increased to \$182.8 million net of depreciation expense of \$10.4 million. During fiscal year 2021 there were \$15.5 million additions to capital assets, \$9.7 million in 2020 and \$11.8 million in 2019. Major capital initiatives either continuing or undertaken during 2021 include:

- McKay projects, \$7.4 million (to date)
- Electricity infrastructure upgrade, \$8.5 million (to date)
- Percival projects, \$2.6 million (to date)

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- Theater Renovation, \$1.9 million (to date)
- Recreation Center Roof, \$1.6 million (to date)

Additional information on Fitchburg State University's capital assets can be found in footnote 5 to the accompanying financial statements.

**Physical Asset Renewal Ratio:** The extent to which capital renewal is occurring as compared to physical usage (depreciation) can be measured by the physical asset renewal ratio. A ratio above 1:1 indicates increasing investment in plant facilities. The University's physical asset renewal ratio for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 was 0.8, 1.2 and 1.1, respectively.

Long-term Debt

The University has long term debt obligations issued for various capital projects. The debt was issued through several financing agreements with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MDFA) (formerly the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MHEFA)), the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA) and a capital lease through J P Morgan. The interest rate on the majority of MSCBA debt is based on a fixed coupon rates ranging from 2.00% to 6% over the term of the debt as set by MSCBA. The interest rate on the capital lease is fixed at 1.81%.

On July 1, 2020, the MSCBA closed on \$395,735,000 of Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2020A (Federally Taxable) for the purpose of providing budgetary relief to the nine State Universities in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022. These bonds were issued to refund/ restructure approximately \$338 million of debt outstanding from multiple series of bonds. Through this restricting the university refunded approximately \$47.64 million of its debt. 2020A term bonds maturing in 5/1/2040 AND 5/1/2049 are subject to optional redemption on 5/1/2030 @ 100, while sinking Fund payments begin on 5/1/22. In this restricting, the first principal payment was delayed until fiscal 2022; and in fiscal 2021, approximately \$0.7 million of debt service retirement funds (DSRF) was released to assist in defraying some of fall 2020 interest expense. Payments on these bonds are due 2 times a year, on November 1st – a half year's interest only payment is due and on May 1st both principal and interest payments are due. Currently the amount of the deferred gain or loss on acquisition, which is a net of \$2.125 million is included as a deferred outflow or inflow of resources in the financial statements and will be amortized and added to interest income or expense over the life of the new debt.

The current MSCBA debt is being repaid by the University primarily through dedicated student fees (DSF). The following table summarizes the various debt vehicles, interest rates, debt service and debt outstanding at June 30, 2021 and is inclusive of any bond premiums or discounts.

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Issuing Agency	Construction Project	Fiscal Year Originally Issued	Re-financed Amount	Funding Source	Effective Interest Rate	Debt Service Payments	Debt Outstanding	Maturity
MDFA	Recreation Center	1997	\$ 6,000,000	DSF	0.26%	\$ 349,378	\$ 1,301,094	2023
MSCBA	Holmes Dining Hall Renovations	2005	\$ 1,090,000	DSF	2.54%	\$ 38,797	\$ 422,521	2034
MSCBA	Elliot Athletic Field Improvements	2005	\$ 4,020,000	DSF	2.66%	\$ 138,782	\$ 1,495,105	2034
MSCBA	Holmes Dining Hall Renovations	2006	\$ 2,060,000	DSF	2.57%	\$ 70,776	\$ 880,645	2031
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2011	\$ 15,935,656	DSF	5.54%	\$ 414,074	\$ 9,639,944	2030
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2012	\$ 7,043,416	DSF	2.50%	\$ 193,991	\$ 4,560,366	2035
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2013	\$ 11,300,906	DSF	3.22%	\$ 300,283	\$ 7,365,801	2034
MSCBA	Parking Expansion	2013	\$ 2,563,127	DSF	3.03%	\$ 69,360	\$ 1,873,473	2034
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2014	\$ 12,235,614	DSF	3.29%	\$ 296,977	\$ 8,792,549	2038
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2015	\$ 10,669,503	DSF & Operating Funds	4.67%	\$ 286,906	\$ 6,739,850	2035
MSCBA	Landry Area Refurbishment	2017	\$ 4,166,418	DSF & Operating Funds	4.01%	\$ 95,610	\$ 3,945,185	2037
DCAMM	CEIP Funds	2017	\$ 5,420,360	DCAMM	3.00%	\$ 214,007	\$ 5,010,863	2039
JP Morgan	Campus Wireless Project	2017	\$ 1,261,206	JP Morgan	1.81%	\$ 131,295	\$ 131,295	2021
MSCBA	Holmes Dining Hall Renovations	2019	\$ 1,516,022	DSF	2.00%	\$ 31,066	\$ 1,689,389	2039
MSCBA	Recreation Center	2019	\$ 1,107,123	DSF & Operating Funds	3.84%	\$ 23,764	\$ 1,305,672	2039
Total			\$ 86,389,351			\$ 2,655,066	\$ 55,153,752	

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019, the total debt (current and long term) attributable to interagency payments, bond premiums and capital lease payments amounted to \$55.2, \$58.3 and \$62.6 million, respectively.

Additional information on Fitchburg State University's long term debt activity can be found in footnotes 12 and 13 to the accompanying financial statements.

**Viability Ratio:** The availability of expendable net assets to cover debt (the viability ratio) is a basic determinant of financial health. Expendable net assets are those assets not required to be retained in perpetuity, i.e., those assets available for use for operations. A ratio of 1:1 or greater would indicate, as of the balance sheet date, an institution has sufficient expandable net assets to satisfy debt obligations. However public institutions can operate effectively on a reduced ratio because of the benefit of state support which is not captured in the institution's expendable net assets. The University's viability ratio, which has remained relatively consistent over time, is 0.85 for June 30, 2021, 0.58 for 2020 and 0.61 for 2019.

**Debt Burden:** The debt burden ratio measures an institution's dependence on borrowed funds by comparing the level of debt service to total expenditures. In order to effectively manage resources, including debt, industry standards sets the upper threshold for institutional debt burden at 7%. As of June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019, the University's debt burden was 2.0%, 5.5% and 5.2%, respectively.

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Looking Forward

Fitchburg State University is on a mission. A mission not only to change lives one student at a time but to change generations to come. Fitchburg State University's vision as noted on the Strategic Plan page of the Fitchburg State University website is to create "an inclusive, integrated, and equitable university" which is believed is to be "the clearest path to social and economic prosperity for all."

There are six strategic goals to get to the desired outcome. I will paraphrase a few:

- Forge innovative paths
- Be an engine of change where you are
- Establish excellence as a strength
- Steward physical and financial resources responsibly

Most, if not all, departments on campus have taken up this mantle.

The University police department is forging new paths. "They did this recently when they added this new member to their department. It is said that this latest member was "recruited" by a fellow officer and the officers ensured that this new member would easily fit in the department, which means he had to be friendly, hard-working, and approachable and is able to quickly follow orders. What is also interesting is that this new member will not be trained to check for bombs, or contraband or to pursue suspects but his role is instead one of needed during stressful times. His role is to provide comfort to all, both students and non-students."

Not sure if you are able to put all the clues together, but just in case it is missed, the newest member of the police department is a dog. We would like to welcome Odin and thank the police department for forging new paths.

Fitchburg State University has accepted the challenge once again to be an engine for change. President Lapidus recently signed a memorandum of understanding with leaders from Mount Wachusett Community College, LUK Inc., and the Fitchburg Public Schools to support students with housing insecurity. The program called "Moving to College" was launched by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education. The program is looking at the best way to end homelessness among college students. Way to go FSU.

Fitchburg State University's Engineering Technology is an example of a department forging new paths for their students and establishing excellence as a part of the course they travel. Professor Chenot's students are getting real world experience while in the classroom. . They students from the architecture, energy management, electronics and construction management concentration in the Engineering Technology program recently competed in the U. S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon Design Challenge and they had the valuable assistance of the Senior Energy Efficiency Program Coordinator from Unital. The challenge they accepted was to reimagine a vacant parcel as a hub of renewable energy. According to one of the students, "this was a real world project that emphasized team work and we were assigned roles based on our interest and strengths". What a way to learn!

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U. S. News & World Report has once again recognized and ranked Fitchburg State University among colleges and universities that contributes to upward social mobility of its students. It has been noted, not only inside FSU but externally, that FSU is making a difference and graduating large numbers of economically disadvantaged students. The university's success in creating upward social mobility is one of the goals of Fitchburg State University latest strategic plan. According to President R. S. Lapidus "the pillars of this strategic plan are educational justice, being a student-ready campus, and inclusive excellence."

The University is on a mission to be a beacon of light in the Fitchburg community and beyond. And one way it does this is to ensure that the campus not only looks pristine but is pristine. Over the years, the University has continually invested in its infrastructure as that is one of the best ways of improving the well-being of its students and show that it is fiscally responsibility by being good stewards of the property it has been entrusted with. A number of these projects undertaken in FY21 and FY22 are being done in collaboration with funding from DCAMM

Renovations have been completed in the following areas:

- Percival Hall – the renovation of classrooms, offices, conference room, and small-group space.
- McKay Addition – new entrance, café, new faculty offices, etc.

Underway:

- McKay - Final phase – the remainder of the classrooms, computer lab, etc.
- Anthony Admissions Suite – to be updated to offer an expanded seating and welcoming area for new students and their families.
- Thompson Hall – to make it wheelchair accessible.
- Electric Infrastructure project – fully funded by DCAMM. Replaces an obsolete electrical distribution system.

Fitchburg State University is still committed to the upgrading of the Theater facility which will not only aid the community of Fitchburg, but as President Lapidus says is a way "to create a different front door for ourselves and a way to plant a flag downtown". The board of Fidelity bank have bought in our dream and have donated their building in downtown Fitchburg to the college. This property is adjacent to the Theater building and will be a good investment once the renovation to the Theater is complete. As a community resource, the institution continues to provide leadership and support for the economic, environmental, social, and cultural needs of Fitchburg, north central Massachusetts, and the Commonwealth.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of Fitchburg State University for anyone interested in this information. Questions concerning any of the data provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Dr. Richard S. Lapidus, President, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 01420.

Complete financial statements for Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. the University's Component Unit, can be obtained from the office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 01420.

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**Statements of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>Assets</u>			
	2021	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2021	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 21,401,963	\$ 2,499,955	\$ 20,103,032	\$ 1,866,947
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	6,997,652	-	6,863,394	-
Investments	-	14,595,376	-	9,033,514
Accounts receivable, net	12,664,639	37,849	2,963,457	32,495
Contributions receivable, net	-	311,428	-	403,375
Loans receivable - current portion	-	-	1,055	-
Other current assets	216,532	69,247	209,713	121,355
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>41,280,786</b>	<b>17,513,855</b>	<b>30,140,651</b>	<b>11,457,686</b>
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>				
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	10,489,013	-	8,494,542	-
Investments	20,429,198	-	17,161,427	-
Endowment investments	1,109,576	12,564,448	892,728	12,220,628
Accounts receivable, net of current portion	4,155	-	47,032	-
Contributions receivable, net	-	61,346	-	348,529
Loans receivable, net of current portion	1,041,035	-	1,273,489	-
Capital assets, net	185,530,026	7,218,761	181,470,066	6,737,875
Other noncurrent assets	61,942	140,920	8,895	146,788
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>218,664,945</b>	<b>19,985,475</b>	<b>209,348,179</b>	<b>19,453,820</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>259,945,731</b>	<b>37,499,330</b>	<b>239,488,830</b>	<b>30,911,506</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>				
Deferred outflow-OPEB	5,802,040	-	5,014,453	-
Deferred outflow for pensions	7,386,093	-	3,262,016	-
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>13,188,133</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,276,469</b>	<b>-</b>

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	<u>Liabilities and Net Position</u>			
	2021	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2021	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Interagency payables - current portion	2,523,772	-	4,038,987	-
Long-term debt - current portion	-	225,884	-	254,180
Bank lines of credit	-	-	-	250,000
Capital lease obligations - current portion	131,295	-	259,038	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,624,741	85,085	4,213,648	102,705
Accounts payable - construction	1,396,551	536,901	1,369,689	100,000
Accrued workers' compensation - current portion	131,181	-	104,231	-
Compensated absences - current portion	3,243,931	-	3,584,425	-
Faculty payroll accrual	3,876,328	-	4,231,311	-
Revenue received in advance	8,891,959	30,000	4,534,790	32,500
Deposits	396,500	-	371,150	-
Other current liabilities	73,453	31,080	71,254	31,080
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>25,289,711</b>	<b>908,950</b>	<b>22,778,523</b>	<b>770,465</b>
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>				
Interagency payables, net of current portion	52,498,686	-	53,901,118	-
Accrued workers' compensation, net of current portion	957,244	-	373,893	-
Compensated absences, net of current portion	2,117,468	-	2,157,318	-
Long-term debt, net of current portion	-	4,147,702	-	3,544,808
Capital lease obligations, net of current portion	-	-	131,325	-
Loan payable - federal financial assistance program	1,154,792	-	1,354,371	-
Net OPEB liability	25,852,605	-	24,061,207	-
Net pension liability	20,091,153	-	12,763,415	-
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b>102,671,948</b>	<b>4,147,702</b>	<b>94,742,647</b>	<b>3,544,808</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>127,961,659</b>	<b>5,056,652</b>	<b>117,521,170</b>	<b>4,315,273</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>				
Deferred inflow - debt refunding	2,125,859	-	-	-
Service concession arrangement	758,754	-	1,011,672	-
Deferred inflow - OPEB	6,269,569	-	6,233,735	-
Deferred inflow for pensions	779,813	-	1,171,344	-
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>9,933,995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,416,751</b>	<b>-</b>

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	2021	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2021	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020
Net investment in capital assets	129,112,613	3,239,383	125,001,606	2,983,093
Restricted for:				
Nonexpendable				
Scholarships and fellowships	567,112	6,453,507	504,243	6,194,533
Cultural programs	-	4,251,160	-	4,230,397
Centennial endowments	-	1,592,974	-	1,592,974
Other	-	266,808	-	202,725
Expendable				
Scholarships and fellowships	474,923	7,608,222	412,403	4,587,274
Cultural programs	-	5,047,976	-	3,498,687
Loans	168,109	-	197,348	-
Capital projects	86,750	-	50,000	-
Debt service	11,182,545	-	6,905,505	-
Other	(4,932,606)	685,962	214,661	665,653
Unrestricted (deficit)	(1,421,236)	3,296,686	(11,458,388)	2,640,897
Total net position	<u>\$ 135,238,210</u>	<u>\$ 32,442,678</u>	<u>\$ 121,827,378</u>	<u>\$ 26,596,233</u>

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	2021	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2021	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020
Operating revenues				
Student tuition and fees	\$ 44,257,345	\$ -	\$ 44,917,493	\$ -
Student fees restricted for repayment of Interagency payables	5,276,977	-	5,591,162	-
Less: Scholarship allowances	(6,182,413)	-	(6,792,063)	-
Net student tuition and fees	43,351,909	-	43,716,592	-
Federal grants and contracts	14,698,939	-	11,982,884	-
State and local grants and contracts	987,641	-	962,732	45,000
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	907,446	-	1,040,326	-
Sales and services of educational departments	1,082,948	600,556	1,299,234	814,328
Gifts and contributions	-	1,432,611	-	903,788
Auxiliary enterprises:				
Residential life	6,470,991	95,326	7,450,821	263,623
Dining hall	2,094,729	-	3,157,802	-
Alcohol awareness and other programs	17,150	-	19,698	-
Other operating revenues	550,859	-	1,154,130	-
Total operating revenues	70,162,612	2,128,493	70,784,219	2,026,739
Operating expenses				
Educational and general				
Instruction	37,848,073	-	38,622,968	2,442
Research	118,083	-	76,841	14,008
Public service	994,361	19,198	998,932	70,509
Academic support	8,537,515	17,300	8,830,350	14,269
Student services	14,436,572	53,283	13,419,253	117,550
Institutional support	17,041,392	625,848	14,498,712	715,303
Operations and maintenance of plant	11,791,303	645,509	11,552,991	95,566
Depreciation and amortization	11,447,580	176,705	11,032,465	166,693
Scholarships and awards	4,326,742	535,218	5,201,434	446,743
Auxiliary enterprises				
Residential life	6,330,598	39,091	11,319,050	58,487
Dining hall	2,219,352	-	3,237,249	-
Alcohol awareness and other programs	1,961	-	7,052	-
Total operating expenses	115,093,532	2,112,152	118,797,297	1,701,570
Operating income (loss)	(44,930,920)	16,341	(48,013,078)	325,169

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**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	2021	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2021	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
State appropriations	45,829,701	-	44,088,228	-
Investment income (loss), net of investment expense	3,126,637	1,610,654	717,555	383,194
Investment income (loss) on restricted assets, net of investment expense	45,573	4,665,478	149,260	1,037,071
Interest expense on Interagency payables and capital asset related debt	(1,307,130)	(192,661)	(1,966,664)	(171,277)
Loss on sale of capital assets	-	(587,581)	-	-
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>47,694,781</u>	<u>5,495,890</u>	<u>42,988,379</u>	<u>1,248,988</u>
Income (loss) before capital and endowment additions	<u>2,763,861</u>	<u>5,512,231</u>	<u>(5,024,699)</u>	<u>1,574,157</u>
State capital appropriations	10,391,679	-	1,318,286	-
Capital grants	255,292	-	255,776	-
Private gifts for endowment purposes	-	334,214	-	1,449,520
Total capital and endowment additions	<u>10,646,971</u>	<u>334,214</u>	<u>1,574,062</u>	<u>1,449,520</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	13,410,832	5,846,445	(3,450,637)	3,023,677
Net position - beginning of year	<u>121,827,378</u>	<u>26,596,233</u>	<u>125,278,015</u>	<u>23,572,556</u>
Net position - end of the year	<u>\$ 135,238,210</u>	<u>\$ 32,442,678</u>	<u>\$ 121,827,378</u>	<u>\$ 26,596,233</u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities		
Tuition and fees	\$ 43,677,925	\$ 43,389,728
Research grants and contracts	11,902,872	13,936,558
Payments to suppliers	(24,531,396)	(27,883,481)
Payments to utilities	(4,445,721)	(4,514,308)
Payments to employees	(49,402,176)	(51,484,225)
Payments for benefits	(3,849,370)	(4,340,208)
Payments for scholarships	(4,683,734)	(5,616,414)
Loans issued to students	(1,540)	(4,189)
Collection of loans to students	235,049	209,373
Auxiliary enterprise receipts		
Residential life	6,469,330	7,322,006
Dining hall	2,094,729	3,157,802
Alcohol awareness program	17,150	19,732
Receipts from sales and services of educational departments	1,167,142	1,388,826
Other receipts	(584,965)	1,244,380
	<u>(21,934,705)</u>	<u>(23,174,420)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
State appropriations	33,771,117	33,326,949
Tuition remitted to State	(468,982)	(875,959)
Gifts from grants for other than capital purposes	83,330	-
	<u>33,385,465</u>	<u>32,450,990</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
State capital appropriations	9,169,661	1,574,062
Loan programs net funds received	40,607	32,808
Capital grants	-	2,224,395
Federal loan funds received	269,425	-
Private gifts for capital purchase	(1,200)	-
Payments for capital assets	(15,480,678)	(10,712,891)
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,050,856)	(3,996,280)
Interest paid on capital debt	(1,568,632)	(2,206,812)
	<u>(8,621,673)</u>	<u>(13,084,718)</u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	(5,263,668)	(6,925,155)
Proceeds from sale of investments	4,819,705	6,816,394
Earnings on investments	625,955	(267,790)
Interest on investments	416,581	-
	<u>598,573</u>	<u>(376,551)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		
	3,427,660	(4,184,699)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of year	<u>35,460,968</u>	<u>39,645,667</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of year	<u>\$ 38,888,628</u>	<u>\$ 35,460,968</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Operating (loss)	\$ (44,930,920)	\$ (48,013,078)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Bad debt expense	103,825	176,593
Depreciation and amortization	11,447,580	11,032,465
Fringe benefits paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	12,527,566	11,637,238
Change in net pension liability	2,812,130	981,639
Change in net OPEB liability	1,039,645	820,088
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(9,778,459)	(991,259)
Other current and noncurrent assets	(38,418)	345,108
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	411,078	(397,503)
Accrued workers' compensation	610,301	(112,682)
Compensated absences	(380,344)	236,393
Accrued faculty payroll	(354,983)	237,511
Revenue received in advance	5,495,857	575,821
Other current liabilities	(1,158,422)	10,062
Deposits	25,350	82,000
Loans to students	233,509	205,184
	<u>(21,934,705)</u>	<u>(23,174,420)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	2021	2020
Schedule of noncash investing and financing activities		
Acquisition of capital assets	\$ 15,507,540	\$ 9,681,801
Accounts payable thereon:		
Beginning of year	1,369,689	2,514,558
End of year	(1,396,551)	(1,369,689)
Net interest earned and incurred, capitalized in construction in progress	-	(113,779)
	\$ 15,480,678	\$ 10,712,891
Payments for capital assets		
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$ 2,381,159	\$ (18,841)
Fringe benefits paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 12,527,566	\$ 11,637,238
Capital grants - amortization of deferred inflows of resources - service concession arrangement	\$ 252,918	\$ 252,918
Capital debt and debt issuance costs		
Proceeds from capital debt	\$ 47,638,203	\$ -
Principal paid on capital debt	(47,180,057)	-
Debt issuance costs	(458,146)	-
Capital debt and debt issuance costs	\$ -	\$ -
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash balances		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,401,963	\$ 20,103,032
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	6,997,652	6,863,394
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	10,489,013	8,494,542
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 38,888,628	\$ 35,460,968

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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**Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Organization**

Fitchburg State University (the "University") is a public, State-supported comprehensive four-year University which offers a quality education leading to baccalaureate and master's degrees in many disciplines. With its campus located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the University provides instruction in a variety of liberal arts, allied health, and business fields of study. The University also offers, through the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, credit and non-credit courses. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education ("NECHE") (formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges ("NEASC")).

The University is a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "State" or the "Commonwealth"). The accompanying financial statements reflect only the transactions of the University and its discretely presented component unit. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements may not necessarily be indicative of the conditions that would have existed if the University had been operated independently of the State.

Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a component unit of Fitchburg State University. The Foundation is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was organized on June 6, 1978, exclusively for the benefit of Fitchburg State University, to establish scholarships and make awards to educationally talented and needy students; to establish a Distinguished Professor award within the faculty of the University; to subsidize inter-collegiate athletic programs; to subsidize budgets of departments of the University as needed for particular purposes; to encourage public use and support of functions and activities which further the mission of the University; and to encourage other activities necessary for, or incidental to, any or all of the foregoing. The following programs are supported under the auspices of the Foundation: Center Stage, Alumni Association, Women in Today's Society, Amelia V. Gallucci - Cirio endowment and the University's Booster Clubs. The Board of the Foundation is self-perpetuating and consists of graduates and friends of the University. Although the University does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or income thereon that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the University by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the University, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the University and is discretely presented in the University's financial statements.

FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Foundation Supporting Organization") was organized on October 29, 1999 for the exclusive benefit of the Foundation and all of its educational and charitable activities. The Foundation Supporting Organization is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation Supporting Organization's sole program activity, as of June 30, 2021, has been to acquire, hold, operate and lease real estate and related improvements for the benefit of the Foundation and the University. The financial information of the Foundation Supporting Organization is consolidated into the financial statements of the Foundation. The Foundation and Foundation Supporting Organization are collectively referred to hereinafter as the FSU Foundation.

During fiscal 2021, FSU Foundation distributed scholarships and awards in the amount of \$535,218 directly to students and faculty of the University, and incurred an additional \$2,357,176 in support of its mission in other ways. Complete financial statements for FSU Foundation can be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

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During fiscal 2020, FSU Foundation distributed scholarships and awards in the amount of \$446,743 directly to students and faculty of the University, and incurred an additional \$1,426,104 in support of its mission in other ways.

**Basis of presentation**

The University's financial statements have been prepared using the "economic resources measurement focus" and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

FSU Foundation, as a nonprofit organization, reports under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") guidance on financial reporting for Not-for-Profit Entities. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. Other than the reclassification of certain items, no modifications have been made to FSU Foundation's consolidated financial information in the University's financial reporting entity for these differences.

The University's policy for defining operating activities in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position are those that generally result from exchange transactions such as the payment received for services and payment made for the purchase of goods and services. Certain other transactions are reported as nonoperating activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 35. These nonoperating activities include the University's operating and capital appropriations from the Commonwealth, net investment income, gifts, and interest expense.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the University's policy to use the restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires that resources be classified for accounting purposes into the following three net position categories:

- **Net investment in capital assets:** Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position.
- **Restricted:**
  - Nonexpendable** - Component of net position whose net assets are subject to externally-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the University. Such assets include the University's permanent endowment funds.
  - Expendable** - Component of net position whose use of net assets by the University is subject to externally-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the University pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time.
- **Unrestricted:** All other categories of net position. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees.

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In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth, the University's operations are accounted for in several trust funds. All of these trust funds have been consolidated and are included in these financial statements.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

**Cash and cash equivalents and investments**

The University's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, cash and cash equivalents held by the Commonwealth's Treasurer and Receiver-General, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") and Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA"), and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments for the University are reported at fair value. Any investments held with the Commonwealth's Treasurer and Receiver-General in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT") are also at fair value. This external investment pool, run by the Treasurer and Receiver-General, operates in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

Investments include marketable debt and equity securities which are carried at their readily determinable fair values. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in nonoperating revenues. Gains and losses on the disposition of investments are determined based on specific identification of securities sold or the average cost method. Investment income is recognized when earned and is generally credited to the trust fund holding the related assets.

Dividends, interest and net gains or losses on investments are reported in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. Any net earnings not expended are included in net position categories as follows:

- i. as increases in restricted - nonexpendable net position if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- ii. as increases in restricted - expendable net position if the terms of the gift or the University's interpretation of relevant state law impose restrictions on the current use of the income or net gains. The University has relied upon the Attorney General's interpretation of state law that unappropriated endowment gains should be classified as restricted - expendable; and
- iii. as increases in unrestricted net position in all other cases.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University had \$474,388 and \$411,868, respectively, in endowment income available for authorization for expenditure, which is included in restricted - expendable net position for scholarships and fellowships.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 15 grants authority to the University Board of Trustees to administer the general business of the University. Inherent in this authority is the authority to invest funds of the University. Chapter 15 further grants the Trustees the authority to delegate, to the



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President, any said powers or responsibilities. The Board of Trustees of Fitchburg State University has delegated the authority to make specific investment decisions to the President of the University and the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. The University's endowment investments consist of debt, marketable equity securities, mutual funds, and other investments which are carried at their fair values. The primary cash equivalent funds are within the MMDT, the external investment pool for political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

The University's authorized spending rule provides that all earnings on endowment investments may be expended pursuant to the stipulations placed on these endowments. If a donor has not provided specific instructions, Massachusetts General Law permits the University's Board of Trustees to authorize for expense the net appreciation (realized and unrealized) of the investments of endowment funds. Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purposes for which the endowment was established.

FSU Foundation's investments consist of debt, marketable equity securities, mutual funds and other investments which are carried at their fair values. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue. Restricted investment income and gains are reported as increases in unrestricted net position, unless a donor or law temporarily (expendable) or permanently (non-expendable) restricts their use. Gains and losses on the disposition of investments are principally determined based on the first-in, first-out method or specific identification of securities sold. Investment income is recognized when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

FSU Foundation maintains cash and equivalents and an investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion is reflected in the financial statements under cash and cash equivalents and investments. Earnings on cash and investments of the unrestricted net position and temporarily restricted (expendable) net position are reflected in the fund in which the assets are recorded.

The FSU Foundation's endowments consist of approximately 121 and 113 individual funds at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, that are restricted by donors to function as endowments primarily for the granting of scholarships and to fund other academic and cultural programs. During fiscal 2018, FSU Foundation's Board of Directors voted to earmark \$25,000 as a board-designated fund entitled The Fund for Fitchburg State to function as an endowment fund. The fund is designated for students with financial needs to be awarded financial aid scholarships. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the endowment is \$25,000 each year.

FSU Foundation's Board of Directors has interpreted the Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") 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, FSU Foundation classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (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 funds will remain in net assets with donor restrictions until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by FSU Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

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In accordance with UPMIFA, FSU Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate restricted endowment funds: (i) the duration and preservation of the fund, (ii) the purposes of FSU Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund, (iii) general economic conditions, (iv) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (v) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (vi) other resources of FSU Foundation, and (vii) the investment policies of FSU Foundation.

FSU Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that FSU Foundation must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by FSU Foundation's Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a variety of investments that aim to preserve principal, generate income and provide the opportunity for conservative growth.

FSU Foundation's performance goals are to provide an average annual total rate of return, net of fees that equals or exceeds its spending rate plus inflation ("CPI") over a rolling five-year period. Additionally, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of appropriate capital market indices weighted by FSU Foundation's asset allocation target percentages over a rolling five-year period. FSU Foundation's performance goals are also intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of a universe of similarly managed funds. FSU Foundation's performance goals are based upon a long-term investment horizon. Accordingly, actual returns in any given year may vary from these amounts.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, FSU Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). FSU Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

FSU Foundation has a spending policy of appropriating for distribution each year a percentage of its endowment fund's average fair value over the preceding three years. The amount to be appropriated for distribution shall not exceed 5%. In establishing this policy, FSU Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment fund assets. Accordingly, over the long-term, FSU Foundation expects the current spending policy to be consistent with the FSU Foundation's objective of seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment fund assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or Massachusetts General Laws requires FSU Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, deficiencies of this nature are reported in net assets with donor restrictions. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no deficiencies of this nature.

The University's and FSU Foundation's investment income are presented net of investment expense in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The University's investment expense amounted to \$111,077 and \$92,556 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. FSU Foundation's investment expense amounted to \$158,354 and \$118,160 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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**Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount the University expects to collect from outstanding balances. The University provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to operations and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after the University has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

Accounts receivable also include a receivable from the operator of the University's food services operation in connection with a service concession arrangement between the University and the operator. The receivable has been recorded at the net present value of the installments to be received from the operator using a discount rate determined by management of the University.

**Loans receivable and payable**

Loans receivable consist, primarily, of the Federal Perkins Loan Program ("Perkins") and the Federal Nursing Student Loan Program ("NSL"). The federal government provides the majority of the funds to support these programs. Loan payments received from students made under the Perkins and NSL programs may be re-loaned after collection. The portion of the Perkins and NSL Loan Programs provided by the federal government is refundable to the federal government upon the ending (liquidation) of the University's participation in the programs. The amount due to the federal government upon liquidation by the University is \$978,870 and \$1,106,069 for Perkins and \$175,922 and \$248,302 for NSL at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. These amounts are included as a noncurrent liability in the accompanying statements of net position.

The prescribed practices for the Perkins and NSL programs do not provide for accrual of interest on student loans receivable or for the provision of an allowance for doubtful loans. Accordingly, interest on loans is recorded as received and loan balances are reduced subsequent to the determination of their uncollectability and have been accepted (assigned) by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and assigns loans to the Department of Education based upon such factors as student payment history, current status of applicable students, and the results of collection efforts.

**Capital assets**

Capital assets are controlled but not owned by the University. The University is not able to sell or otherwise pledge its assets, since the assets are all owned by the Commonwealth. Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, equipment and other assets are reported in the statements of net position at cost or fair market value, if donated. Capital assets are defined by the University as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$50,000 in accordance with the Commonwealth's capitalization policy. The University does not hold collections of historical treasures, works of art, or other items not requiring capitalization or depreciation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, five years for furniture and three to 10 years for equipment.

Library materials acquired for the most recent five-year period are capitalized. The cost of library materials purchased in the current year is added and the cost of purchases made in the earliest year of the five-year period is deducted from the net position balance.

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The land on which the residence halls stand is leased by the MSCBA from the Commonwealth at a yearly cost of one dollar. The leases are long-term leases which can be extended at the end of their terms for additional 10-year periods.

The University, in accordance with a management and services agreement between the MSCBA and Commonwealth, is charged a semi-annual revenue assessment which is based on a certified occupancy report, the current rent schedule, and the design capacity for each of the residence halls. This revenue assessment is used by MSCBA to pay principal and interest due on its long-term debt obligations. These obligations may include the costs of periodic renovations and improvements to the residence halls. The revenue assessment amounts for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$1,049,753 and \$7,747,542, respectively, and are included in the Residential life auxiliary enterprises in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. All facilities and obligations of the MSCBA are included in the financial statements of the MSCBA. It is not practical to determine the specific asset cost or liability attributable to the University. The leases, therefore, are accounted for under the operating method for financial statement purposes.

FSU Foundation's capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased or constructed and, if donated, at fair value at the date of donation. Capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, 7 and 10 years for furniture and fixtures, 5 years for equipment and 3 years for computer software and equipment. FSU Foundation generally capitalizes all additions and improvements with an individual cost or, if donated, fair value in excess of \$5,000.

#### **Contributions and bequests**

FSU Foundation recognizes contributions revenue when the donor makes a promise to give, that is, in substance, unconditional. Unconditional promises to give are reported at net realizable value if at the time the promise is made collection is expected to be received in one year or less. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in more than one year are reported at fair value using present value techniques and a discount rate determined by management of FSU Foundation. Amortization of discounts is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. Conditional promises to give that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and right of return, are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. Contributions in the form of property and equipment and other assets are recorded at the fair value on the date the donation is received. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use by FSU Foundation unless specifically restricted by the donor. FSU Foundation provides for probable uncollectible amounts of unconditional promises to give through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual account balances.

#### **Compensated absences**

Employees earn the right to be compensated during absences for vacation leave and sick leave. Accrued vacation is the amount earned by all eligible employees through June 30 each year. Pursuant to statewide experience on sick pay buy-back agreements applicable to state employees, the University accrues sick leave to a level representing 20% of amounts earned by those University employees with ten or more years of State service at the end of the fiscal year. Upon retirement, these employees are entitled to receive payment for this accrued balance (see also Note 8).

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**Student fees**

Student tuition and fees are presented net of scholarships applied to students' accounts. Certain other scholarship amounts are paid directly to, or refunded to, the student and are generally reflected as expenses.

**Revenue received in advance**

Deposits and advance payments received for tuition and fees related to the University's summer programs and tuition billed for the following fiscal year are recorded as revenues received in advance. Funds received in advance from various grants and contracts are also included in revenues received in advance.

**Agency funds**

Agency funds consist of resources held by the University as custodian or fiscal agent of student organizations, the State Treasurer and others. Transactions are recorded to asset and liability accounts. There were no material balances at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

**Bond premiums**

Bond premiums are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related debt agreements.

**Interest expense and capitalization**

The University follows the policy of capitalizing interest expense as a component of the cost of capital assets constructed for its own use. During 2021 and 2020, total interest costs incurred were accounted for as follows:

	2021	2020
Total interest costs incurred	\$ 1,591,143	\$ 2,365,449
Less: Interest income on unused funds from tax exempt borrowings	-	(11,566)
Bond premium amortization	(220,909)	(273,440)
Gain (loss) on refunding	(63,104)	-
	1,307,130	2,080,443
Less: Capitalized portion of net interest earned and incurred	-	(113,779)
Interest expense	\$ 1,307,130	\$ 1,966,664

**Pension plan**

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 Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System ("MSERS") and additions to/deductions from MSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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**OPEB plan**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to post-employment benefits other than pensions, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB Trust Fund and additions to/deductions from OPEB Trust Fund's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Trust Fund. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Fringe benefits**

The University participates in the Commonwealth's fringe benefit programs, including health insurance, unemployment, pension and workers' compensation benefits. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the Commonwealth on a self-insured basis. Health insurance and pension costs are billed through a fringe benefit rate charged to the University. Workers' compensation and unemployment insurance costs are assessed separately based on the University's actual experience.

**Tax status**

The University is a department of the Commonwealth and is, therefore, exempt from federal and state income taxes.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2020 financial statements to conform to the 2021 presentation.

**Impact of COVID-19 Crisis**

Due to the global viral outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in 2020, there have been lingering effects that currently have had only a marginally impact on the University's financial condition. During 2021, the University incurred approximately \$2,000,000 in COVID-19 related expenses and \$8,600,000 in lost revenue. The University recognized grant revenue of approximately \$5,600,000 under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Act ("HEERF") Act during 2021 to help defray the cost of these expenses and the University had to defer \$5,000,000 of income to be recognized in FY22. Because the university can only recognize in income the same proportion of allotted HEERF student funds disbursed to students, the university had to defer \$5,000,000 even though those expenses were incurred in fiscal 2021. Currently, in fiscal 2022, the University is still battling the effects of COVID and this is reflected in the reduced number of returning and transfer undergraduate day division students, and in those who returned to live and eat in the halls on campus.

Initially in response, the University had reduced its fiscal 2021 operating budget by approximately \$15,000,000 but it restored approximately \$8,000,000 of that budget in fiscal 2022 as it works to fully reopen the university and all its facilities to students and the public at large. Additionally, MSCBA closed on a bond refunding in July 2020 and agreed to distribute debt service reserves as part of a multifaceted plan to reduce expenses in response to the impact of COVID-19 on the nine State Universities, including Fitchburg State University (see Note 12). Management of the University anticipates that additional CARES funding and state assistance may be available in fiscal 2022.

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**Note 2 - Cash and cash equivalents, and investments**

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted and restricted - include the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021		
	Current unrestricted	Current restricted	Noncurrent restricted
Cash and money market accounts	\$ 11,115,787	\$ 4,475,304	\$ 7,841,273
Cash equivalents held by MDFA *	-	349,378	247,548
Cash equivalents held by MSCBA **	-	78,578	2,330,385
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	6,212,969	-	69,807
Massachusetts State Treasurer ***	4,072,522	2,094,392	-
Petty cash	685	-	-
	<u>\$ 21,401,963</u>	<u>\$ 6,997,652</u>	<u>\$ 10,489,013</u>
	2020		
	Current unrestricted	Current restricted	Noncurrent restricted
Cash and money market accounts	\$ 9,401,327	\$ 3,746,140	\$ 4,769,555
Cash equivalents held by MDFA *	-	329,602	216,384
Cash equivalents held by MSCBA **	-	198,574	3,389,012
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	6,201,338	-	119,591
Massachusetts State Treasurer ***	4,499,682	2,589,078	-
Petty cash	685	-	-
	<u>\$ 20,103,032</u>	<u>\$ 6,863,394</u>	<u>\$ 8,494,542</u>

\* This amount consists of cash equivalents which are restricted by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") for the funding of payments to retire the bonds (see Note 12). The University does not have access to these funds except by the authorization of MDFA.

\*\* This amount consists of cash and cash equivalents which are restricted by the Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA") for the funding of certain construction projects at the University and payments to retire bonds (see Note 12). The University does not have access to these funds except by authorization of MSCBA. Interest earned on debt service reserve funds is used on a current basis to offset annual debt service payments.

\*\*\* The University has recorded cash held for the benefit of the University by the State Treasurer in the amount of \$4,072,522 and \$4,499,682 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, for University funds and \$2,094,392 and \$2,589,078 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, to pay year-end liabilities. The latter balance represents amounts paid from State appropriations subsequent to the fiscal year-end.

Money market funds include the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund in the aggregate amount of \$48,451 and \$48,040 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund invests in U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements.

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The fund seeks to maximum current income consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity, and the maintenance of a stable \$1.00 per share net asset value. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 44 and 53 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at both June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Money market funds include the Northern Institutional U.S. Government Portfolio in the aggregate amount of \$136,777 and \$258,355 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The Northern Institutional U.S. Government Portfolio invests primarily in marketable securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements backed by such securities. The fund seeks to maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 43 days and 48 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at both June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Money market funds also include the RWM Cash Management money market account with a balance of \$184,000 and \$222,697 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT") is not subject to FDIC insurance. According to the MMDT, the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust is an investment pool for political subdivisions in the Commonwealth which was designed as a legal means to safely invest temporarily available cash. Its primary purpose is to provide a safe, liquid, high-yield investment vehicle offering participation in a diversified portfolio of high quality debt instruments. The MMDT is not a bank, savings institution, or financial institution. The MMDT is an instrumentality of the State Treasurer.

The University maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all trust funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is reflected in the financial statements under the caption, cash and cash equivalents and investments. The method of allocating interest earned on pooled cash and investments is to record all interest to the appropriate fund based on that fund's average monthly balance. Interest earnings attributable to each trust fund are included under investment income.

**Custodial credit risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the University's deposits may not be returned to it. The University's deposit policy provides for bank balances to be held in interest-bearing checking accounts and, where account activity and balances warrant it, in money market accounts. All bank balances are to be held at financial institutions of high credit quality. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University had uninsured cash balances totaling approximately \$5,059,100 and \$6,020,800, respectively.

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

Certain investments are covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") up to \$500,000, including \$250,000 of cash from sale or for purchase of investments, but not cash held solely for the purpose of earning interest. SIPC protects securities such as notes, stocks, bonds, debentures, certificates of deposit and money funds. Certain cash balances are covered by the National Credit Union Administration's Share Insurance Fund up to \$250,000.



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The following University investments at June 30, 2021 and 2020 are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the University's name and, therefore, are subject to custodial credit risk as follows:

	2021	2020
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,937,473	\$ 1,675,739
Corporate Debt Securities	1,846,884	1,771,136
Equity Securities	10,011,807	6,913,782
Mutual Funds	7,742,610	7,693,498
Total	21,538,774	18,054,155
Less insured amounts	1,500,000	1,500,000
Amount subject to Custodial Credit Risk	\$ 20,038,774	\$ 16,554,155

**Credit risk**

The University is required to comply with the Commonwealth's deposit and investment policies which are principally defined in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 29. State Statutes permit investment in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, authorized bonds of all states, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications established by Standard & Poor's Corporation and Moody's Commercial Paper Record and repurchase agreements secured by any of these obligations. The University has also adopted its own formal investment policy, the objectives of which are: safety of principal; liquidity for operating needs; return on investment; and diversification of risk. The University's investment policy generally limits the maturities of investments to not more than one year. However, the University may invest in securities with maturities in excess of one year if it is determined to be in the best interest of the University as described in the University's investment policy. The University may also appoint a professional fund manager and invest in equity and bond funds. Eligible investments shall be consistent with those permitted by State Statutes.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fair values of the University's deposits held at the MMDT were \$6,282,776 and \$6,320,930, respectively. At June 30, 2021, the approximate percentage of the University's deposits held at the MMDT and the respective investment maturities in days were as follows: 52% at 30 days or less; 32% at 31-90 days; 11% at 91-180 days; and 5% at 181 days or more. At June 30, 2021, approximately 100% of the MMDT's cash portfolio had a First Tier credit quality rating.

The University's funds held at MDFA are invested in the Short-Term Asset Reserve ("STAR") Fund and had a fair value of \$596,926 and \$545,986 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The STAR Fund invests primarily in U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Additionally, the fund invests in repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, notes, and both corporate floating rate and corporate fixed-rate securities. The STAR Fund maintains a net asset value of \$1 per share and had a fund credit quality rating of AAAM as of both June 30, 2021 and 2020. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fund's investment securities maintained a weighted average maturity of 52 and 40 days, respectively.

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At June 30, 2021, certain of the University's funds are held at MSCBA. Of the total, \$878,776 is deposited in various cash accounts which are fully collateralized by securities in accounts in the name of MSCBA, and \$1,530,187 is invested in various funds as listed below:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes	\$ 111,320	\$ 111,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Federal Farm Credit	677,846	677,846	-	-	-	N/A
Massachusetts ST Bonds	741,021	-	-	741,021	-	AAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,530,187</b>	<b>\$ 789,166</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 741,021</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2020, certain of the University's funds are held at MSCBA. Of the total, \$1,516,293 is deposited in various cash accounts which are fully collateralized by securities in accounts in the name of MSCBA, and \$2,071,293 is invested in various funds as listed below:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes	\$ 144,841	\$ 144,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Federal Farm Credit	881,963	881,963	-	-	-	AA+
Massachusetts ST Bonds	1,044,489	80,326	-	964,163	-	AAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,071,293</b>	<b>\$ 1,107,130</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 964,163</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

The University's investments in marketable securities are represented by the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021		2020	
	Cost	Fair value	Cost	Fair value
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,891,624	\$ 1,937,473	\$ 1,577,803	\$ 1,675,739
Corporate Debt Securities	1,783,159	1,846,884	1,658,397	1,771,136
Equity Securities	6,430,105	10,011,807	5,425,597	6,913,782
Mutual Funds	7,243,803	7,742,610	7,451,146	7,693,498
	<b>\$ 17,348,691</b>	<b>\$ 21,538,774</b>	<b>\$ 16,112,943</b>	<b>\$ 18,054,155</b>

The University's investments at fair value are presented in the accompanying statements of net position as follows:

	2021	2020
Investments	\$ 20,429,198	\$ 17,161,427
Endowment investments	1,109,576	892,728
	<b>\$ 21,538,774</b>	<b>\$ 18,054,155</b>

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At June 30, 2021, the University's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 1.125% to 2.875%	\$ 1,937,473	\$ 100,703	\$ 1,290,426	\$ 546,344	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 2.950%	205,175	60,858	62,458	81,859	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 1.730% to 4.130%	335,304	-	192,143	143,161	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.000% to 3.750%	388,560	60,448	328,112	-	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.400%	124,939	61,119	63,820	-	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 3.000% to 3.630%	313,466	-	313,466	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.200%	54,533	-	54,533	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.130%	54,508	-	54,508	-	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 3.000% to 3.880%	370,399	-	289,627	80,772	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,784,357</b>	<b>\$ 283,128</b>	<b>\$ 2,649,093</b>	<b>\$ 852,136</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2020, the University's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 2.000% to 3.125%	\$ 1,675,739	\$ 253,266	\$ 888,395	\$ 534,078	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.625%	275,431	-	191,260	84,171	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 2.950% to 4.125%	340,505	-	193,156	147,349	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.875% to 3.300%	387,798	-	192,370	195,428	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.043% to 3.625%	188,626	60,033	128,593	-	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.625%	187,473	-	187,473	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.200%	55,839	-	55,839	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.125%	55,887	-	55,887	-	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 3.750% to 4.650%	279,577	-	279,577	-	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,446,875</b>	<b>\$ 313,299</b>	<b>\$ 2,172,550</b>	<b>\$ 961,026</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

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FSU Foundation's cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Cash and other demand deposits	\$ 1,452,405	\$ 1,188,810
Money Market Funds	1,047,550	678,137
	\$ 2,499,955	\$ 1,866,947

Money market funds include the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts in the amounts of \$288,117, \$53,742, \$233,743 and \$471,948 at June 30, 2021.

Money market funds include the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts in the amounts of \$26,532, \$52,419, \$127,633 and \$471,553 at June 30, 2020.

The cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, FSU Foundation's uninsured cash and cash equivalent balances, including the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts, amounted to approximately \$1,485,775 and \$726,000, respectively.

FSU Foundation's investment policy consists of an asset allocation range of 50% to 70% equity securities, 30% to 50% fixed income securities and up to 10% in cash and cash equivalents.

FSU Foundation's investments are represented by the following at June 30:

	2021		2020	
	Cost	Fair value	Cost	Fair value
Equities	\$ 7,887,838	\$ 14,066,746	\$ 5,965,766	\$ 11,071,121
Preferred Stocks	25,220	26,665	50,683	49,820
Mutual Funds	3,452,953	6,907,972	4,496,953	5,063,054
Corporate Bonds	3,317,945	3,367,705	2,209,464	2,327,811
U.S. Government Securities	2,754,977	2,790,736	2,638,105	2,742,336
	\$ 17,438,933	\$ 27,159,824	\$ 15,360,971	\$ 21,254,142

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FSU Foundation's investments at fair value are presented in the accompanying statements of net position as follows:

	2021	2020
Current assets		
Investments	\$ 14,595,376	\$ 9,033,514
Noncurrent assets		
Endowment investments	12,564,448	12,220,628
	\$ 27,159,824	\$ 21,254,142

At June 30, 2021, net unrealized gains in FSU Foundation's investment portfolio amounted to \$9,720,891. At June 30, 2020, net unrealized gains in FSU Foundation's investment portfolio amounted to \$5,893,171.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, equities include securities in the consumer goods sector which represent 16% and 12%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, equities include securities in the technology sector which represent 10% and 10%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, 6% and 4%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio represents foreign investments.

Investments held by FSU Foundation with an equivalent fair value of \$15,398,676 at June 30, 2021 collateralize certain debt agreements (see Notes 14 and 15).

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At June 30, 2021, FSU Foundation's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 0.125% to 2.875%	\$ 2,790,736	\$ 752,193	\$ 1,746,723	\$ 291,820	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 0.450% to 3.750%	509,168	126,267	241,985	55,187	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 0.810% to 3.650%	566,737	20,208	366,393	111,126	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 1.350% to 3.450%	681,437	50,373	519,731	84,347	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.400% to 3.700%	163,730	-	32,841	56,865	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 0.430% to 3.000%	347,145	-	277,004	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.450%	54,080	-	54,080	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.130%	27,254	-	27,254	-	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.750% to 5.500%	240,853	-	240,853	-	-	BBB
Corporate Debt Securities 1.450% to 4.460%	70,741	-	70,741	-	-	BBB-
Corporate Debt Securities 1.650% to 4.750%	706,560	-	540,617	165,943	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,158,441</b>	<b>\$ 949,041</b>	<b>\$ 4,118,222</b>	<b>\$ 765,288</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2020, FSU Foundation's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 1.375% to 3.625%	\$ 2,742,336	\$ 1,309,926	\$ 1,006,558	\$ 425,852	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.250% to 4.400%	867,953	51,018	451,189	365,746	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 1.700% to 4.750%	298,860	-	183,075	115,785	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.450% to 3.450%	308,843	50,349	229,357	29,137	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.895% to 4.250%	293,723	51,050	183,608	59,065	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.200% to 3.300%	261,003	-	261,003	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.000% to 3.450%	130,724	75,477	55,247	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.125%	27,943	-	-	27,943	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 4.000%	11,358	-	-	11,358	-	BBB
Corporate Debt Securities 2.200% to 3.050%	127,404	75,344	52,060	-	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,070,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,164</b>	<b>\$ 2,422,097</b>	<b>\$ 1,034,886</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

The University's investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and have been categorized based upon the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GASB 72 below. Similarly, the FSU Foundation follows similar guidance in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting

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Standards Codification ASC 820-10, which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value of investment assets into three levels also.

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the University can access at measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The University's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2021:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,937,473	\$ -	\$ 1,937,473	\$ -
Corporate Debt Securities	1,846,884	-	1,846,884	-
Equity Securities	10,011,807	10,011,807	-	-
Mutual Funds	7,742,610	7,742,610	-	-
	<u>\$ 21,538,774</u>	<u>\$ 17,754,417</u>	<u>\$ 3,784,357</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The University's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2020:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,675,739	\$ -	\$ 1,675,739	\$ -
Corporate Debt Securities	1,771,136	-	1,771,136	-
Equity Securities	6,913,782	6,913,782	-	-
Mutual Funds	7,693,498	7,693,498	-	-
	<u>\$ 18,054,155</u>	<u>\$ 14,607,280</u>	<u>\$ 3,446,875</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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FSU Foundation's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2021:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 2,790,736	\$ -	\$ 2,790,736	\$ -
Preferred Stocks	26,665	-	26,665	-
Corporate Bonds	3,367,705	-	3,367,705	-
Equity Securities	14,066,746	14,066,746	-	-
Mutual Funds	6,907,972	6,907,972	-	-
	<u>\$ 27,159,824</u>	<u>\$ 20,974,718</u>	<u>\$ 6,185,106</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

FSU Foundation's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2020:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 2,742,336	\$ -	\$ 2,742,336	\$ -
Preferred Stocks	49,820	-	49,820	-
Corporate Bonds	2,327,811	-	2,327,811	-
Equity Securities	11,071,121	11,071,121	-	-
Mutual Funds	5,063,054	5,063,054	-	-
	<u>\$ 21,254,142</u>	<u>\$ 16,134,175</u>	<u>\$ 5,119,967</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Mutual funds and equity securities categorized as Level 1 are valued based on prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities categorized as Level 2 are valued using a matrix pricing technique that values securities based on their relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

The FSU Foundation's endowment net asset composition by type of fund at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 12,054,659	\$ 12,054,659
Donor-restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity	-	12,564,449	12,564,449
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
Total funds	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,619,108</u>	<u>\$ 24,644,108</u>



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Changes in FSU Foundation's board-designated and donor-restricted endowment net position by type of fund for the year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net position, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,886,466	\$ 19,911,466
Investment return			
Investment income	-	263,390	263,390
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	4,517,470	4,517,470
Total investment return	-	4,780,860	4,780,860
Contributions	-	339,104	339,104
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(256,853)	(256,853)
Investment management fees	-	(117,583)	(117,583)
Reclassification of net position	-	(12,886)	(12,886)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-	-	-
Endowment net position, end of year	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,619,108</u>	<u>\$ 24,644,108</u>

The FSU Foundation's endowment net asset composition by type of fund at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 7,665,838	\$ 7,665,838
Donor-restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity	-	12,220,628	12,220,628
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
Total funds	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,886,466</u>	<u>\$ 19,911,466</u>

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Changes in FSU Foundation's board-designated and donor-restricted endowment net position by type of fund for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net position, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,499,346	\$ 17,524,346
Investment return			
Investment income	-	259,267	259,267
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	862,344	862,344
Total investment return	-	1,121,611	1,121,611
Contributions	-	1,731,167	1,731,167
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(368,354)	(368,354)
Investment management fees	-	(84,994)	(84,994)
Reclassification of net position	-	(11,222)	(11,222)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-	(1,088)	(1,088)
Endowment net position, end of year	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,886,466</u>	<u>\$ 19,911,466</u>

**Note 3 - Accounts and contributions receivable**

The University's accounts receivable include the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Student accounts receivable	\$ 2,947,044	\$ 2,897,193
Parking and other fines receivable	52,598	134,235
Commissions receivable	11,629	35,849
Grants receivable	191,449	471,817
Federal grants receivable	9,991,935	-
interest of \$4,155 and \$1,781 (see Note 11)	4,155	47,032
FSU Foundation receivable	45,715	66,807
	<u>13,244,525</u>	<u>3,652,933</u>
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(575,731)</u>	<u>(642,444)</u>
	<u>\$ 12,668,794</u>	<u>\$ 3,010,489</u>

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FSU Foundation's contributions receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 301,428	\$ 403,375
Receivable in one to five years	80,000	370,000
	381,428	773,375
Discount on pledges	(8,654)	(21,471)
	\$ 372,774	\$ 751,904

Contributions which are to be received in more than one year are reflected net of a discount determined at the time of contribution ranging from 1% to 2%.

**Note 4 - Loans receivable**

Loans receivable include the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Perkins loans receivable	\$ 877,365	\$ 1,059,477
Nursing loans receivable	163,340	214,012
Emergency student loans receivable	330	4,073
	1,041,035	1,277,562
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(3,018)
	\$ 1,041,035	\$ 1,274,544

The federal law authorizing the disbursing of Perkins loans expired on September 30, 2017. As of October 1, 2017, the University is prohibited from issuing new Perkins loans to undergraduate students. As of October 1, 2016, the University is prohibited from issuing new Perkins loans to graduate students who received them prior to October 1, 2015. The Perkins loan program ended any further new loans being issued after September 30, 2017. The University may remit all federal proceeds and loans at any time thereafter to the Department of Education or continue to maintain them for five additional years.

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**Note 5 - Capital assets**

Capital assets activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2020	Additions	Reclassifications* and reductions	Totals June 30, 2021
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land	\$ 5,478,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,478,125
Construction in progress	9,913,164	9,356,575	(6,648,714)	12,621,025
Total non-depreciable assets	<u>15,391,289</u>	<u>9,356,575</u>	<u>(6,648,714)</u>	<u>18,099,150</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land improvements	17,935,801	516,572	-	18,452,373
Buildings	80,591,909	-	-	80,591,909
Building improvements	169,413,974	5,221,176	4,714,076	179,349,226
Equipment	28,763,642	388,095	1,934,638	31,086,375
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	455,133	25,122	(116,604)	363,651
Total depreciable assets	<u>297,758,135</u>	<u>6,150,965</u>	<u>6,532,110</u>	<u>310,441,210</u>
Total capital assets	<u>313,149,424</u>	<u>15,507,540</u>	<u>(116,604)</u>	<u>328,540,360</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	8,739,033	893,225	-	9,632,258
Buildings	45,727,848	1,153,759	-	46,881,607
Building improvements	59,453,516	8,212,829	-	67,666,345
Equipment	17,161,285	1,071,163	-	18,232,448
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	-	116,604	(116,604)	-
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>131,679,358</u>	<u>11,447,580</u>	<u>(116,604)</u>	<u>143,010,334</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 181,470,066</u>	<u>\$ 4,059,960</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 185,530,026</u>

As of June 30, 2021, capital assets of the University with a cost of approximately \$55,623,233 were fully depreciated and still in service.

- \* Construction costs incurred for various capital projects were included in construction in progress and subsequently transferred to capital asset additions upon completion during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

The University enters into various contract commitments with contractors, from time to time, for improvements to its facilities. Remaining contract commitments totaled approximately \$1,792,700 and \$4,496,100 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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Capital assets activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reclassifications* and reductions	Totals June 30, 2020
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land	\$ 5,478,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,478,125
Construction in progress	14,330,041	6,397,797	(10,814,674)	9,913,164
Total non-depreciable assets	19,808,166	6,397,797	(10,814,674)	15,391,289
<u>Depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land improvements	17,579,322	321,897	34,582	17,935,801
Buildings	80,591,909	-	-	80,591,909
Building improvements	165,286,659	2,321,203	1,806,112	169,413,974
Equipment	19,199,768	589,894	8,973,980	28,763,642
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	483,450	51,010	(79,327)	455,133
Total depreciable assets	283,738,784	3,284,004	10,735,347	297,758,135
Total capital assets	303,546,950	9,681,801	(79,327)	313,149,424
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	7,855,617	883,416	-	8,739,033
Buildings	44,574,089	1,153,759	-	45,727,848
Building improvements	51,396,833	8,056,683	-	59,453,516
Equipment	16,302,005	859,280	-	17,161,285
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	-	79,327	(79,327)	-
Total accumulated depreciation	120,726,220	11,032,465	(79,327)	131,679,358
Capital assets, net	\$ 182,820,730	\$ (1,350,664)	\$ -	\$ 181,470,066

As of June 30, 2020, capital assets of the University with a cost of approximately \$55,413,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

- \* Construction costs incurred for various capital projects were included in construction in progress and subsequently transferred to capital asset additions upon completion during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The University has considered the requirements of GASB Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, and has noted no implications of this standard to the University's financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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Capital assets activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2020	Additions	Reclassifications and reductions	Totals June 30, 2021
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Land	\$ 402,663	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 402,664
Building	1,557,724	-	-	1,557,724
Building improvements	100,452	241,627	-	342,079
	<u>2,060,839</u>	<u>241,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,302,467</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Land	253,555	-	(17,031)	236,524
Buildings	434,225	-	-	434,225
Building improvements	28,600	-	-	28,600
	<u>716,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(17,031)</u>	<u>699,349</u>
Other:				
Land	2,072,730	444,311	(440,183)	2,076,858
Land improvements	158,127	-	(61,899)	96,228
Buildings	2,050,794	559,233	(141,253)	2,468,774
Building improvements	1,109,006	-	(1)	1,109,005
Equipment	759,307	-	-	759,307
Furniture and fixtures	60,773	-	-	60,773
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>6,217,307</u>	<u>1,003,544</u>	<u>(643,336)</u>	<u>6,577,515</u>
Total capital assets	<u>8,994,526</u>	<u>1,245,172</u>	<u>(660,367)</u>	<u>9,579,331</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Building	538,713	38,943	-	577,656
Building improvements	66,131	8,042	-	74,173
	<u>604,844</u>	<u>46,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>651,829</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Buildings	142,028	10,856	-	152,884
Building improvements	15,492	1,430	-	16,922
	<u>157,520</u>	<u>12,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,806</u>
Other:				
Land improvements	88,135	4,811	(61,899)	31,047
Buildings	268,968	53,463	(10,887)	311,544
Building improvements	324,186	55,451	-	379,637
Equipment	759,308	-	-	759,308
Furniture and fixtures	47,120	3,709	-	50,829
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>1,494,287</u>	<u>117,434</u>	<u>(72,786)</u>	<u>1,538,935</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,256,651</u>	<u>176,705</u>	<u>(72,786)</u>	<u>2,360,570</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,737,875</u>	<u>\$ 1,068,467</u>	<u>\$ (587,581)</u>	<u>\$ 7,218,761</u>

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Non-depreciable capital assets of FSU Foundation total \$2,716,046 at June 30, 2021, which is comprised of land.

At June 30, 2021, capital assets of FSU Foundation with a cost of approximately \$792,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

On June 28, 2021, the Foundation Supporting Organization transferred seven properties, which consists of land and one building to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAM on behalf of Fitchburg State University. On the date the properties were transferred, the seven properties collectively had a cost basis and accumulated depreciation of \$660,367 and \$72,786, respectively. A loss of \$587,581 was recorded from the transfers of the properties and recognized in losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings in the accompanying statement of functional expenses for the year ended June 30, 2021.

On December 22, 2020 the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$121,813. The FSU Foundation intends to use this property for green space and possible future parking.

On November 30, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization received a donation of the former Fidelity Bank property in downtown Fitchburg. The property includes the bank building and three parcels of land. This property was recorded at fair market value of \$709,500, \$526,617 of which was recorded as building and \$182,883 as land based on an appraisal completed utilizing the sales comparative approach. The property is being held for development of the Theater complex.

On September 18, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$172,231. The Foundation intends to use this property for green space with possible future parking.

On June 24, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization received a donation of property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land only, was recorded at fair market value of \$2,100 at the time of the donation. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space.

On June 2, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$240,775. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space. The acquisition was funded, in part, through the proceeds of an advance \$250,000 on a letter of credit.

On November 13, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which consists of land and a building, was purchased for \$1 as current environmental remediation is needed before the property is usable. The property was acquired to support the downtown Theater project and the organization intends to raze the building on the property and convert the land to a parking lot. The FSU Foundation was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") about an environmental issue with the property that requires remediation. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the FSU Foundation had purchased an insurance policy with a determined deductible of \$100,000, which it determined increased the value of the land and was recorded as land. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the FSU Foundation

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determined that additional costs of the remediation are expected above the insured policy limits in the amount of \$465,696, which has been expensed in the current year and included in environmental costs in the accompanying schedule of functional expenses. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the remaining environmental liability of \$536,901 and \$100,000 is shown on the accompanying statements of net position.

In fiscal 2017, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus consistent with the Foundation Supporting Organization's mission and the University's strategic plan which includes campus expansion. The property, which includes land and a building, was purchased for an aggregate cost of \$360,305. The acquisition was financed, in part, with a mortgage note on the property in the amount of \$280,000 (see Note 12). The Foundation Supporting Organization is planning a major renovation and expansion of the property which, when completed, is expected to cost approximately \$25,000,000 and consist of a multi-phased project providing academic space, student support services space, retail and community space and a theatre renovation. The space is expected to be used by the University and the Fitchburg and surrounding communities. Fitchburg State University will be responsible for the costs of the project's development and construction pursuant to the terms of the license agreement between the University and the Foundation Supporting Organization. Funding for the project is expected to come from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, bonds, grants and philanthropy. The project is in the very early stages of development and is estimated to require four years to completion. At some point during that period, the property will be transferred to a new entity. The Foundation Supporting Organization will pay for certain legal services incurred in connection with the project which the Foundation Supporting Organization currently estimates to be approximately \$148,000 for the entire project. The Foundation Supporting Organization expects to fund these costs through operating cash. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Foundation Organization has incurred \$73,491 of legal costs related to the project which have been recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets and in the accompanying 2021 statements of net position.



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Capital assets activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reclassifications and reductions	Totals June 30, 2020
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Land	\$ 402,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402,663
Building	1,557,724	-	-	1,557,724
Building improvements	100,452	-	-	100,452
	<u>2,060,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,060,839</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Land	253,555	-	-	253,555
Buildings	434,225	-	-	434,225
Building improvements	28,600	-	-	28,600
	<u>716,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716,380</u>
Other:				
Land	1,949,324	123,406	-	2,072,730
Land improvements	158,127	-	-	158,127
Buildings	1,831,326	219,468	-	2,050,794
Building improvements	1,109,006	-	-	1,109,006
Equipment	759,307	-	-	759,307
Furniture and fixtures	60,773	-	-	60,773
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>5,874,433</u>	<u>342,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,217,307</u>
Total capital assets	<u>8,651,652</u>	<u>342,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,994,526</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Building	499,770	38,943	-	538,713
Building improvements	61,108	5,023	-	66,131
	<u>560,878</u>	<u>43,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,844</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Buildings	131,172	10,856	-	142,028
Building improvements	14,062	1,430	-	15,492
	<u>145,234</u>	<u>12,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,520</u>
Other:				
Land improvements	83,324	4,811	-	88,135
Buildings	223,187	45,781	-	268,968
Building improvements	268,735	55,451	-	324,186
Equipment	759,094	214	-	759,308
Furniture and fixtures	42,936	4,184	-	47,120
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>1,383,846</u>	<u>110,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,494,287</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,089,958</u>	<u>166,693</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,256,651</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,561,694</u>	<u>\$ 176,181</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,737,875</u>

Non-depreciable capital assets of FSU Foundation totaled \$2,728,948 at June 30, 2020, which is comprised of land.

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At June 30, 2020, capital assets of FSU Foundation with a cost of approximately \$849,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

On June 24, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization received a donation of property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land only, was recorded at fair market value of \$2,100 at the time of the donation. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space.

On June 2, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$240,774. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space. The acquisition was funded, in part, through the proceeds of an advance of \$250,000 on a letter of credit.

On November 13, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which consists of land and a building, was purchased for \$1 as current environmental remediation is needed before the property is usable. The Organization intends to raze the building and convert it to a parking lot. The Foundation Supporting Organization obtained an insurance policy to cover the costs of remediation needed. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization has determined a probable liability for these costs equal to \$100,000, which has been capitalized into the land.

**Note 6 - Accounts payable and accrued liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities include the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 864,962	\$ 820,024
Salaries and fringe benefits payable	2,848,635	2,605,829
Accrued interest payable	357,062	334,550
Tuition due State	47,674	52,154
Other	506,408	401,091
	\$ 4,624,741	\$ 4,213,648

**Note 7 - Accrued workers' compensation**

Independent actuarial reviews of the outstanding loss reserve requirements for the Commonwealth's self-insured workers' compensation program were conducted as of June 30, 2021 and 2020. Based upon the Commonwealth's analyses, \$1,088,425 and \$478,124 of accrued workers' compensation has been recorded as a liability at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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**Note 8 - Accrued compensated absences**

Accrued compensated absences are comprised of the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Vacation time payable	\$ 2,872,809	\$ 2,866,275
Sick time payable	<u>2,488,590</u>	<u>2,875,468</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,361,399</u>	<u>\$ 5,741,743</u>
Amount representing obligations due to employees funded through sources other than State appropriations	\$ 350,760	\$ 329,819
Amount representing obligations due to employees compensated through State appropriations	<u>5,010,639</u>	<u>5,411,924</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,361,399</u>	<u>\$ 5,741,743</u>

It is anticipated that the obligation due to employees funded through State appropriations will be discharged through future State appropriations and the balance is expected to be liquidated through trust funds. Had these amounts not been reflected as obligations of the University, the University's unrestricted net position (deficiency) balances would be \$(1,519,959) and \$(6,046,464) at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively (see Note 1, Compensated absences).

**Note 9 - Faculty payroll accrual**

The contract for full-time faculty begins on September 1 and ends on May 31, of any given academic year. The Commonwealth and Fitchburg State University pay all faculty over the 12-month period from September through August. Consequently, on June 30 of each year there is a balance due on each faculty contract which is to be paid from the subsequent year's State appropriation. The total amount due at June 30, 2021 of \$3,876,328 will be paid from the University's fiscal 2022 State appropriations. The total amount due at June 30, 2020 of \$4,231,311 was paid from the University's fiscal 2021 State appropriations.

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**Note 10 - Revenue received in advance**

Revenue received in advance includes tuition received in advance from students for summer courses commencing after June 30 and grant funds received in advance. Revenue received in advance includes the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Tuition, fees and professional development	\$ 2,182,704	\$ 1,713,082
Capital projects	1,085,708	2,224,396
Grants	5,559,668	538,426
Other	63,879	58,886
	\$ 8,891,959	\$ 4,534,790

**Note 11 - Deferred inflows of resources from service concession arrangement**

Deferred inflows of resources from service concession arrangement at June 30, 2021 and 2020 in the amounts of \$758,754 and \$1,011,672, respectively, consist of the unamortized balances of a service concession arrangement with Compass Group USA, Inc. ("Compass") to manage and operate the University's food services operation at the University's dining services locations as more fully described in the arrangement. The service concession arrangement commenced on July 1, 1999 for a term of 10 years through June 30, 2009 and has been amended several times thereafter to modify its terms, provide for additional payments to the University for investment in improvements in or at the University as mutually agreed upon by the parties, and extend the term of the arrangement until June 30, 2024. The last such amendment to the service concession arrangement was effective May 1, 2014 and provides for the extension of the arrangement to June 30, 2024 and payments to the University totaling \$2,500,000. These payments shall be made to the University by Compass in seven installments as follows: \$300,000 in fiscal 2011; \$1,200,000 in fiscal 2012; \$200,000 in fiscal 2014; \$500,000 in fiscal 2015; \$200,000 in fiscal 2016; \$50,000 in fiscal 2020; and \$50,000 in fiscal 2022. As of June 30, 2020, the University has received the first six installments from Compass, of which \$50,000 was received in fiscal 2020. In addition, Compass has agreed to pay the University specified percentages of 4%, 4 ½% or 12% of specified sales receipts from the food services operation as more fully described in the arrangement. All improvements and equipment purchased with the payments received from Compass shall remain the property of the University. The arrangement may be terminated by either party at any time, without cause, by giving not less than 60 days prior written notice to the other party. The arrangement contains provisions, whereby, in the event of termination of the arrangement, the University shall be required to repay a portion of any payments made to the University by Compass. The portion required to be repaid shall be determined in accordance with amortization schedules prepared by Compass. The amortization schedules assume that all funds will be received from Compass. The University does not anticipate that the arrangement will be terminated prior to its expiration date.

The University has recorded the service concession arrangement as a deferred inflow of resources at its present value using a 5% discount rate determined by management of the University. In fiscal 2011, the University recorded an accounts receivable from Compass at the present value of the future payments to be received from Compass, using a 5% discount rate determined by management of the University. At June 30, 2021, the accompanying statement of net position includes a remaining receivable from Compass in the amount of \$4,155, which includes accrued interest receivable of \$4,155 (see Note 3). At June 30, 2020, the accompanying statement of net position includes a remaining receivable from

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Compass in the amount of \$47,032, which includes accrued interest receivable of \$1,781 (see Note 3). The deferred inflow of resources is being amortized to revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the arrangement. Amortization in the amount of \$252,918 has been recognized in capital grants revenue in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for each of the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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**Note 12 - Interagency payables**

The University, in association with the Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA"), the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA"), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAMM"), has entered into financing and construction agreements for various campus projects.

The following table summarizes the University's Interagency payables as of June 30, 2021:

	Issue date	Original amount	Interest rates (%)	Due date	Effective interest rates (%)*	Interagency payable balance	Unamortized bond premiums	Total interagency payable
MDFA Series J-3	11/22/1996	\$ 6,000,000	Floating	7/1/2023	0.26	\$ 1,301,094	\$ -	\$ 1,301,094
MSCBA Series 2005A	3/1/2005	5,110,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2034	2.66	1,907,048	10,578	1,917,626
MSCBA Series 2006A	3/8/2006	2,060,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2031	1.86	876,513	4,132	880,645
MSCBA Series 2010B	12/17/2010	11,078,908	4.89-6.54	5/1/2030	5.96	9,639,944	-	9,639,944
MSCBA Series 2012A	1/4/2012	7,043,416	3.00-5.00	5/1/2035	2.83	4,552,835	7,531	4,560,366
MSCBA Series 2012C	12/20/2012	13,864,033	2.00-5.00	5/1/2034	2.65	8,994,925	244,350	9,239,275
MSCBA Series 2014A	1/7/2014	12,235,614	2.00-5.00	5/1/2038	2.52	8,676,463	116,086	8,792,549
MSCBA Series 2014C	12/17/2014	10,669,502	3.00-5.00	5/1/2035	2.54	6,366,086	373,764	6,739,850
DCAMM CEIP Funds	11/7/2016	5,420,360	3.00	1/1/2039	3.00	5,010,863	-	5,010,863
MSCBA Series 2017A	1/25/2017	4,166,418	3.00-5.00	6/30/2037	4.20	3,774,502	170,683	3,945,185
MSCBA Series 2019A	1/23/2019	2,623,145	3.00-5.00	6/30/2039	4.32	2,849,888	145,173	2,995,061
Total		\$ 80,271,396				\$ 53,950,161	\$ 1,072,297	\$ 55,022,458

\*Effective Interest Rates are calculated by dividing total interest paid during the year by the average outstanding balance of the Interagency payable.

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The following table summarizes the University's interagency payables as of June 30, 2020:

	Issue date	Original amount	Interest rates (%)	Due date	Effective interest rates (%)*	Interagency payable balance	Unamortized bond premiums	Total interagency payable
MDFA Series J-3	11/22/1996	\$ 6,000,000	Floating	7/1/2023	6.03	\$ 1,601,094	\$ -	\$ 1,601,094
MSCBA Series 2005A	3/1/2005	5,110,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2025	4.01	1,675,000	-	1,675,000
MSCBA Series 2006A	3/8/2006	2,060,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2026	4.39	825,000	32,205	857,205
MSCBA Series 2010B	12/17/2010	11,078,908	4.89-6.54	5/1/2030	3.39	9,549,184	-	9,549,184
MSCBA Series 2012A	1/4/2012	7,043,416	3.00-5.00	5/1/2031	5.05	4,210,887	522,339	4,733,226
MSCBA Series 2012C	12/20/2012	13,864,033	2.00-5.00	5/1/2032	3.12	9,130,000	697,837	9,827,837
MSCBA Series 2014A	1/7/2014	12,235,614	2.00-5.00	5/1/2033	5.00	8,605,000	871,165	9,476,165
MSCBA Series 2014C	12/17/2014	10,669,502	3.00-5.00	5/1/2034	5.00	7,520,000	1,159,921	8,679,921
DCAMM CEIP Funds	11/7/2016	5,420,360	3.00	1/1/2039	3.00	5,218,638	-	5,218,638
MSCBA Series 2017A	1/25/2017	4,166,418	3.00-5.00	6/30/2037	3.93	3,564,000	202,663	3,766,663
MSCBA Series 2019A	1/23/2019	2,623,145	3.00-5.00	6/30/2039	3.69	2,385,000	170,172	2,555,172
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 80,271,396</b>				<b>\$ 54,283,803</b>	<b>\$ 3,656,302</b>	<b>\$ 57,940,105</b>

\*Effective Interest Rates are calculated by dividing total interest paid during the year by the average outstanding balance of the Interagency payable.

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**MDFA Series J-3 bond issuance**

On November 22, 1996, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$6,000,000 from a MDFA (formerly Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority ("MHEFA")) bond issuance to be used for the construction of the University's athletic facility. This obligation is being repaid solely by the University. Construction of the athletic facility was completed in August 2000. MDFA retained \$502,899 of the bond proceeds for a debt service retirement fund.

The University is required to make annual funding payments of principal on this debt each July 1. The principal payment due July 1, 2021 of \$349,378 was made as scheduled. These payments are made to a restricted cash account held in escrow in the University's name and recorded on the books of the University. These amounts, along with the remaining balance of the debt service retirement fund, are held in an escrow account by MDFA. Earnings on this balance are transferred and used by the University to offset the administrative costs associated with this debt. In a prior year, the University elected to release the annual funding payments from the reserve to redeem portions of the debt obligation. Accordingly, each year the funding payments are now being released from the debt service reserve to redeem portions of the outstanding debt obligation. These debt payments are to be repaid by the University solely from student fees.

Interest on the debt is paid every 35 days at a floating rate of interest subject to market conditions. The interest rate is determined by MDFA conducting a true auction of their debt issuance every 35 days, in which the University's obligation is pooled with other higher education institutions within the Commonwealth who have debt funded through MDFA. The most recent auctioned interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021 and 2020 was .318% and 6.506%, respectively. The University is also responsible to pay for program expenses at an annual rate of 1.085% (2021) and 1.015% (2020) of the outstanding principal balance, calculated and payable every 35 days when the rate is auctioned.

MDFA is responsible to determine, subject to certain criteria, if income earned on unexpended bond proceeds exceeds the interest cost to the bondholders. Any excess income earned is held in a rebate fund by an appointed trustee. Such amounts are held until every fifth year, whereby payment is to be made as indicated by the bond indenture agreement.

**MSCBA Series 2005A bond issuance**

During March 2005, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$5,110,000 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds were used for renovations of the athletic fields and dining hall (the "Projects") at the University. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2025. During fiscal 2021, the series 2005A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2034. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA using an increasing coupon rate of interest ranging from 3.50% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.



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**MSCBA Series 2006A bond issuance**

During March 2006, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$2,060,000 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds were used for renovations of the dining hall (the "Project") at the University. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2026. During fiscal 2021, the series 2006A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2031. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA using an increasing coupon rate of interest ranging from 3.50% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$111,320 and \$144,841, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**MSCBA Series 2010A bond issuance**

During December 2010, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$4,856,749 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation was repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. During May 2018, the University made the final payment on the 2010A bonds.

As of June 30 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$80,326, which is included in the accompanying statement of net position as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents. During fiscal 2021, the entire balance of the debt service reserve was released to the University.

**MSCBA Series 2010B bond issuance**

During December 2010, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$11,078,908 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2030. During fiscal 2021, the series 2010B bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 4.89% to 6.54% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$741,021 and \$964,163, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

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**MSCBA Series 2012A bond issuance**

During December 2011, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$7,043,416 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2031. During fiscal 2021, the series 2012A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2035. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity.

**MSCBA Series 2012C bond issuance**

During December 2012, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$13,864,033 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for Phase III of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center and parking expansion. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2032. During fiscal 2021, the series 2012C bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2034. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$164,599 and \$214,164, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**MSCBA Series 2014A bond issuance**

During January 2014, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$12,235,614 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for Phase IV of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2033. During fiscal 2021, the series 2014A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2038. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

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As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$513,247 and \$667,799, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**MSCBA Series 2014C bond issuance**

During December 2014, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$10,669,502 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for Phase V of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment was originally due on May 1, 2034. During fiscal 2021, the series 2014C bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022 and the bonds are now due on May 1, 2035. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$458,809 and \$596,968, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**DCAMM Clean Energy Investment Program**

In November 2016, the University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with DCAMM to undertake a Comprehensive Energy Performance Contracting Project (the "Project"). The Project's goal is to upgrade boilers, replace the chiller, lighting, EMS expansion and improvements, HVAC upgrades, and various energy conservation measures.

The total cost for the Project was \$9,451,868, including \$498,975 incurred in 2020. The cost of the Project was funded from Clean Energy Investment Program Funds ("CEIP Funds") in the amount of \$5,420,360, capital grants of \$3,781,536, and energy incentives from the contractor in the amount of \$249,972. CEIP Funds for the Project are to be repaid over 20 years at 3.00% interest. Annual payments of principal and interest for the Project in the amount of \$364,333 commenced on January 1, 2020. Additionally, the agreement provides for the University to fund annual maintenance costs to be paid over the first five years of the Project totaling approximately \$244,500. These maintenance costs are expected to be offset by energy savings as a result of the Project. The Project was completed and placed into service in August 2019.

**MSCBA Series 2017A bond issuance**

During January 2017, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$4,166,418 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for renovations to the Landry Arena. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. The University also executed a management agreement with MSCBA whereby MSCBA is providing management services to the University for the renovations.

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The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each June 30 commencing in fiscal 2018. The final principal payment is due June 30, 2037. During fiscal 2021, the series 2017A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022. Interest on the debt is payable June 30 and December 30 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$79,218 and \$103,073, respectively, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**MSCBA Series 2019A bond issuance**

During January 2019, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$2,623,145 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for renovations to the Holmes Dining Commons and the Recreation Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. The University also executed a management agreement with MSCBA whereby MSCBA is providing management services to the University for the renovations.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each June 30 commencing in fiscal 2020. The final principal payment is due June 30, 2039. During fiscal 2021, the series 2019A bond was refunded/restructured with the MSCBA series 2020A bonds. In accordance with the terms of the bond restructuring, no principal payments were required until May 2022. Interest on the debt is payable June 30 and December 30 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity.

As of June 30, 2021, MSCBA held unexpended debt proceeds in the amount of \$53,714, of which \$2,886 is included in the accompanying 2021 statement of net position as current restricted cash and cash equivalents and \$50,828 is included in the accompanying 2021 statement of net position as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents. As of June 30, 2020, MSCBA held unexpended debt proceeds in the amount of \$426,564, of which \$31,189 is included in the accompanying 2020 statement of net position as current restricted cash and cash equivalents and \$395,375 is included in the accompanying 2020 statement of net position as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

**MSCBA Series 2020A bond refunding**

On July 1, 2020, MSCBA closed on Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2020A for the purpose of providing budgetary relief in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022 to the nine State Universities including Fitchburg State University. These bonds were issued to refund/restructure debt outstanding from multiple series of bonds, as noted above. The reduction of the University's fiscal year 2021 debt service assessment was approximately \$10,580,000. The reduction of the University's fiscal year 2022 debt service assessment is approximately \$5,540,000. During August 2020, MSCBA's board approved the release of a portion of the funds held in the Debt Service Reserve Fund to pay the November 1, 2020 interest payment on behalf of the State Universities. Fitchburg State University received approximately **\$2,590,000** in funds held in reserve to be applied to the November interest payment to MSCBA. The bond restructuring resulted in a net deferred gain of \$3,482,170, which will be amortized and recognized

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over the original term of the bonds. As of June 30, 2021, there were net deferred gains of \$2,125,859, which is included in deferred inflows of resources on the accompanying 2021 statement of net position.

Aggregate principal and interest payments due to maturity consist of the following:

Year ending June 30:	Principal	Amortization of bond premium	Total principal	Estimated interest (1)	Total
2022	\$ 2,302,873	\$ 220,899	\$ 2,523,772	\$ 2,206,556	\$ 4,730,328
2023	4,232,760	184,520	4,417,280	2,027,084	6,444,364
2024	4,577,598	156,021	4,733,619	1,847,487	6,581,106
2025	4,147,600	126,114	4,273,714	1,664,584	5,938,298
2026	3,764,426	95,952	3,860,378	1,267,417	5,127,795
2027 - 2031	19,195,244	225,997	19,421,241	4,092,524	23,513,765
2032 - 2036	12,295,379	55,755	12,351,134	1,506,603	13,857,737
2037 - 2041	3,434,281	7,039	3,441,320	304,823	3,746,143
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 53,950,161</b>	<b>\$ 1,072,297</b>	<b>\$ 55,022,458</b>	<b>\$ 14,917,078</b>	<b>\$ 69,939,536</b>

(1) The interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021 of .318% was used to calculate the estimated interest on the MDFA Series J-3 bond included above.

**Other Interagency activity**

The oversight of various capital projects on campus is provided by MSCBA. To fund these projects, the University provides equity contributions, by advancing funds to MSCBA, which are then held by MSCBA until used for the payment of the capital project costs. During fiscal 2021, the University provided an equity contribution of \$670,000 toward the Theater Project. During fiscal 2020, the University provided an equity contribution of \$300,000 toward the Recreation Center Project, of which \$102,837 of these funds were subsequently transferred to the Theater Project account at MSCBA for the Theater Project renovations. During fiscal 2020, funds totaling \$13,473 were transferred from the Southside Chiller, Landry Project, Recreation Center Project and Theater Project accounts at MSCBA for the Holmes Dining renovations project. During fiscal 2020, Holmes Dining funds of \$170,655 were transferred to the Theatre Project account MSCBA for the Theater Project renovations.

As of June 30, 2021, amounts held by MSCBA representing the unexpended portion of the University's contributions are as follows:

University Projects	Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
	Current	Noncurrent
Recreation Center	\$ -	\$ 67,798
Theater	13,627	150,909
	<b>\$ 13,627</b>	<b>\$ 218,707</b>

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As of June 30, 2020, amounts held by MSCBA representing the unexpended portion of the University's contributions are as follows:

University Projects	Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
	Current	Noncurrent
Recreation Center	\$ -	\$ 71,612
Theater	167,385	150,691
	\$ 167,385	\$ 222,303

**Note 13 - Capital lease obligation**

During fiscal year 2017, the University entered into a noncancellable capital lease agreement with a financial institution in the amount of \$1,261,206 for an upgrade to its wireless network equipment. The lease has a term of five years and requires semi-annual payments of \$132,483, which commenced on March 23, 2017 and continues through September 23, 2021. The assets and capital lease obligation were recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments based upon an interest rate of 1.81% which was determined to be applicable at the inception of the lease. The capital lease obligation is secured by the related assets.

The University's wireless network equipment held under capital lease totaled \$1,261,206 as of both June 30, 2021 and 2020. The assets under the capital lease are being depreciated over their estimated useful lives and the depreciation of these assets is included in depreciation expense. The accumulated depreciation on the leased assets amounted to \$1,198,145 and \$945,904 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Depreciation expense totaled \$252,241 for each of the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Interest expense incurred on the capital lease totaled \$5,899 and \$10,525 in fiscal years 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this capital lease at June 30, 2021:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2022	\$ 132,483
Total minimum lease payments	132,483
Less amount representing interest	(1,188)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	131,295
Less current portion	131,295
Present value of long-term portion	\$ -

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**Note 14 - FSU Foundation's long-term debt**

FSU Foundation's long-term debt consists of the following at June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,919,792	\$ 3,339,115
Notes payable - bank	453,794	474,686
	4,373,586	3,813,801
Less net debt issuance costs	-	(14,813)
	4,373,586	3,798,988
Less current portion	(225,884)	(254,180)
	\$ 4,147,702	\$ 3,544,808

The Foundation has a mortgage note payable in the original amount of \$550,000, dated April 16, 2008, with Fidelity Cooperative Bank. The proceeds of the note were used to acquire certain real estate properties on the Fitchburg State University campus. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Furthermore, any and all deposits held by the lender serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate was to be fixed at the Federal Home Loan Bank Ten Year Cost of Funds Rate in effect as of the first day of the final 10 years of the term of the loan plus 118 basis points. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.27% per annum for the remainder of the loan term pursuant to the provisions of a Change in Terms Agreement dated October 19, 2016. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$3,862 through October 16, 2016. Thereafter, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$2,454 commencing on November 16, 2016 with a final principal payment due in the amount of \$210,752 at the loan's maturity date of April 16, 2028. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of this mortgage note payable amounted to \$329,618 and \$344,440, respectively.

In August 2006, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired land and a building consisting of 4,179 square feet of office space and 53,429 square feet of warehouse space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts near the University campus. The entire property has been leased to DCAMM on behalf of the University (see Note 23). The University is currently using the property for its print services, maintenance, and shipping and receiving and financial services.

The acquisition and related costs were funded with the proceeds of an offering of tax-exempt revenue bonds, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, FSC Foundation Supporting Organization Issue, Series 2006 (the "bonds"), dated August 1, 2006, in the amount of \$1,900,000, issued by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA"), pursuant to a Loan and Trust Agreement. People's United Bank, as successor in interest to Chittenden Trust Company, is the bond Trustee. MDFA assigned all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the loan and related loan documents to the bond Trustee as security for repayment of the bonds. The loan is secured by a first mortgage

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interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Payment and performance of the Foundation Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (August 16, 2011, 2016 and 2021) to a fixed rate of interest equal to 80% of the bank's prime rate, but no greater than 1% or less than 1% of the interest rate in effect for the immediately preceding five-year adjustment interval. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.5% per annum on August 16, 2011 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$13,154 through August 16, 2011 and \$12,306 until August 16, 2016. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.5% per annum on August 16, 2016 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$11,739 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of August 16, 2021. The loan matures on August 16, 2026. The loan agreement requires the Foundation Supporting Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of not less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of its fiscal year.

The mortgage note was issued pursuant to the Loan and Trust Agreement and related loan documents and is subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of those agreements. The loan may be prepaid in accordance with the terms of the Loan and Trust Agreement for prepayment of the bonds as more fully described in the Loan and Trust Agreement.

The loan documents contain cross default provisions with the DCAMM lease.

As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the loan and debt issuance costs is \$0.

Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization, totaled \$20,507 and \$14,813 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During 2021, the loan associated with these debt issuance costs was repaid in full and as such the related debt issuance costs were fully amortized. During 2021, the Foundation Supporting Organization paid \$20,507 in debt issuance costs related to the new mortgage provided by Rollstone Bank. For the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, amortization expenses of \$14,813 and \$2,404, respectively were added to interest costs in the accompanying statement of activities. Amortization of debt issuance costs on the above loan was amortized using an imputed interest of 3.64% as at June 30, 2020.

As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable of \$779,258, less net debt issuance costs of \$14,813, amounted to \$764,445.

MDFA is providing financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a General Fund loan in the amount of \$500,000 per the agreement dated June 28, 2021. The loan will be disbursed by a series of advances, per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Construction Loan Agreement. The proceeds are to be used for predevelopment costs in connection with the proposed redevelopment of the Theater Block. The note is secured by a first mortgage on and assignment of leases and rents for the real estate located at 675 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. The note has a term of 5 years, maturing on June 28, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of interest effective August 1, 2021. The entire outstanding principal balance shall be due and paid at the earlier of (i) a triggering event or (ii) at maturity, June 28, 2026. A triggering event occurs when the property is transferred to another, abandoned, or financing of \$20M or more is secured. No disbursements have been made as of June 30, 2021.



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Workers' Credit Union ("WCU") provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated February 27, 2009, in the amount of \$750,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in certain real estate owned by the Foundation Supporting Organization and an assignment of certain leases and rents. The note is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization has total cash balances of \$8,456 and \$8,097, respectively, held by the lender which serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The mortgage note had a term of 10 years, expiring on February 27, 2019, and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.74% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.99% per annum on June 20, 2015 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. On February 27, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of a new loan modification agreement, the interest rate was adjusted to 5.25% per annum expiring on February 27, 2024. The note requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,517, through February 27, 2024. Commencing thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the FHLB 5 year Classic Advance plus 2.25% until the new maturity date of February 27, 2029, and monthly payments for principal and interest will be determined at that point.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of this first mortgage loan amounted to \$498,266 and \$525,566, respectively.

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated December 22, 2014 in the amount of \$240,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 131 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on December 22, 2034, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.25% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,367 based on a 20-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Foundation Supporting Organization to maintain a ratio of Cash Flow (after distributions), as defined, to the Current Maturity of Long-Term Debt plus interest, as defined, of not less than 1.0 to 1 for any fiscal year. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable amounted to \$178,567 and \$188,898, respectively.

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided refinancing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$1,538,000. The proceeds of the note was used to (i) refinance existing debt owed by the Foundation Supporting Organization, (ii) to purchase, raze and develop the real property located at 175-179 Myrtle Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, (iii) to finance a new roof at the property located at 167 Klondike Avenue. This note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 167 Klondike Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.5% per annum until December 9, 2030. Thereafter the note shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston "Five Year Classic Advance Rate" plus 2.25%. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$11,032 based on a 15-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a debt service ratio equal to or greater than 1:1. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

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As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$1,498,585.

Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated June 26, 2013, in the amount of \$83,200. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 340 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The mortgage note has a term of 20 years, maturing on June 26, 2033, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 26, 2018, 2023 and 2028) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 2.75% per annum. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$376 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of June 26, 2018. The interest rate was adjusted to 5.93% per annum on June 26, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The July and August 2018 monthly installments of principal and interest remained at \$376. On August 27, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a Change in Terms Agreement with the lender in which the interest rate on the note was modified to a fixed rate of 5.20% per annum until June 26, 2023. At that time, the interest rate will be adjusted pursuant to the terms of the original note described above. All other terms, provisions and conditions of the original note agreement remain in full force and effect. Commencing with the September 2018 monthly installment of principal and interest, the monthly installments shall be \$450. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable amounted to \$70,255 and \$71,916, respectively.

In October 2016, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated October 19, 2016, in the amount of \$118,000. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the real estate property located at 198 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on October 21, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.11% per annum. Commencing on November 21, 2016, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$726 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$71,599 and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the prepayment of all or a portion of the amount owed without penalty. The business loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the business loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$98,339 and \$102,826, respectively.

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In January 2017, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated January 13, 2017, in the amount of \$220,000. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the properties located at 9 Clinton Street and 85-87 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on January 13, 2027, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.76% per annum. Commencing on February 13, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,431 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$136,868 and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$187,181 and \$195,137, respectively.

In November 2016, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 4, 2016, in the amount of \$280,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and an assignment of rents on the property located at 689-717 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on November 4, 2026, and thereafter is payable on demand. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.33% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at 10-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Ten Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. Commencing on January 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,401 based on a 30-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the first 117 months of each fixed rate period for the purpose of refinancing the note with another financial institution, the note provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$257,596 and \$262,969, respectively.

In September 2017, Webster First Federal Credit Union provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated September 22, 2017, in the amount of \$250,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate properties located at 66 and 0 Day Street and 721-725 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and an assignment of leases and rents on the properties. The note has a term of 15 years, maturing on October 1, 2032, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Five Year Classic Rate plus 1.5% per annum for the remaining five years of the loan term, but no less than a rate of 3.75% per annum.

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Commencing on November 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,825 based on a 15-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity. The note may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time without penalty.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$201,340 and \$215,293, respectively.

The Foundation Supporting Organization has a note payable in the original amount of \$680,000, dated April 26, 2007, with Enterprise Bank and Trust Company. The note is secured by investments with an equivalent fair value of approximately \$2,855,000 and \$2,301,000 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In addition, payment and performance of the Foundation Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The promissory note has a term of 30 years, expiring on May 5, 2037, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 6% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (April 26, 2012, 2017, 2022, 2027 and 2032) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 1.15% per annum. The rate was adjusted to 2.62% per annum on April 26, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,122 through May 7, 2012 and \$2,875 until April 26, 2017. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.49% per annum on April 26, 2017 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$3,115 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of April 26, 2022. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of this note payable amounted to \$453,794 and \$474,685, respectively.

In November 2018, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 5, 2018, in the amount of \$148,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in and an assignment of leases and rents on a real estate property located at 70-78 North Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 20 years, maturing on November 5, 2038. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. The loan will have a minimum floor rate of 5%. Commencing on January 1, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$983 based on a 20-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the term of the loan for the purpose of refinancing the loan with another financial institution, the loan provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be paid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$136,612 and \$141,347, respectively.

In June 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$312,000. The note is secured by a

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first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 164 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,752 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$298,009 and \$305,145, respectively.

In June 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$138,400. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 174 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$777 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$132,193 and \$135,359, respectively.

In April 2019, Fitchburg Historical Society provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated April 4, 2019, in the amount of \$90,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 0 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The commercial note has a term of five years, maturing on April 1, 2024, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.00% per annum. Commencing on May 1, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,694 based on a 5-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$53,738 and \$70,962, respectively.

Principal funding payments and estimated interest due to maturity consist of the following:

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Year ending June 30:	Principal	Interest (1)	Total
2022	\$ 225,884	\$ 176,445	\$ 402,329
2023	235,356	166,971	402,327
2024	241,536	157,396	398,932
2025	234,502	147,443	381,945
2026	615,144	186,165	801,309
2027-2031	1,879,653	308,671	2,188,324
2032-2036	881,211	82,747	963,958
2037-2041	60,300	2,409	62,709
Total	<u>\$ 4,373,586</u>	<u>\$ 1,228,247</u>	<u>\$ 5,601,833</u>

(1) The interest rates in effect at June 30, 2021 on the first mortgage notes payable and the note payable - bank were used to calculate the estimated interest on these debt obligations.

**Note 15 - FSU Foundation lines of credit**

On August 23, 2017, the Foundation renewed, under substantially the same terms, its existing demand revolving working capital line of credit agreement with Workers' Credit Union which permits the Foundation to borrow up to \$250,000. Pursuant to the provisions of the line of credit agreement, maximum advances under the line are limited to 70% of the pledged investment collateral unless otherwise approved by the lender. The renewed line of credit provided for interest at 5.25% through September 1, 2017 and, thereafter, at The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1%. The interest rate charged to the Foundation may not exceed a rate of 18%. On January 31, 2019, the line of credit agreement was modified to change the interest rate to The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 0%. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the effective interest rate was 3.00% per annum. In fiscal 2021, \$250,000 was borrowed on the line of credit to assist with short-time cash flow in purchasing a property abutting the University. The amount was repaid in full in January 2021. Accordingly, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there was no outstanding liability under the line of credit.

Borrowings under the line are secured by investments with an equivalent fair value of approximately \$12,544,000 and \$9,916,000, respectively at June 30, 2021 and 2020. The line is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2021, the Foundation has total cash balances of approximately \$59,000 held by the lender. The Foundation may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement expires on March 25, 2022.

On August 18, 2016, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a demand unsecured revolving line of credit agreement with Rollstone Bank and Trust which permits the Foundation Supporting Organization to borrow up to \$250,000. The line of credit provides for interest at The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate less .25% (effective rates of 3.25% at June 30, 2021 and 5.25% at June 30, 2020). The line of credit agreement expired on August 18, 2017. The line of credit was extended through November 30, 2017, and again through November 30, 2018, under the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement. On November 30, 2018, the line of credit was renewed through November 30, 2019 and again through November 30, 2020. The Foundation Supporting Organization may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement contains, among other covenants, the maintenance of a debt service coverage ratio, as defined, of at least 1.00 to 1. In addition, the agreement provides that the line of credit be brought to a zero balance for 30 consecutive days annually during the term of the agreement. As of June 30, 2021, the Foundation Supporting Organization had no amounts outstanding on this line of credit. As of June 30, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization made payments of

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\$250,000 and borrowings of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. The balance outstanding as of June 30, 2020 was \$250,000.

**Note 16 - Long-term liabilities**

Long-term liability activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2021 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2021	
				Ending balance	Current portion
Interagency payables	\$ 57,940,105	\$ -	\$ 2,917,647	\$ 55,022,458	\$ 2,523,772
Total	57,940,105	-	2,917,647	55,022,458	2,523,772
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease obligation	390,363	-	259,068	131,295	131,295
Workers' compensation	478,124	714,532	104,231	1,088,425	131,181
Compensated absences	5,741,743	3,204,081	3,584,425	5,361,399	3,243,931
Loan payable - federal financial assistance	1,354,371	35,914	235,493	1,154,792	-
Net pension liability	12,763,415	7,327,738	-	20,091,153	-
Net OPEB liability	24,061,207	1,791,398	-	25,852,605	-
Total other liabilities	44,789,223	13,073,663	4,183,217	53,679,669	3,506,407
Long-term obligations	\$ 102,729,328	\$ 13,073,663	\$ 7,100,864	\$ 108,702,127	\$ 6,030,179

Long-term liability activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2020 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2020	
				Ending balance	Current portion
Interagency payables	\$ 61,955,383	\$ -	\$ 4,015,278	\$ 57,940,105	\$ 4,038,987
Total	61,955,383	-	4,015,278	57,940,105	4,038,987
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease obligation	644,803	-	254,440	390,363	259,038
Workers' compensation	590,806	16,114	128,796	478,124	104,231
Compensated absences	5,505,350	3,574,035	3,337,642	5,741,743	3,584,425
Loan payable - federal financial assistance	1,871,966	28,884	546,479	1,354,371	-
Net pension liability	12,484,412	279,003	-	12,763,415	-
Net OPEB liability	27,318,264	-	3,257,057	24,061,207	-
Total other liabilities	48,415,601	3,898,036	7,524,414	44,789,223	3,947,694
Long-term obligations	\$ 110,370,984	\$ 3,898,036	\$ 11,539,692	\$ 102,729,328	\$ 7,986,681

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Long-term liability activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2021 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2021	
				Ending balance	Current portion
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,523,393	\$ 1,559,169	\$ 1,162,770	\$ 3,919,792	\$ 204,207
Notes payable - bank	474,685	-	20,891	453,794	21,677
Long-term obligations	<u>\$ 3,998,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,169</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,373,586</u>	<u>\$ 225,884</u>

Long-term liability activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2020 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2020	
				Ending balance	Current portion
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,545,519	\$ -	\$ 22,126	\$ 3,523,393	\$ 233,256
Notes payable - bank	494,807	-	20,122	474,685	20,924
Long-term obligations	<u>\$ 4,040,326</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 42,248</u>	<u>\$ 3,998,078</u>	<u>\$ 254,180</u>

**Note 17 - Net position**

Unrestricted net position is comprised of net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations; however, they may be subject to internal restrictions. For example, unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. Certain unrestricted net position is internally designated for academic and research programs and initiatives, and graduate and continuing education programs. Designated unrestricted net position was \$17,917,942 and \$16,866,925 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Undesignated unrestricted net position was \$(24,448,540) and \$(28,325,313) at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the net investment in capital assets amount of \$129,112,613 and \$125,001,606, respectively, includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue from the installment payments associated with the dining facilities service concession arrangement. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, \$739,306 and \$985,740, respectively, of the balance of the deferred inflow of resources has been included, as a reduction, in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. This amount will be recognized as revenue and increase the net investment in capital assets net position over the remaining term of the arrangement.

**Note 18 - Net position restricted by enabling legislation**

Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s consolidated statements of net position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 reflect a restricted net position of \$25,906,609 and \$20,972,243, respectively. Of these amounts, \$2,357,931 for each year, are restricted by enabling legislation for the State Matching Funds Program.



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**Note 19 - Operating expenses**

The University's operating expenses for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, on a natural classification basis, are comprised of the following:

	2021	2020
Salaries		
Faculty	\$ 24,429,739	\$ 25,440,450
Exempt wages	4,260,161	4,698,921
Non-exempt wages	20,526,788	21,363,362
Benefits	20,531,979	17,961,852
Scholarships	4,683,734	5,616,414
Utilities	4,384,739	4,301,064
Supplies and other services	24,724,987	28,206,176
Depreciation	11,447,580	11,032,465
Bad debt expense	103,825	176,593
	\$ 115,093,532	\$ 118,797,297
Total operating expenses		

**Note 20 - State controlled accounts**

Certain significant costs and benefits associated with the operations of the University are appropriated, expended, controlled, and reported by the Commonwealth through non-University line items in the Commonwealth's budget. Under generally accepted accounting principles, such transactions must be recorded in the financial statements of the University. These transactions include payments by the Commonwealth for the employer's share of funding the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System and for the employer's share of health care premiums.

The estimated amounts of funding attributable for the Commonwealth's retirement system contribution and the employer's share of health care premiums for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 were as follows (see State appropriations under Note 24):

	2021	2020	2019
Commonwealth's retirement system contributions	\$ 5,416,674	\$ 5,021,593	\$ 4,427,126
Employers share of health care premium	\$ 7,110,892	\$ 6,615,645	\$ 7,169,153

**Note 21 - Retirement plan**

Substantially all of the University's full-time employees are covered by the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System ("MSERS"). MSERS, a public employee retirement system ("PERS"), is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit plan that is administered by the Massachusetts State Retirement Board and covers substantially all non-student employees. The Commonwealth does not issue separately audited financial statements for the plan. The financial position and results of operations of the plan are incorporated into the Commonwealth's financial statements, a copy of which

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may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, One Ashburton Place, Room 901, Boston, MA 02108.

MSERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Massachusetts General Laws ("MGL") establishes uniform benefit and contribution requirements for all contributory PERS. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after 10 years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of 20 years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with 10 years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65; for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, normal retirement is at age 55. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

The MSERS' funding policies have been established by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the MSERS retirement allowance is funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Costs of administering the plan are funded out of plan assets.

Member contributions for MSERS vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Hire date	% of compensation
Prior to 1975	5% of regular compensation
1975 to 1983	7% of regular compensation
1984 to June 30, 1996	8% of regular compensation
July 1, 1996 to present	9% of regular compensation
1979 to present	An additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000

In addition, members of Group 1 who join the system on or after April 2, 2012 will have their withholding rate reduced to 6% after achieving 30 years of creditable service.

The University is not required to contribute from its appropriation allocation or other University funds to MSERS for employees compensated from State appropriations. For University employees covered by MSERS but compensated from a trust fund or other source, the University is required to contribute an amount determined as a percentage of compensation in accordance with a fringe benefit rate established by the State. The total amount of current funding by the State related to the University's employees during 2021, 2020, and 2019 was \$5,416,674, \$5,021,593, and \$4,427,126, respectively. The total amount of funding by the University related to the University's employees compensated from a trust fund or other source during 2021, 2020, and 2019 was \$913,619, \$1,265,410, and \$868,517, respectively. Annual covered payroll was approximately 58%, 81%, and 81% of annual total payroll for the University in 2021, 2020, and 2019, respectively.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University reported a liability of \$20,091,153 and \$12,763,415, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was

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measured as of January 1, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the State's total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The University's proportion of the net pension liability was based on an effective contribution methodology, which allocates total contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner based on an employer's share of total covered payroll. At June 30, 2021, the University's proportion was 0.1171%, which was an increase of 0.0299% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020. At June 30, 2020, the University's proportion was 0.0872%, which was an increase of 0.0072% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University recognized pension expense of \$8,771,712 and \$7,268,364, respectively.

At June 30, 2021, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 1,139,139	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,104,419	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	639,271	130,005
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	3,574,472	600,838
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	15,173	48,970
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>913,619</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 7,386,093</u>	<u>\$ 779,813</u>

The \$913,619 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2021	\$ 1,122,959
2022	1,647,940
2023	1,718,212
2024	1,131,078
2025	<u>72,472</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,692,661</u>

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At June 30, 2020, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ 946,080	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	190,382
Difference between expected and actual experience	423,876	165,995
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	604,115	814,319
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	22,534	648
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,265,411	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,262,016</b>	<b>\$ 1,171,344</b>

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2019 rolled forward to June 30, 2020. This valuation used the following assumptions:

1. (a) 7.15% investment rate of return (7.25% investment rate of return for the year ended June 30, 2019), (b) 3.50% interest rate credited to the annuity savings fund and (c) 3.00% cost of living increase per year on the first \$13,000 of allowance each year.
2. Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience but range from 4.00% to 9.00% depending on group and length of service.
3. Mortality rates were as follows:
  - (i) Pre-retirement - reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females.
  - (ii) Post-retirement - reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females.
  - (iii) Disability - the mortality rate reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year.
4. Experience studies were performed as follows:
  - (i) Dated February 27, 2014 and encompasses the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2011, updated to reflect actual experience from 2012 through 2016 for post-retirement mortality.

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Investment assets of MSERS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT") Fund. 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 rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation		Long-term expected real rate of return	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Global equity	39.00%	39.00%	4.80%	4.90%
Core fixed income	15.00%	15.00%	0.70%	1.30%
Private equity	13.00%	13.00%	8.20%	8.20%
Portfolio completion strategies	11.00%	11.00%	3.20%	3.90%
Real estate	10.00%	10.00%	3.50%	3.60%
Value added fixed income	8.00%	8.00%	4.20%	4.70%
Timberland/natural resources	4.00%	4.00%	4.10%	4.10%
Total	100.00%	100.00%		

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the measurement years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 was 7.15% and 7.25%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the University's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the 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 pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rates of 7.15% and 7.25%, respectively, for the measurement years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.15%, 2020, and 6.25%, 2019) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.15%, 2020, and 8.25%, 2019) than the current rates:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease	Discount rate	1% increase
June 30, 2020	\$ 26,471,563	\$ 20,091,153	\$ 14,847,267
June 30, 2019	\$ 16,988,523	\$ 12,763,415	\$ 9,153,268

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Commonwealth's financial statements.

**Note 22 - Fringe benefits for current employees and post-employment obligations - pension and non-pension**

The University participates in the Commonwealth's Fringe Benefit programs, including active employee and post - employment health insurance, unemployment, pension, and workers' compensation benefits.

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Health insurance and pension costs for active employees and retirees are paid through a fringe benefit rate charged to the University by the Commonwealth.

On-behalf payments of fringe benefits for benefited employees on the Commonwealth's payroll are recognized as revenues and expenses in the University's financial statements in each of the fiscal years presented.

**Post-employment other than pensions**

In addition to providing pension benefits, under Chapter 32A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Commonwealth is required to provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees of the Commonwealth. Substantially all of the Commonwealth's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach retirement age while working for the Commonwealth. Eligible retirees are required to contribute a specified percentage of the health care/benefit costs, which are comparable to contributions required from employees.

The Commonwealth administers a single employer defined benefit Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions ("OPEB") Plan. Benefits are managed by the Group Insurance Commission ("GIC") and investments are managed by the Pension Reserves Investment Management ("PRIM") Board. The State Retirement Benefits Trust Fund ("SRBT") is set up solely to pay for OPEB benefits and the cost to administer those benefits. Management of the SRBT is vested with a board of trustees, which consists of 7 members. GIC administers benefit payments, while the Trustees are responsible for investment decisions. The SRBT is reported as an OPEB Trust Fund and does not issue a stand-alone audited financial report. The financial position and results of operations of the plan are incorporated in the Commonwealth's financial statements, a copy of which may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, One Ashburton Place, Room 901, Boston, MA 02108.

During the fiscal years ended on June 30, 2021 and 2020, the GIC provided health insurance for its members through indemnity, PPO, and HMO plans. The GIC also administered carve-outs for the pharmacy benefit and mental health and substance abuse benefits for certain of its health plans. In addition to health insurance, the GIC sponsors life insurance, long-term disability insurance (for active employees only), dental and vision coverage for employees not covered by collective bargaining, a retiree discount vision plan and retiree dental plan, and finally, a pre-tax health care spending account and dependent care assistance program (for active employees only).

Employer and employee contribution rates are set in Massachusetts General Law. The Commonwealth recognizes its share of the costs on an actuarial basis. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020 and as of the valuation date (January 1, 2019), Commonwealth participants contributed 10% to 20% of premium costs, depending on the date of hire and whether the participant is active, retiree, or survivor status.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University reported a liability of \$25,852,605 and \$24,061,207, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of January 1, 2019, and the Commonwealth's total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The University's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on an effective contribution methodology which allocates total actual contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner based on an employer's share of total covered payroll. At June 30, 2021, the University's proportion was 0.1249%, which was a decrease of 0.0066% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2020, the University's proportion was 0.1315%, which was an increase of 0.0156% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

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The amount of funding by the University related to benefits other than OPEB for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$20,531,979, \$17,961,852 and \$17,941,745, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year charged to it through the Commonwealth's fringe benefit recovery program. The total amount of current funding by the State related to the OPEB portion of fringe benefits for the University's employees during 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$2,650,879, \$2,392,217 and \$2,922,864, respectively. The total amount of funding by the University related to the OPEB portion of fringe benefits for the University's employees compensated from a trust fund or other source during 2021, 2020 and 2019 was \$528,286, \$655,514 and \$633,318, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University recognized OPEB expense of \$4,218,809 and \$4,523,332, respectively.

At June 30, 2021, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 2,129,005	\$ 2,498,565
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	74,750	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	713,482	638,130
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	2,365,871	3,045,075
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	39,180	87,799
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>479,752</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,802,040</u>	<u>\$ 6,269,569</u>

The \$479,752 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as a result of the University's requirement to contribute to the Plan will be recognized in expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2021	\$ (1,793,909)
2022	(1,273,024)
2023	495,024
2024	604,549
2025	<u>1,020,079</u>
Total	<u>\$ (947,281)</u>

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At June 30, 2020, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ 18,514	\$ 3,618,187
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	11,066
Difference between expected and actual experience	964,967	30,812
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	3,316,789	2,573,670
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	58,669	-
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	655,514	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,014,453</b>	<b>\$ 6,233,735</b>

The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020 rolled forward to June 30, 2020. This valuation used the following assumptions:

1. The following annual healthcare cost trend rates: (1) 7.15%, decreasing by 0.5% each year to 5.5% in 2023 and then decreasing 0.25% each year to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2026 for medical (7.5%, decreasing by 0.5% each year to an ultimate rate of 5.5% in 2023 for medical for the year ended June 30, 2019) and (2) 4.0% for administration costs (4.5% for the year ended June 30, 2019). Healthcare costs are offset by reimbursements for Employer Group Waiver Plans ("EGWP"), which are assumed to increase 5.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 4.5% in 2026.
2. The mortality rate was in accordance with RP 2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with scale MP-2016 from the central year, with females set forward one year.
3. Participation rates:
  - (i) 100% of all retirees who currently have health care coverage will continue with the same coverage, except that retirees under age 65 with POS/PPO coverage switch to Indemnity at age 65 and those over age 65 with POS/PPO coverage switch to HMO.
  - (ii) All current retirees, other than those indicated on the census data as not being eligible by Medicare, have Medicare coverage upon attainment of age 65, as do their spouses. All future retirees are assumed to have Medicare coverage upon attainment of age 65.
  - (iii) 85% for both years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 of current and future contingent eligible participants will elect health care benefits at age 55, or current age if later.



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(iv) Actives, upon retirement, take coverage, and are assumed to have the following coverage:

	Retirement Age	
	Under 65	Age 65 +
Indemnity	28.0%	96.0%
POS/PPO	60.0%	0.0%
HMO	12.0%	4.0%

Investment assets of the Plan are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT") Fund. The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation		Long-term expected real rate of return	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Global equity	39.00%	39.00%	4.80%	4.90%
Core fixed income	15.00%	15.00%	0.70%	1.30%
Private equity	13.00%	13.00%	8.20%	8.20%
Portfolio completion strategies	11.00%	11.00%	3.20%	3.90%
Real estate	10.00%	10.00%	3.50%	3.60%
Value added fixed income	8.00%	8.00%	4.20%	4.70%
Timberland/natural resources	4.00%	4.00%	4.10%	4.10%
Total	100.00%	100.00%		

The discount rates used to measure the OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 were 2.28% and 3.63%, respectively. These rates were based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rates of 2.21% and 3.51%, respectively, as of the measurement dates June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and the expected rates of return on plan investments of 7.15% and 7.25%, respectively. The plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members. The projected "depletion date" when projected benefits are not covered by projected assets is 2028 (2029 for the year ended June 30, 2019). Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was not applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 and 2019.

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The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease	Discount rate	1% increase
June 30, 2020 (a)	\$ 27,283,935	\$ 25,852,605	\$ 19,356,935
June 30, 2019 (b)	28,721,305	24,061,207	20,376,695

(a) The discount rates as of June 30, 2020 are as follows: 2.28% (current); 1.28% (1% decrease) and 3.28% (1% increase).

(b) The discount rates as of June 30, 2019 are as follows: 3.63% (current); 2.63% (1% decrease) and 4.63% (1% increase).

The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rate as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease (b)	Healthcare cost trend rates (a)	1% increase (c)
June 30, 2020	\$ 21,075,698	\$ 25,852,605	\$ 32,302,227
June 30, 2019	19,819,472	24,061,207	29,644,526

(a) The current healthcare cost trend rates are as follows: 7.15% (June 30, 2020) and 7.5% (June 30, 2019) for medical, and 5.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 4.0% in 2026 (June 30, 2020) and 4.5% (June 30, 2019) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 4.0% (June 30, 2020) and 4.5% (June 30, 2019) for administration costs.

(b) The healthcare cost trend rates after a 1% decrease are as follows: 6.15% (June 30, 2020) and 7.5% (June 30, 2019) for medical, 4.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 3.0% in 2026 (June 30, 2020) and 3.5% (June 30, 2019) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 3.0% (June 30, 2020) and 3.5% (June 30, 2019) for administration costs.

(c) The healthcare cost trend rates after a 1% increase are as follows: 7.5% (June 30, 2020) and 8.0% (June 30, 2019) for medical, 6.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 5.0% in 2026 (June 30, 2020) and 5.5% (June 30, 2019) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 5.0% (June 30, 2020) and 5.5% (June 30, 2019) for administration costs.

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's changes in net OPEB liability, fiduciary net position, and employees covered by benefit terms separately identified by: a) Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments, b) Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments, and c) Active employees is available in the Commonwealth's financial statements.

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**Note 23 - Lease and license agreements**

As disclosed in Note 14, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a long-term operating lease agreement with DCAMM on behalf of the University. The lease commenced on August 16, 2006 and expired on August 16, 2016. The lease provided for base rent of \$165,000 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$13,750, for the entire lease term. The University was also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with its use of the property. The lease continued in effect, after its expiration, under the same terms and conditions until March 9, 2017 when the Foundation Supporting Organization signed a new 10-year lease with the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. The new lease agreement became effective as of August 16, 2016. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rental income amounted to \$165,000 in each year. The rental income is reflected in revenue from sales and services of educational departments in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The corresponding rent expense of the University is reflected in operations and maintenance of plant.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental income under the operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2022	\$ 165,000
2023	165,000
2024	165,000
2025	165,000
2026	165,000
Later years	20,625
	\$ 845,625

On August 6, 2008, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party for 2,350 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on November 1, 2008 and shall expire on October 31, 2018. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University as office and classroom space for its Center for Professional Studies. The lease provided for a base annual rent of \$17,625 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,469. Beginning with the fourth year of the lease there will be a 7.5% increase at the commencement of each three-year period of the lease term, including the continuous period of any extensions thereof. On November 1, 2011, the base annual rent increased to \$18,947 for the next three-year period of the lease term payable in monthly installments of \$1,579. On July 1, 2014, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into an amended operating lease agreement with the unrelated third party adding 20 parking spaces for use in conjunction with the above mentioned office space and extending the lease term through June 30, 2019. The amended lease provides for a base annual rent of \$28,495 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable biannually in installments of \$14,247. On July 1, 2017, the annual rent on the lease shall increase by 7.5% to \$30,632 (biannual installments of \$15,316). On July 1, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization extended the lease agreement for another three year term which provides for a base annual rent of \$30,632 and will increase 2% annually. The Foundation Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Foundation Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time with the payment of two months' base rent as

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a termination charge. The Foundation Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$30,632 in each year.

The future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021 are \$31,870 and \$32,507 for both fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023.

On February 1, 2013, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with the above noted unrelated third party for an additional 1,424 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on February 1, 2013 and shall expire on January 31, 2023. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University for additional office and classroom space. The lease provides for a base annual rent of \$5,696 payable in monthly installments of \$475. Effective July 1, 2017, the lease agreement was amended to extend the term of the lease until June 30, 2023 and modify the lease payment provisions to be in biannual installments of \$2,848. The Foundation Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Foundation Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time after February 1, 2014 with the payment of two months base rent as a termination charge. The Foundation Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$5,696 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2022	\$ 5,696
2023	5,696
	\$ 11,392

The Foundation Supporting Organization and the University are parties to License Agreements whereby the Foundation Supporting Organization granted to the University irrevocable and exclusive licenses to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain property owned by the Foundation Supporting Organization. The License Agreements provide for initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter. The License Agreements provide for annual license fees payable, in arrears, in four equal quarterly installments. All costs to operate and maintain the property, including any capital improvements made thereto, shall be borne by the University. The License Agreements may be terminated by either party upon the expiration of the initial term of the agreements and any subsequent renewal term with the giving of proper notice. In addition, the University may terminate the agreements at any time with the giving of proper notice. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, license fee income for the Foundation Supporting Organization amounted to \$365,337 and 545,661, respectively. The license fee income is reflected in revenue from sales and services of educational departments in the accompanying statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position. The corresponding license fee expense of the University is reflected in operations and maintenance of plant.

On June 22, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a three-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party to lease a minor portion of a building acquired in fiscal year

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2018. The lease agreement provides for monthly lease payments of \$1,600 commencing on July 1, 2018. The lease agreement was amended effective July 1, 2019 and provided for monthly lease payment of \$1,358. A new 5 year lease commenced on July 1, 2021 with a monthly lease payment of \$1,958. For the year ended June 30, 2021, rental income amounted to \$22,968.

**Note 24 - Management Accounting and Reporting System**

Section 15C of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws requires Commonwealth colleges and universities to report activity of campus based funds to the Comptroller of the Commonwealth on the Commonwealth's Statewide Accounting System, Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System ("MMARS"), on the statutory basis of accounting. The statutory basis of accounting is a modified accrual basis of accounting and differs from the information included in these financial statements. The amounts reported on MMARS meet the guidelines of the Comptroller's Guide for Higher Education Audited Financial Statements.

**State appropriations**

The University's State appropriations are comprised of the following for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Gross State appropriations	\$ 44,162,796	\$ 34,644,875
Add: Fringe benefits for benefited employees on the Commonwealth payroll	12,527,566	11,637,238
Less: Day school tuition remitted to the Commonwealth and included in tuition and fee revenue	(468,982)	(875,599)
Net State appropriations	\$ 56,221,380	\$ 45,406,514

\$45,829,701 and \$44,088,228 represent appropriations for maintenance and payroll and other noncapital appropriations during 2021 and 2020, respectively, and \$10,391,679 and \$1,318,286 represent appropriations for capital improvements for 2021 and 2020, respectively. These amounts are presented separately in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Day school tuition receipts and transfers have been recorded in an agency fund during the year and had no material balance outstanding at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

**Note 25 - Risk management**

The University is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Commonwealth is self-insured. In addition, the University maintains commercial insurance coverage for certain of those risks. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses for the covered risks. The separate insurance policies maintained by the University consist of Director and Officer's liability, automobile liability, and a foreign package policy. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. The costs of settled claims have not exceeded policy coverage in any of the past three years.

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The University also participates in the Commonwealth's self-insured programs for employee workers' compensation, health care and other insurance. The Commonwealth assesses the costs of workers' compensation and unemployment insurance to the University based on the University's actual experience (see Note 7). The Commonwealth manages workers' compensation as part of its general operations. No separate fund for workers' compensation is provided for in Massachusetts General Laws. The Commonwealth assesses the costs of health care insurance to the University through a fringe benefit rate and the liability for such coverage is borne by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission manages health insurance and other benefits for the Commonwealth's active and retired employees (see Note 22).

Massachusetts General Laws limit the risk assumed by the Commonwealth for claims of personal injury or property damages to \$100,000 per occurrence, in most circumstances.

**Note 26 - Commitments and contingencies**

Pending or threatened lawsuits against governmental agencies arise in the ordinary course of operations. In the opinion of the University's administration, the ultimate resolution of any legal actions at this date will not result in a material loss to the University since most of any obligation is expected to be paid from state appropriated funds.

The University receives significant financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. Expenditure of funds under these programs require compliance with the grant agreements and are subject to audit by representatives of these federal and state agencies. Any disallowed expenditures resulting from such audits become a liability of the University. In the opinion of management, such liabilities, if any, are not expected to materially affect the financial condition of the University.

The University participates in the Massachusetts College Savings Prepaid Tuition Program. This program allows participants to pay in advance (against a bond) for future tuition at the cost of tuition at the time of the bond purchase, increased by changes in the Consumer Price Index plus 2%. The University is obligated to accept as payment of tuition the amount determined by this program without regard to the standard tuition rate in effect at the time of the individual's enrollment at the University. The effect of this program cannot be determined as it is contingent on future tuition increases and the bond purchasers who attend the University.

The University can perform capital projects that are funded and controlled by another State agency. These projects would be paid from funds appropriated and under the control of DCAMM. The Projects generally consist of renovations and improvements and have been recorded in the respective accounts.

**Note 27 - McKay Agreement**

The University has an agreement with the City of Fitchburg, whereby the City can use the McKay building to provide elementary education to local residents on a year to year basis. The University receives quarterly payments from the City to reimburse the University for its share of payroll and related operating expenses (the "McKay School expenditures"). Reimbursements received for both years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$810,487. These reimbursements are included in the Sales and Services of Educational Departments revenue amount and the McKay School expenditures are included in the appropriate categories under Operating Expenses in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

**Note 28 - Civic Center**

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**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2021 and 2020**

In August 2006, the University and the City of Fitchburg entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in which the University would assume responsibility for the operations, management and maintenance of the George R. Wallace, Jr. Civic Center and the Alice G. Wallace Planetarium (collectively, the "Civic Center"). The Civic Center includes two skating rinks and the adjoining planetarium. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAMM on behalf of the University entered into a lease agreement for the Civic Center with the City of Fitchburg and the Board of Trustees of the Civic Center. The lease commenced on October 1, 2007 and is for a term of 99 years. The lease provided for an initial nominal rent payment and is otherwise a net lease. Pursuant to the terms of the lease, the University has complete authority, at its sole discretion, to do all such acts and deeds as it deems reasonably necessary to manage, maintain and operate the Civic Center for the permitted uses specified in the lease agreement. The University is responsible for payment, from net revenues generated by its operation of the Civic Center, of all costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the Civic Center, and certain other payments as specified in the lease agreement. DCAMM, at the instruction of the University and with 60 days prior written notice, may terminate the lease in the event that the University, in its sole discretion, determines that continuation of the lease is not in the interest of the University.

During fiscal 2007, the University commenced initial management, maintenance and operations activities at the Civic Center in anticipation of the lease agreement being executed. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature appropriated an aggregate amount of \$2,500,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Civic Center. During fiscal 2008, the University made repairs and upgrades to the Civic Center for an aggregate cost of \$2,477,381. The University engaged the services of a professional management company, Facilities Management Corporation ("FMC"), to assist with management, maintenance and operations activities of the ice-skating rink program at the Civic Center. The initial management contract expired on December 31, 2008.

On February 1, 2009, the Commonwealth acting by and through DCAMM on behalf of the University entered into a sublease agreement with FMC for a term of 25 years commencing on the date of the agreement. The sublease agreement is a net lease and, accordingly, FMC is responsible for all costs associated with the operations, management, and maintenance of the sublease premises as well as repairs and required capital improvements. The sublease premises consist of the facilities and related equipment associated with the operation of a public ice-skating rink program. The planetarium is not part of the sublease premises and it is not currently operational. FMC is also responsible for certain other payments for and on behalf of the University related to obligations in existence at the date the University initially assumed management of the Civic Center. During the term of the sublease agreement, FMC is required to pay the University monthly percentage rent based upon the actual gross revenues from its operations, as defined. During each of the first 10 years of the sublease term, no percentage rent is required.

Thereafter, for each of the years 11 through 25, percentage rent at the rate of 1% of actual gross revenues shall be due and payable on a monthly basis. However, in no event shall the aggregate amount of percentage rent paid by FMC during the sublease term be less than \$107,155. For fiscal year 2021 and 2020, the percentage rent incurred by FMC was not material to the financial statements.

The University, officials of the City of Fitchburg, and the Board of Trustees of the Civic Center believe that their collective efforts will return the Civic Center to a vibrant place where the citizenries of the City of Fitchburg and its surrounding cities and towns can enjoy athletic, educational and cultural activities.

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**Required Supplementary Information**



**Fitchburg State University**  
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**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share  
of the Net Pension Liability and Schedule of University Contributions  
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
University's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.1171%	0.0872%	0.0944%	0.0891%	0.0912%	0.0878%	0.0684%
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 20,091,153	\$ 12,763,415	\$ 12,484,412	\$ 11,430,648	\$ 12,580,841	\$ 9,995,092	\$ 5,078,817
University's covered payroll	\$ 40,651,993	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274	\$ 37,167,634	\$ 35,389,121
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	49.42%	30.51%	30.78%	30.28%	33.63%	26.89%	14.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.48%	66.28%	67.91%	67.21%	63.48%	67.87%	76.32%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,330,293	\$ 6,287,003	\$ 5,295,643	\$ 4,756,899	\$ 3,977,525	\$ 3,799,572	\$ 3,946,690
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(6,330,293)</u>	<u>(6,287,003)</u>	<u>(5,295,643)</u>	<u>(4,756,899)</u>	<u>(3,977,525)</u>	<u>(3,799,572)</u>	<u>(2,912,032)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,658</u>
University's covered payroll	\$ 40,651,993	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274	\$ 37,167,634	\$ 35,389,121
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.57%	15.03%	13.06%	12.60%	10.63%	10.22%	11.15%

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Pension  
June 30, 2021**

**Note 1 - Changes in Pension Plan Benefit Terms and Assumptions**

**FY2020 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Changes in the investment rate of return

MSERS changed its discount rate to 7.15% from 7.25%.

**FY2019 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Changes in the investment rate of return

MSERS changed its discount rate to 7.25% from 7.35%.

**FY2018 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Changes in the investment rate of return

MSERS changed its discount rate to 7.35% from 7.50%.

Change in mortality

The following mortality assumption changes were made in the January 1, 2018 Actuarial Valuation:

- Disabled members - would reflect the same assumptions as for superannuation retirees, but with an age set forward of one year.

**FY2017 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes in benefit terms

Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 established an early retirement incentive ("ERI") program for certain employees of the highway division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation whose positions have been eliminated due to the automation of toll collections. Most members retiring under the ERI program had a date retirement of October 28, 2016. 112 members took the ERI and retired during FY2017. As a result, the total pension liability of MSERS increased by approximately \$10 million as of June 30, 2017.

Changes in assumptions:

Change in mortality

- Pre-retirement - was changed to RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 set forward 1 year for females from RP-2000 Employees table projected generationally with scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct).

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- Post-retirement - was changed to RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 set forward 1 year for females from RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct).
- Disabled members - is assumed to be in accordance with the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2015 (gender distinct), and is unchanged from the prior valuation.

**Note 2 - Other information**

This schedule is intended to present 10 years of data. Additional years will be presented when available.

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**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share  
of the Net OPEB Liability and Schedule of University Contributions  
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	2021	2020	2019	2018
University's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.1249%	0.1315%	0.1471%	0.1272%
University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 27,609,783	\$ 25,861,235	\$ 29,068,920	\$ 23,499,661
Less: University's proportionate share of Plan fiduciary net position	1,757,179	1,800,028	1,750,656	1,266,987
University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 25,852,605	\$ 24,061,207	\$ 27,318,264	\$ 22,232,674
University's covered payroll	\$ 40,651,993	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018
University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	63.59%	57.52%	67.35%	58.90%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	6.40%	6.96%	6.01%	5.39%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,179,165	\$ 3,047,731	\$ 3,556,181	\$ 3,366,603
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(3,179,165)	(3,047,731)	(3,556,181)	(3,366,603)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University's covered payroll	\$ 40,651,993	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.82%	7.29%	8.77%	8.92%

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB  
June 30, 2021**

**Note 1 - Changes in OPEB plan benefit terms and assumptions**

**FY2020 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was decreased to 2.28% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate of 2.21%).

Change in excise tax

The excise tax was removed.

Change in per capita claims costs

Per capita claims costs were updated based on changes in underlying claims and benefit provisions.

Change in medical trend rates

The medical trend rates were updated.

Change in salary scale

The salary scale assumption was updated from a constant 4% assumption to rates that vary by years of service and group classifications.

Change in future retirees' plan participation rates

The portion of future retirees cover a spouse was reduced from 80% to 60%.

Change in medical plan election rates

Retirees and spouses (if covered) are assumed to be non-Medicare eligible prior to age 65 and Medicare eligible at age 65, unless their spouse is over age 65 and non-Medicare eligible.

**FY2019 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in base OPEB rates for medical and prescriptions

Annually, a recalibration of the underlying healthcare costs is performed using healthcare cost experience from the GIC and developing new per person annual costs under the different health plan options. The expectation is that the new rates will be equal to the prior year rates plus one year of healthcare trend (medical inflation).

Change in trend of future costs

The healthcare trend rate decreased from 8.0% in FY2018 to 7.5% in FY2019, which impacts the high cost excise tax.

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB**  
**June 30, 2021**

Change in medical plan election rates

The pre age 65 medical plan election percentages were updated to better reflect plan experience.

Change in future retirees' plan participant rates

Plan participation rate for future retirees was changed from 80% to 85% to better reflect recent plan experience plan experience.

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was decreased to 3.63% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.51%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74.

**FY2018 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in base OPEB rates for medical and prescriptions

Annually, a recalibration of the underlying healthcare costs is performed using healthcare cost experience from the GIC and developing new per person annual costs under the different health plan options. The expectation is that the new rates will be equal to the prior year rates plus one year of healthcare trend (medical inflation).

Change in trend of future costs

The healthcare trend rate decreased from 8.5% in FY2017 to 8.0% in FY2018, which impacts the high cost excise tax.

Change in mortality

The following mortality assumption changes were made in the January 1, 2018 Actuarial Valuation:

- Disabled members – would reflect the same assumptions as for superannuation retirees, but with an age set forward of one year.

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was increased to 3.92% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.87%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74.

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB**  
**June 30, 2021**

**FY2017 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was increased to 3.63% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.58%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74. The June 30, 2016 discount rate was calculated to be 2.88%.

**Note 2 - Other information**

This schedule is intended to present 10 years of data. Additional years will be presented when available.

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**Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Activity**  
**June 30, 2021**

The University's Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund non-classified Statements of Net Position at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Statements of Net Position

	<u>Residence Hall Fund</u>	<u>Residence Hall Damage Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 3,347,074	\$ 7,605
Cash held by State Treasurer	218,402	-
Investments	1,146,234	279,889
Prepaid expenses	5,037	-
Accounts receivable, net	136,909	15,103
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Total assets	4,853,656	302,597
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<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	65,114	-
Deposits	396,500	-
Salaries payable	97,476	-
Compensated absences	139,803	-
Deferred rental income	2,200	-
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Total liabilities	701,093	-
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Net position	<u>\$ 4,152,563</u>	<u>\$ 302,597</u>

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**Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Activity**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**

The University's Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (presented in accordance with the Commonwealth's Expenditure Classification plan) for the year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Residence Hall Fund	Residence Hall Damage Fund
<b>Revenues</b>		
Student fees	\$ 6,026,811	\$ -
Interest	18,908	2,692
Investment income	174,856	24,896
Commissions	4,518	-
Rentals	200,005	-
Room damage assessments	-	18,305
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Total revenues	6,425,098	45,893
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<b>Expenses</b>		
Regular employee compensation	1,200,894	-
Regular employee related expenses	2,060	-
Special employee/contract services	96,106	-
Pension and insurance	460,207	-
Facility operating supplies and related expenses	58,569	-
Administrative expenses	10,404	-
Energy and space rental	964,361	-
Operational services	11,181	-
Equipment purchases	8,494	-
Equipment lease - purchase, lease, rent, repair	2,985	-
Purchased client services and programs	105	-
Construction and improvements	479,983	-
Benefit program	78,203	-
Loans and special payments	2,911,062	-
Other - bad debt expense (recovery)	13,968	1,245
Information technology expenses	30,321	-
Miscellaneous	450	-
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Total expenses	6,329,353	1,245
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<b>Transfers (in)/out</b>		
Covid-19 - Grant INCOME- HEERF	(4,000,000)	-
Covid-19 -Refund - OTHR	(71,854)	-
Interdepartmental rental expense	10,305	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	(285)
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Total transfers	(4,061,549)	(285)
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Total expenses and transfers	2,267,804	960
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Increase (decrease) in net position	4,157,294	44,933
Net position - beginning of year	(4,731)	257,664
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Net position - end of year	\$ 4,152,563	\$ 302,597
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The above Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position do not include an allocation of the current year charge for workers' compensation as estimated by the Commonwealth's actuarial review. It is not practical to allocate any such amount to any specific trust fund.

See Independent Auditor's Report.

**Supplementary Information and Reports  
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information  
Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fitchburg State University's basic financial statements, and our report thereon dated **REPORT DATE**, which included an emphasis of matter paragraph as indicated on page 3, expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the 2021 financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"), and is not a required part of the 2021 financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2021 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2021 financial statements or to the 2021 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2021 financial statements as a whole.

Boston, Massachusetts  
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**Fitchburg State University**  
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**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Federal Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Passed through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
<u>Student Financial Assistance Cluster</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
Federal Supplemental Educational			
Opportunity Grants	84.007	\$ -	\$ 414,220
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033	-	112,979
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	-	992,675
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	-	6,051,537
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	-	24,191,264
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Total U.S. Department of Education		-	31,762,675
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Nursing Student Loans	93.364	-	175,922
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Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		-	175,922
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Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster		-	31,938,597
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<u>TRIO Cluster</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
TRIO - Student Support Services	84.042A	-	242,209
TRIO - Upward Bound	84.047A	-	304,521
TRIO - Upward Bound Math and Science	84.047M	-	278,522
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Total U.S. Department of Education		-	825,252
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Total TRIO Cluster		-	825,252
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**Fitchburg State University**  
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**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Federal Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Passed through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
<u>COVID-19 CARES Act - HEERF</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)			
Student Aid Portion	84.425E	-	1,944,413
COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)			
Institutional Portion	84.425F	-	256,344
COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF)			
Strengthening Institutions Program	84.425M	-	194,762
Total U.S. Department of Education		-	2,395,519
Total COVID-19 CARES Act - HEERF		-	2,395,519
<u>COVID-19 CARES Act - GEERF</u>			
COVID-19 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF)			
	84.425C	-	280,875
Total U.S. Department of Education		-	280,875
Total COVID-19 CARES Act - GEERF		-	280,875
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Education		-	35,264,321
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		-	175,922
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$ -	\$ 35,440,243

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**Fitchburg State University**  
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**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**June 30, 2021**

**Note 1 - Basis of presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ("SEFA" or "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Fitchburg State University (the "University"), under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the University, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the University.

**Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Fitchburg State University has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Note 3 - Matching costs**

Matching costs, i.e., the nonfederal share of certain program costs, are not included in the accompanying Schedule.

**Note 4 - Relationship to federal financial reports**

The regulations and guidelines governing the preparation of federal financial reports vary by federal agency and among programs administered by the same agency. Accordingly, the amounts reported in the federal financial reports do not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule.

**Note 5 - Federal Direct Student Loans ("FDL")**

The Schedule includes FDL ("CFDA 84.268") which are made directly by the U.S. Department of Education to individual students.

**Note 6 - Federal Perkins Loan Program**

The Federal Perkins Loan Program ("CFDA 84.038") is administered by Fitchburg State University. Fiscal year 2021 activity included loan funds disbursed of \$0. The outstanding liability to the federal government under this loan program at June 30, 2021 totaled \$992,675.

**Note 7 - Nursing Student Loans**

The Nursing Student Loan Program ("CFDA 93.364") is administered by Fitchburg State University. Fiscal year 2021 activity included loan funds disbursed of \$0. The outstanding liability to the federal government under this loan program at June 30, 2021 totaled \$175,922.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and  
on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (the "University") (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated **REPORT DATE**, which included an emphasis of matter paragraph as indicated on page 3.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as basis for designing 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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



## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Boston, Massachusetts

**REPORT DATE**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Fitchburg State University's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Fitchburg State University's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. Fitchburg State University's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

*Management's Responsibility*

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

*Auditor's Responsibility*

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

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

*Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

In our opinion, Fitchburg State University complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Boston, Massachusetts

**REPORT DATE**

**Fitchburg State University  
(a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting

- Material weakness(es) identified?       yes       no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       yes       none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?       yes       no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

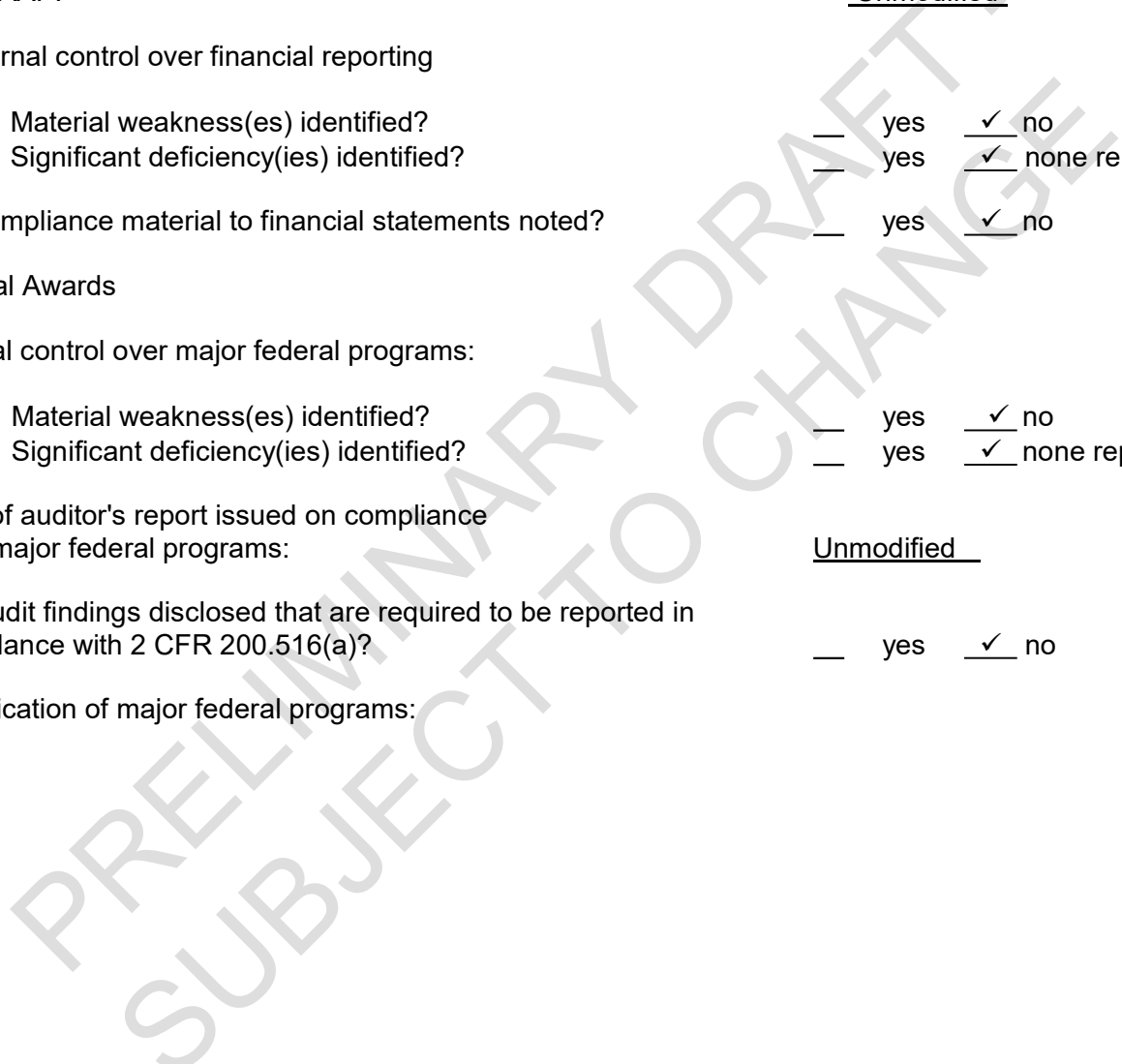
- Material weakness(es) identified?       yes       no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       yes       none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?       yes       no

Identification of major federal programs:



**Fitchburg State University  
(a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Agency	Title	CFDA #
<u>Student Financial Assistance Cluster:</u>		
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Work-Study Program	84.033
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Nursing Student Loans	93.364
<u>HEERF &amp; GEERF Education Stabilization Fund under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act</u>		
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Student Aid Portion	84.425E
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Institutional Portion	84.425F
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Strengthening Institutions Program	84.425M
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	84.425C

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and B programs

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

yes     no

**Section II - Financial Statement Findings**

None reported.

**Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported.

**Attachment C**  
**Fitchburg State University Foundation**  
**AU C 260 Letter V1**

## REPORT DATE

To the Board of Directors  
Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. and FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Organization") for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated REPORT DATE. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit, and certain other matters related to the audit.

### *Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards*

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 15, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, and to express an opinion about whether the consolidated financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the consolidated financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Our responsibility for the supplementary information accompanying the consolidated financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Organization. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Organization's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of consolidated financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

We gave consideration to the non-audit services provided to the Organization during the period of our engagement, which may reasonably be thought to bear on independence, in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired in accordance with professional standards.

### Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to management in our meeting about planning matters on July 9, 2021.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements; therefore, our audit involves judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the entities and their environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entities or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entities. This letter communicates any significant findings as a result of our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of the appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As discussed in Note 1, the Organization adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customer (Topic 606)* as of July 1, 2020 using the modified retrospective method of transition for all contracts that were not completed as of that date. The Organization's revenue for reporting periods ending after June 30, 2020 are presented under the new guidance, while financial results for prior periods will continue to be reported in accordance with the prior guidance and the Organization's historical accounting policy.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We found no such accounting estimates affecting the consolidated financial statements to be particularly sensitive during our audit.

The consolidated financial statements disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no uncorrected misstatements noted as a result of audit procedures. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the consolidated financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.



*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated REPORT DATE.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's consolidated financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

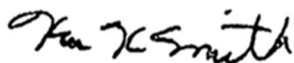
*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Boards of Directors and management of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. and FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Karen K. Smith, CPA

# **Attachment D**

## **Foundation FS Draft Updated 11.2**

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**

**Consolidated Financial Statements  
(With Supplementary Information)  
and Independent Auditor's Report**

**June 30, 2021**

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**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors  
Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.

### Report on the Consolidated Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Foundation's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 Foundation'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 consolidated financial statements.

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

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, and changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Report on Summarized Comparative Information*

We have previously audited the consolidated financial statements of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc., and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated November 18, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative consolidated information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

### *Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2020, on our consideration of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'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 Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Boston, Massachusetts  
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**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2021**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)**

	<u>Assets</u>	
	2021	2020
Cash and equivalents	\$ 2,499,955	\$ 1,866,947
Investments	27,159,824	21,254,142
Accrued investment income receivable	37,849	32,495
Accounts receivable	-	21,195
Contributions receivable, net	372,774	751,904
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	69,247	100,160
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	7,218,761	6,737,875
Other assets	140,920	146,788
Total assets	\$ 37,499,330	\$ 30,911,506
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Liabilities		
Bank lines of credit	\$ -	\$ 250,000
Accounts payable, trade	77,615	96,412
Environmental liability	536,901	100,000
Accrued interest payable	7,470	6,293
Agency fund	31,080	31,080
Deferred revenue	30,000	32,500
Notes payable - bank	453,794	474,685
First mortgage notes payable	3,919,792	3,324,303
Total liabilities	5,056,652	4,315,273
Net assets		
Without donor restriction	6,536,619	5,624,938
With donor restrictions	25,906,059	20,971,295
Total net assets	32,442,678	26,596,233
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 37,499,330	\$ 30,911,506

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**

**Consolidated Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)**

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	2021 Total	2020 Total
Revenue and support				
Program revenues				
Gifts and donations	\$ 72,818	\$ 814,558	\$ 887,376	\$ 1,911,903
State matching donation	-	-	-	277,778
Grants and contracts	-	-	-	45,000
Sales and services	55,560	691	56,251	79,337
Rental income	187,968		187,968	189,330
Residence hall income	95,326		95,326	263,623
License fee income	356,337		356,337	545,661
Contribution in kind income	879,449	-	879,449	163,626
Other revenue				
Interest and dividends	90,920	263,704	354,624	357,813
Gain (loss) on investments, net	1,519,734	4,401,774	5,921,508	1,062,452
Net assets released from restrictions	545,963	(545,963)	-	-
Total revenue and support	<u>3,804,075</u>	<u>4,934,764</u>	<u>8,738,839</u>	<u>4,896,523</u>
Expenses				
Program services	1,932,952	-	1,932,952	1,522,297
Management and general	267,889	-	267,889	251,489
Fundraising	103,972	-	103,972	99,060
Total expenses	<u>2,304,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,304,813</u>	<u>1,872,846</u>
Losses on transfers and sale of land and building interest	587,581	-	587,581	-
Increase in net assets	911,681	4,934,764	5,846,445	3,023,677
Net assets at beginning of year	5,624,938	20,971,295	26,596,233	23,572,556
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 6,536,619</u>	<u>\$ 25,906,059</u>	<u>\$ 32,442,678</u>	<u>\$ 26,596,233</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.



## Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.

### Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2021 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	2021				2020
	Program services	Management and general	Fundraising	Total	Total
Scholarships	\$ 349,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 349,912	\$ 355,106
Community services	19,175	-	-	19,175	22,791
Speakers and cultural programs	14,600	-	-	14,600	11,126
Outside services	2,500	-	17,500	20,000	15,753
Accounting and audit	-	30,600	-	30,600	23,352
Insurance	111,606	25,886	-	137,492	126,599
Affiliate personnel costs	-	105,126	64,823	169,949	161,526
Supplies	-	-	-	-	3,715
Postage	-	-	5,985	5,985	-
Equipment and maintenance	16,135	58,665	-	74,800	64,142
Printing and publications	948	-	14,503	15,451	10,360
Travel	-	-	-	-	6,917
Meetings and conferences	924	-	-	924	28,500
Professional and consulting services	-	11,813	-	11,813	-
Awards and grants	254,221	-	-	254,221	331,030
Contribution made to University	266,000	-	-	266,000	266,000
Fees, fines, licenses, permits	8,250	-	-	8,250	309
Repairs and maintenance	18,545	-	-	18,545	7,700
Property management	-	-	-	-	21,740
Rent	36,941	-	-	36,941	36,328
Utilities	22,601	-	-	22,601	23,130
Interest	178,063	14,598	-	192,661	171,277
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,161	1,161	30
Other financial fees	1,400	8,763	-	10,163	17,614
Credit card fees	-	1,168	-	1,168	868
Real estate and other taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Environmental costs	465,696	-	-	465,696	-
Bad debt expense	-	-	-	-	240
Depreciation	165,435	11,270	-	176,705	166,693
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,932,952</b>	<b>\$ 267,889</b>	<b>\$ 103,972</b>	<b>\$ 2,304,813</b>	<b>\$ 1,872,846</b>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 5,846,445	\$ 3,023,677
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Gain on investments	(6,079,862)	(1,180,612)
Contribution of property and equipment	(709,500)	(2,100)
Losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings	587,581	
Depreciation	176,705	166,693
Discount on pledges	12,817	(21,471)
Amortization of debt issuance costs	-	2,404
Contributions restricted for long-term purposes	(345,883)	(1,727,298)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in assets		
Accounts receivable	6,729	(13,550)
Accrued investment income receivable		3,299
Contributions receivable, net	82,757	361,222
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	30,911	(69,842)
Other assets	-	(43,152)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable, trade	(2,520)	(207,185)
Accrued expenses	-	(825)
Due to affiliate	(1,835)	(3,249)
Environmental liability	465,696	-
Accrued interest payable	(5,354)	(1,695)
Agency fund	1,202	(22,821)
Deferred revenue	12,313	(26,019)
	<u>78,202</u>	<u>237,476</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property and equipment	(564,466)	(240,775)
Proceeds from sale of investments	7,540,997	2,699,673
Purchase of investments	(7,349,281)	(2,712,053)
	<u>(372,750)</u>	<u>(253,155)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**  
**(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds of first mortgage notes payable	1,538,000	-
Proceeds of bank lines of credit	250,000	250,000
Payments on bank lines of credit	(250,000)	(250,000)
Payments on first mortgage notes payable	(936,817)	(223,620)
Payments on notes payable - bank	(20,891)	(20,122)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(20,507)	-
Payments on advances from affiliate	(250,000)	-
Proceeds from sale of donated securities restricted for permanent endowment	617,770	890,057
	<u>927,556</u>	<u>646,315</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities		
	633,008	630,636
Net increase in cash and equivalents		
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	<u>1,866,947</u>	<u>1,236,311</u>
Cash and equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,499,955</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,947</u>

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021****Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies****Organization**

Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") was organized on June 6, 1978, exclusively for the benefit of Fitchburg State University (the "University"), to establish scholarships and make awards to educationally talented and needy students; to establish a Distinguished Professor award within the faculty of the University; to subsidize inter-collegiate athletic programs; to subsidize budgets of departments of the University as needed for particular purposes; to encourage public use and support of functions and activities which further the mission of the University; and to encourage other activities necessary for, or incidental to, any or all of the foregoing. The following programs are supported under the auspices of the Foundation: Center Stage, Alumni Association, Women in Today's Society, Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio endowment and the University's Booster Clubs.

FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Supporting Organization") was organized on October 29, 1999 to be a supporting organization operated, supervised and controlled for the exclusive benefit of the Foundation and all of its educational and charitable activities. As of June 30, 2021, the Supporting Organization's sole program activity has been to acquire, hold, operate and lease real estate and related improvements for the benefit of the Foundation and University.

The Foundation and the Supporting Organization are collectively referred to hereinafter as the Organization.

**Accounting pronouncements adopted**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) in May 2014, providing new revenue recognition guidance that superseded existing revenue recognition guidance. The update, as amended, requires the recognition of revenue related to the transfer of goods or services to customers reflect the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services, as well as additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures about revenues. The Organization adopted the new revenue recognition guidance as of July 1, 2020 using the modified retrospective method of transition for all contracts that were not completed as of that date. The Organization's revenue for reporting periods ending after June 30, 2020 are presented under the new guidance, while financial results for prior periods will continue to be reported in accordance with the prior guidance and the Organization's historical accounting policy. The Organization has not experienced significant changes to the pattern of revenue recognition for its contracts, the identification of contracts and performance obligations or the measurement of variable consideration. There is no net cumulative adjustment related to the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance.

The Organization has elected to apply the deferrals provided by ASU 2020-05 and therefore expects to adopt Topic 842 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021 on a modified retrospective basis.

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.****Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021****Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies****Principles of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Foundation and the Supporting Organization. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Professional standards require that a not-for-profit organization consolidate another not-for-profit organization if the reporting not-for-profit ("Foundation") has both control and an economic interest in the other not-for-profit organization ("Supporting Organization"). The Supporting Organization's Articles of Organization limit its activities to those that are for the exclusive benefit of the Foundation.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Method of accounting**

The consolidated financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis, whereby income is recorded when earned and expenses recorded when incurred in the appropriate accounting period.

**Basis of presentation**

The consolidated financial statements of the Organization are presented in accordance with guidance issued by the FASB for the presentation of financial statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. Under this guidance, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions.

The two categories are differentiated as follows:

**Without donor restrictions**

Net assets without donor restrictions represent funds available for support of the Foundation's functions and operations that are not externally restricted for identified purposes by donors. Net assets without donor restrictions include resources that the governing board may use for any designated purposes and resources whose use is limited by agreement between the Foundation and outside party other than a donor.

**With donor restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions are those whose use by the Foundation has been limited by donors to a specific period or purpose. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, and the restriction will expire when the resources are used in accordance with the donor's instructions, or when the stipulated time has passed. Programs supported by the Organization operate under budgetary restrictions except for the Women in Today's Society program. Income earned from support derived by the Women in Today's Society program is restricted; ninety percent (90%) of such income is available for the Women in Today's Society program with ten percent (10%) available for general Organization expenses. Other donor-

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imposed restrictions on net assets are permanent in nature. These net assets have been restricted by donors to be maintained in perpetuity.

**Risks and uncertainties**

The Organization maintains an investment portfolio consisting of a combination of U.S. Treasury securities and other government obligations, corporate bonds, equity securities and mutual funds that are invested in equity securities, bonds and other investment securities. The Organization's investments in equity securities, corporate bonds and mutual funds include both domestic and foreign investments. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of these investments will occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the Organization's investment account balances.

**Revenue recognition****Residence Hall Fees**

Residence hall fees are recognized when control of the promised services are transferred to the Organization's customers, students and members, in an amount that depicts the consideration the Organization expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenue is not recognized unless collectability under the contract is considered probable, the contract has commercial substance and the contract has been approved. Additionally, the contract must contain payment terms, as well as the rights and commitments of both parties. Residence hall fees are paid quarterly throughout the year based on the number of students utilizing the residence hall. This income is recognized ratably over the period in which the residence hall is utilized.

**Contributions and bequests**

Transactions where the resource provider often receive value indirectly by providing a societal benefit, although the societal benefit is not considered to be of commensurate value, are deemed to be contributions. Contributions are classified as either conditional or unconditional. A conditional contribution is a transaction where the Organization has to overcome a barrier or hurdle to be entitled to the resource and the resource provider is released from the obligation to fund or has the right of return of any advanced funding if the Organization fails to overcome the barrier. The Organization recognizes the contribution revenue upon overcoming the barrier or hurdle. Any funding received prior to overcoming the barrier is recognized as refundable advance.

Unconditional contributions are recognized as revenue and receivable when the commitment to contribute is received.

Conditional and unconditional contributions are recorded as either with donor restriction or without donor restriction. Contributions are recognized as contributions with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated asset. Contributions received with no donor stipulations are recorded as contributions without donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified as net assets without donor restrictions and are reported in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restriction. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions expire during the same fiscal year are recognized as contribution without donor restrictions.

All contributions are considered to be without donor restrictions unless specifically restricted by the donor. All donor-restricted contributions are recorded as increases in donor restricted net assets.

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When a restriction expires (that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified as net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted contributions whose restrictions expire during the same fiscal year are recognized as revenue without donor restrictions.

**Sales and services**

Sales and services revenue primarily consists of revenue generated from various cultural programs, functions and events organized by the Organization. Revenue is recognized when the programs, functions and events have taken place and the promised services have been performed. Revenue is not recognized unless collectability under the contract is considered probable, the contract has commercial substance and the contract has been approved. Additionally, the contract must contain payment terms, as well as the rights and commitments of both parties. Revenues received for future programs, functions and events are deferred to the applicable year in which they are earned.

**Rental and license fee income**

Renting and leasing operations consist of leasing commercial space under a long-term lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAM") on behalf of Fitchburg State University. In addition, the Organization granted Fitchburg State University an exclusive license to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain other property owned by the Organization pursuant to License Agreements with initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter.

**Cash and equivalents**

The Organization maintains operating cash at three financial institutions in Massachusetts. In addition, the Organization maintains money market funds at four different financial institutions. Short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less are considered cash equivalents.

**Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount the Organization expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Organization provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual account balances. Balances that are still outstanding after the Organization has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

**Investments**

Investments consist of debt, marketable equity securities, mutual funds and other investments, which are carried at their fair values. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue. Restricted investment income and gains are reported as increases in without donor restricted net assets, unless a donor or law temporarily or permanently restricts their use. Gains and losses on the disposition of investments are principally determined based on the first-in, first-out method or specific identification of securities sold. Investment income is recognized when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Organization's investment policy consists of a target asset allocation range of 50% to 70% equity securities, 30% to 50% fixed income securities and up to 10% in cash and equivalents.

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The Organization's endowments consist of approximately 121 and 113 individual funds at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, that are restricted by donors to function as endowments primarily for the granting of scholarships and to fund other academic and cultural programs. During 2018, the Board of Directors voted to earmark a board-designated fund entitled The Fund for Fitchburg State to function as an endowment fund. The fund will be invested and generate earnings which will be used to fill the gap for students with financial need. During fiscal 2018, \$25,000 of without donor restricted net assets were board-designated to function as an endowment (Note 5). In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

**Interpretation of relevant law**

The Board of Directors of the Organization has interpreted the Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") 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 Organization classifies as assets with donor restriction (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 funds will remain in net assets with donor restriction until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate restricted endowment funds: (i) the duration and preservation of the fund, (ii) the purposes of the Organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund, (iii) general economic conditions, (iv) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (v) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (vi) other resources of the Organization, and (vii) the investment policies of the Organization.

**Investment and spending policies**

The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Organization must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a variety of investments that aim to preserve principal, generate income and provide the opportunity for conservative growth.

The Organization's performance goals are to provide an average annual total rate of return, net of fees, that equals or exceeds its spending rate plus inflation ("CPI") over a rolling five-year period. Additionally, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of appropriate capital market indices weighted by the Organization's asset allocation target percentages over a rolling five-year period. The Organization's performance goals are also intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of a universe of similarly managed funds. The Organization's performance goals are based upon a long-term investment horizon. Accordingly, actual returns in any given year may vary from these amounts.



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To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Organization relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Organization targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The Organization has a spending policy of appropriating for distribution each year a percentage of its endowment fund's average fair value over the preceding three years. The amount to be appropriated for distribution shall not exceed 5%. In establishing this policy, the Organization considered the long-term expected return on its endowment fund assets. Accordingly, over the long-term, the Organization expects the current spending policy to be consistent with the Organization's objective of seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment fund assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

**Funds with deficiencies**

From time-to-time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or Massachusetts General Laws requires the Organization to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, deficiencies of this nature are reported in net assets with donor restrictions. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no deficiencies of this nature.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost, if purchased or constructed and, if donated, at fair value at the time of the donation. Property and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, seven and 10 years for furniture and fixtures, five years for equipment and three years for computer software and equipment. Depreciation commences when the asset is placed in service.

Generally, all additions and improvements with an individual cost or, if donated, fair value in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized to property and equipment.

**Impairment of long-lived assets**

The Organization's long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets may be impaired. An evaluation is performed by obtaining a market appraisal or by measuring the estimated future undiscounted cash flows (without interest charges) associated with the asset to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write-down to fair value is required. If an impairment is present, the assets are reported at the lower of carrying value or fair value.

**Debt issuance costs**

Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization, are reported as a direct deduction from the face amount of the first mortgage notes payable to which such costs relate. Amortization of debt issuance costs is reported as a component of interest expense and is computed using an imputed interest rate on the related loan.

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For purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Income taxes**

The Foundation and the Supporting Organization are classified by the Internal Revenue Service as "publicly supported organizations" exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Foundation or Supporting Organization's tax-exempt purposes are subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The Foundation has unrelated business income for the years ended 2021 and 2020. The income and related income taxes thereon, which are not material, are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The Supporting Organization did not have any material unrelated business income for the years ended 2021 and 2020. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made for the Supporting Organization in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Management has evaluated significant tax positions against the criteria established by professional standards and believes there are no such tax positions requiring accounting recognition in the consolidated financial statements. Management does not believe its evaluation of tax positions will significantly change within 12 months of June 30, 2021. Any changes in tax positions will be recorded when the ultimate outcome becomes known. Accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions, if any, are recognized as a part of interest expense and miscellaneous other expenses, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated statements of activities. The Foundation and Supporting Organization have no accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions at June 30, 2021 and 2020 and none were incurred during the years then ended. The Foundation and Supporting Organization's income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities generally for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

**Functional allocation of expenses**

The costs related to various activities of the Organization have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities and functional expenses. The financial statements report certain categories of expense that are attributed to more than one supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include affiliate personnel costs, printing and publications, meetings and conferences, and other costs, which have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited based on specific identification.

**Summarized comparative financial information**

The consolidated financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's consolidated financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

**Subsequent events**

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through REPORT DATE, which is the date these consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Note 3 - Cash and equivalents**

Cash and equivalents consist of the following at June 30:

	2021	2020
Cash and other demand deposits	\$ 1,452,405	\$ 1,188,810
Money market funds	1,047,550	678,137
	<u>\$ 2,499,955</u>	<u>\$ 1,866,947</u>

Money market funds include the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund in the aggregate amount of \$288,117 and \$26,532 at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. The SSGA US Government Money Market Fund invests in obligations of the U.S. Government, or its instrumentalities with remaining maturities of one year or less. The fund seeks to maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity, and the maintenance of a stable \$1.00 per share net asset value. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 27 days and 37 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Money market funds include the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund in the aggregate amount of \$53,742 and \$52,419 at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively. The Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund invests in U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements. The fund seeks to maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity, and the maintenance of a stable \$1.00 per share net asset value. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 46 days and 51 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, respectively.

Money market funds include the RWM Cash Management Money Market account in the aggregate amount of \$233,743 and \$127,633 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

Money market funds also include the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market account with a balance of \$471,948 and \$471,553 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Organization maintains its operating cash balances in financial institutions located in Massachusetts. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000.

The Organization's cash balances fluctuate throughout the year and may exceed insured limits from time-to-time. The Organization has not experienced any losses on its accounts, and monitors the credit-worthiness of the financial institutions with which it conducts business. Management believes that the Organization is not exposed to any significant credit risk with respect to its cash and cash equivalent balances.

**Note 4 - Liquidity and availability**

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Financial assets available for general expenditure within one year as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 consist of the following:

Financial assets at year end	2021	2020
Cash and equivalents (excluding agency fund)	\$ 2,468,875	\$ 1,835,867
Accounts receivable	-	21,195
Contributions receivable	372,774	751,904
Investments (net of donor-restricted endowment)	14,595,375	9,033,514
	<u>17,437,024</u>	<u>11,642,480</u>
Total financial assets	<u>17,437,024</u>	<u>11,642,480</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 17,437,024</u>	<u>\$ 11,642,480</u>

The Organization regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds.

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Foundation operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted sources.

The Organization has various sources of liquidity at its disposal including cash, investments and a steady revenue stream from gifts and donations.

**Note 5 - Investments**

Investments are included at their fair values in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and consist of the following at June 30:

	2021		2020	
	Cost	Fair value	Cost	Fair value
Equities	7,887,838	14,066,746	\$ 5,965,766	\$ 11,071,121
Preferred stocks	25,220	26,665	50,683	49,820
Mutual funds	3,452,953	6,907,972	4,496,953	5,063,054
Corporate bonds	3,317,945	3,367,705	2,209,464	2,327,811
U.S. government securities	2,754,977	2,790,736	2,638,105	2,742,336
	<u>\$ 17,438,933</u>	<u>\$ 27,159,824</u>	<u>\$ 15,360,971</u>	<u>\$ 21,254,142</u>

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, net unrealized gains in the Organization's investment portfolio amounted to \$9,720,891 and \$5,893,171, respectively.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, equities include securities in the consumer goods sector which represent 16% and 12% of the fair value of the Organization's investment portfolio, respectively.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, equities include securities in the technology sector which represent 10% and 10%, respectively, of the fair value of the Organization's investment portfolio, respectively.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, 6% and 4% of the fair value, respectively, of the Organization's investment portfolio represents foreign investments, respectively.

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Investments with an equivalent fair value of \$15,398,676 at June 30, 2021 collateralize certain debt agreements (see Notes 11 and 13).

At June 30, 2021, the fair value of investments in debt securities by contractual maturities is as follows:

	Maturity				Total
	Within 1 year	1 - 5 years	6 - 10 years	More than 10 years	
Corporate bonds	\$ 100,452	\$ 2,766,530	\$ 500,723	\$ -	\$ 3,367,705
U.S. government securities	272,169	1,905,700	612,867	-	2,790,736
	<u>\$ 372,621</u>	<u>\$ 4,672,230</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,590</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,158,441</u>

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and fair values of the Organization's investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that the investments have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at June 30, 2021.

Description of investments	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
Equities	\$ 108,486	\$ 14,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,486	\$ 14,066
Preferred stocks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mutual funds	509,555	8,336	643,352	2,616	1,152,907	10,952
Corporate bonds	1,614,250	18,925	-	-	1,614,250	18,925
U.S. government securities	1,078,753	7,750	277,117	6,039	1,355,870	13,789
Total	<u>\$ 3,311,044</u>	<u>\$ 49,077</u>	<u>\$ 920,469</u>	<u>\$ 8,655</u>	<u>\$ 4,231,513</u>	<u>\$ 57,732</u>

The following table presents the gross unrealized losses and fair values of the Organization's investments with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, aggregated by investment category and length of time that the investments have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at June 30, 2020.

Description of Investments	Less than 12 months		12 months or greater		Total	
	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses	Fair value	Unrealized losses
Equities	\$ 654,244	\$ 54,879	\$ 320,866	\$ 40,097	\$ 975,110	\$ 94,976
Preferred stocks	24,503	818	12,605	245	37,108	1,063
Mutual funds	1,037,034	62,424	1,230,002	99,153	2,267,036	161,577
Corporate bonds	-	-	51,018	173	51,018	173
U.S. government securities	-	-	581,838	4,223	581,838	4,223
Total	<u>\$ 1,715,781</u>	<u>\$ 118,121</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,329</u>	<u>\$ 143,891</u>	<u>\$ 3,912,110</u>	<u>\$ 262,012</u>

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The Organization has 90 investments in equities, of which 2 were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2021. The Organization also has 4 investments in preferred stocks, of which none were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2021. The fluctuation in the equity securities and preferred stocks reflects general economic conditions and current changes in the industries of the companies in which the securities are held. The Organization has evaluated the severity and duration of the impairments. Based on that evaluation and the Organization's ability and intent to hold these investments for a reasonable period of time sufficient for a recovery of fair value, the Organization does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at June 30, 2021.

**Mutual funds**

The Organization has 23 mutual fund investments, of which 6 were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2021. The mutual funds are invested in equities and debt securities of companies in diverse industries and reflect current general economic conditions. The Organization has evaluated the severity and duration of the impairments. Based on that evaluation and the Organization's ability and intent to hold the investments for a reasonable period of time sufficient for a recovery of fair value, the Organization does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at June 30, 2021.

**Corporate bonds**

At June 30, 2021, the Organization's investments in corporate debt securities were in the form of interest-bearing securities of top-rated corporate issuers. The Organization has 80 corporate debt security investments, of which 43 were in an unrealized loss position at June 30, 2021. The securities in an unrealized loss position are comprised of fixed-rate debt securities of varying maturities. The value of fixed income securities is sensitive to interest rate fluctuations and the credit rating of the issuer.

There have been no indications of default on interest or principal payments by the issuers. The Organization does not intend to sell nor does it believe it would be required to sell the corporate bonds before their anticipated market value recovery. Accordingly, the Organization does not consider these investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at June 30, 2021.

**U.S. government obligations**

The Organization has 26 U.S. government investment securities at June 30, 2021, of which 16 were in an unrealized loss position as a result of interest rate fluctuations. The contractual terms of the investments do not allow the issuer to settle the securities at a price less than the amortized cost of the investment. The Organization does not intend to sell nor does it believe it would be required to sell these investment securities before their anticipated market value recovery. Accordingly, the Organization does not consider the investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired at June 30, 2021.

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The following table represents the composition of the Organization's endowment net asset by type of fund at June 30, 2021:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 12,054,659	\$ 12,054,659
Donor restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity		12,564,449	12,564,449
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 24,619,108</b>	<b>\$ 24,644,108</b>

The Board-designated endowment as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, represents funds designated for students with financial needs to be awarded financial aid scholarships.

Changes in the endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,886,466	\$ 19,911,466
Investment return			
Investment income	-	263,390	263,390
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	4,517,470	4,517,470
<b>Total investment return</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,780,860</b>	<b>4,780,860</b>
Contributions	-	339,104	339,104
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(256,853)	(256,853)
Investment management fees	-	(117,583)	(117,583)
Reclassification of net assets	-	(12,886)	(12,886)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-		-
Other interdepartmental transfers	-	-	-
<b>Endowment net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 25,000</b>	<b>\$ 24,619,108</b>	<b>\$ 24,644,108</b>

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The endowment net asset composition by type of fund at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 7,665,838	\$ 7,665,838
Donor restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity		12,220,628	12,220,628
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
Total funds	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,886,466	\$ 19,911,466

Changes in the endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,499,346	\$ 17,524,346
Investment return			
Investment income	-	259,267	259,267
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	862,344	862,344
Total investment return	-	1,121,611	1,121,611
Contributions	-	1,731,167	1,731,167
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(368,354)	(368,354)
Investment management fees	-	(84,994)	(84,994)
Reclassification of net assets	-	(11,222)	(11,222)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-	(240)	(240)
Other interdepartmental transfers	-	(848)	(848)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,886,466	\$ 19,911,466

**Note 6 - Contributions receivable, net**

Contributions receivable consist of the unpaid balances (net of discount and any allowance for uncollectible contributions) made on behalf of the Organization. The majority of the contributions receivable are generally pledged from North Central Massachusetts area contributors. The year-end balances are exclusive of potential contributions to be received as part of corporate matching gift programs. Unpaid Alumni Association telethon contributions from the previous fall and spring telethon campaigns are written off at the end of each fiscal year.



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Contributions receivable consist of the following at June 30:

	2021	2020
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 301,428	\$ 403,375
Receivable in one to five years	80,000	370,000
Receivable in more than five years	-	-
	381,428	773,375
Discount on pledges	(8,654)	(21,471)
	<u>\$ 372,774</u>	<u>\$ 751,904</u>

Contributions which are to be received in more than one year are reflected net of a discount determined at the time of the contribution ranging from 1% to 2%.

**Note 7 - Fair value measurements**

FASB's guidance on fair value measurements established a framework for measuring fair value of assets and liabilities and expanded related disclosures. FASB's guidance requires fair value to be determined based on the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for an asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The guidance established a three-level valuation hierarchy based upon observable and non-observable inputs. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities ("Level 1") and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs ("Level 3").

Fair value is the price the Organization would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. In the absence of active markets for the identical assets or liabilities, such measurements involve developing assumptions based on market observable data and, in the absence of such data, internal information that is consistent with what market participants would use in a hypothetical transaction that occurs at the measurement date.

Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Organization's market assumptions. Preference is given to observable inputs.

The fair value hierarchy under the guidance is as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets that are unadjusted and accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: Quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or financial instruments for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

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The guidance requires the use of observable data if such data is available without undue costs and effort.

When available, the Organization uses unadjusted quoted market prices to measure the fair value and classifies such items within Level 1. Level 1 securities primarily include publicly-traded equity securities and mutual funds.

When quoted market prices are unobservable, the Organization uses quotes from independent pricing vendors based on recent trading activity and other relevant information including market interest rate curves, referenced credit spreads and estimated prepayment rates where applicable. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, Level 2 securities consist primarily of corporate fixed income securities, U.S. government securities and preferred stocks.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization believes the valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Equities	\$ 14,066,746	\$ 14,066,746	\$ -	\$ -
Preferred stocks	26,665	-	26,665	-
Mutual funds	6,907,973	6,907,973	-	-
Corporate bonds	3,367,705	-	3,367,705	-
U.S. government securities	2,790,735	-	2,790,735	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,159,824</b>	<b>\$ 20,974,719</b>	<b>\$ 6,185,105</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

The fair value of assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Equities	\$ 11,071,121	\$ 11,071,121	\$ -	\$ -
Preferred stocks	49,820	-	49,820	-
Mutual funds	5,063,054	5,063,054	-	-
Corporate bonds	2,327,811	-	2,327,811	-
U.S. government securities	2,742,336	-	2,742,336	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,254,142</b>	<b>\$ 16,134,175</b>	<b>\$ 5,119,967</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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**Note 8 - Property and equipment**

Property and equipment at June 30, 2021 and 2020 consist of the following:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Real estate under lease		
Land	\$ 402,664	\$ 402,663
Building	1,557,724	1,557,724
Building improvements	<u>342,079</u>	<u>100,452</u>
	<u>2,302,467</u>	<u>2,060,839</u>
Real estate used for student housing		
Land	236,524	253,555
Building	434,225	434,225
Building improvements	<u>28,600</u>	<u>28,600</u>
	<u>699,349</u>	<u>716,380</u>
Real estate used for faculty and staff housing		
Land	133,619	133,619
Building	<u>533,508</u>	<u>533,508</u>
	<u>667,127</u>	<u>667,127</u>
Other		
Land	1,943,239	1,939,111
Land improvements	96,228	158,127
Buildings	1,935,266	1,517,286
Building improvements	1,109,005	1,109,006
Equipment	117,429	117,429
Computer software	641,878	641,878
Furniture and fixtures	60,773	60,773
Library materials	<u>6,570</u>	<u>6,570</u>
	<u>5,910,388</u>	<u>5,550,180</u>
	9,579,331	8,994,526
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>2,360,570</u>	<u>2,256,651</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 7,218,761</u>	<u>\$ 6,737,875</u>

Accumulated depreciation on real estate under lease amounted to \$651,829 and \$604,843 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accumulated depreciation on real estate used for student housing amounted to \$169,805 and \$157,520 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accumulated depreciation on real estate used for faculty and staff housing amounted to \$36,852 and \$23,514 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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At June 30, 2021 and 2020, property and equipment with a cost of approximately \$792,154 were fully depreciated and still in service.

On June 28, 2021, the Supporting Organization transferred seven properties, which consists of land and one building to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAM on behalf of Fitchburg State University. On the date the properties were transferred, the seven properties collectively had a cost basis and accumulated depreciation of \$660,367 and \$72,786, respectively. A loss of \$587,581 was recorded from the transfers of the properties and recognized in losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings in the accompanying statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2021.

On December 22, 2020 the Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$121,813. The Organization intends to use this property for green space and possible future parking.

On November 30, 2020, the Supporting Organization received a donation of the former Fidelity Bank property in downtown Fitchburg. The property includes the bank building and three parcels of land. This property was recorded at fair market value of \$709,500, \$526,617 of which was recorded as building and \$182,883 as land based on an appraisal completed utilizing the sales comparative approach. The property is being held for development of the Theater complex.

On September 18, 2020, the Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$172,231. The Organization intends to use this property for green space with possible future parking.

On June 24, 2020, the Supporting Organization received a donation of property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land only, was recorded at fair market value of \$2,100 at the time of the donation. The Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space.

On June 2, 2020, the Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$240,775. The Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space. The acquisition was funded, in part, through the proceeds of an advance \$250,000 on a letter of credit.

On November 13, 2019, the Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which consists of land and a building, was purchased for \$1 as current environmental remediation is needed before the property is usable. The property was acquired to support the downtown Theater project and the organization intends to raze the building on the property and convert the land to a parking lot. The Organization was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") about an environmental issue with the property that requires remediation. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Organization had purchased an insurance policy with a determined deductible of \$100,000, which it determined increased the value of the land and was recorded as land. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization determined that additional costs of the remediation are expected above the insured policy limits in the amount of \$465,696, which has been expensed in the current year and included in environmental costs in the accompanying schedule of functional expenses. As

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of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, the remaining environmental liability of \$536,901 and \$100,000 is shown on the accompanying statement of financial position.

In fiscal 2017, the Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus consistent with the Supporting Organization's mission and the University's strategic plan which includes campus expansion. The property, which includes land and a building, was purchased for an aggregate cost of \$360,305. The acquisition was financed, in part, with a mortgage note on the property in the amount of \$280,000 (see Note 12). The Supporting Organization is planning a major renovation and expansion of the property which, when completed, is expected to cost approximately \$25,000,000 and consist of a multi-phased project providing academic space, student support services space, retail and community space and a theatre renovation. The space is expected to be used by the University and the Fitchburg and surrounding communities. Fitchburg State University will be responsible for the costs of the project's development and construction pursuant to the terms of the license agreement between the University and the Supporting Organization. Funding for the project is expected to come from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, bonds, grants and philanthropy. The project is in the very early stages of development and is estimated to require four years to completion. At some point during that period, the property will be transferred to a new entity. The Supporting Organization will pay for certain legal services incurred in connection with the project which the Supporting Organization currently estimates to be approximately \$148,000 for the entire project. The Supporting Organization expects to fund these costs through operating cash. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization has incurred \$73,491 of legal costs related to the project which have been recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets and in the accompanying 2021 statement of financial position.

#### **Note 9 - Other assets**

Other assets at June 30, 2021 and 2020 consist of the cash surrender value of life insurance in the amount of \$28,404 and \$34,272, respectively, an art collection in the amount of \$39,025 in both years, and legal costs related to a development project in the amount of \$73,491 in both years.

#### **Note 10 - Agency fund**

The Supporting Organization is part of a collaboration, called Re-imagine North of Main, of local businesses and non-profit organizations located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts committed to making a collective impact and dedicated to improving the quality of life in Fitchburg. The Organization is holding monies for the benefit of North of Main projects and disbursing them as needed to specific vendors identified by the members of the coalition. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization did not collect or disburse any monies in connection with this collaboration. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Organization collected \$49,398 of contributions and disbursed \$72,219 in connection with this collaboration. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Supporting Organization was holding \$31,080 of funds that is to be used exclusively by the members of the coalition.

#### **Note 11 - Lines of credit**

##### **Foundation**

On August 23, 2017, the Foundation renewed, under substantially the same terms, its existing demand revolving working capital line of credit agreement with Workers' Credit Union which permits the Foundation to borrow up to \$250,000. The line of credit agreement, which expired on March 17,

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2017, provided for interest at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, but in no event, less than 6% per annum. Pursuant to the provisions of the line of credit agreement, maximum advances under the line are limited to 70% of the pledged investment collateral unless otherwise approved by the lender. The renewed line of credit provides for interest at 5.25% through September 1, 2017 and, thereafter, at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1%. The interest rate charged to the Foundation may not exceed a rate of 18%. On January 31, 2020, the line of credit agreement was modified to change the interest rate to Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 0%. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the effective interest rate was 3.00% per annum. In fiscal 2021, \$250,000 was borrowed on the line of credit to assist with short time cash flow in purchasing a property abutting the university. The amount was repaid in full in January 2021. As of June 30, 2021, there was no outstanding liability under the line of credit. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense incurred on borrowings under this line of credit amounted to \$1,558 and \$0, respectively. The interest expense incurred on the borrowings has been reflected as an expense on the books of the Supporting Organization.

Borrowings under the line are secured by investments with an equivalent fair value of approximately \$12,543,556 at June 30, 2021. The line is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2021, the Foundation has total cash balances of approximately \$59,000 held by the lender. The Foundation may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement expires on March 25, 2022.

#### **Supporting Organization**

On August 18, 2016, the Supporting Organization entered into a demand unsecured revolving line of credit agreement with Rollstone Bank and Trust which permits the Organization to borrow up to \$250,000. The line of credit provides for interest at *The Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate less .25% (effective rates of 3.0% at June 30, 2021 and 3.25% at June 30, 2020). The line of credit agreement expired on August 18, 2017. The line of credit was extended through November 30, 2017, and again through November 30, 2018, under the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement. On November 30, 2018, the line of credit was renewed through November 30, 2020 and again through November 30, 2021. The Supporting Organization may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement contains, among other covenants, the maintenance of a debt service coverage ratio, as defined, of at least 1.00 to 1. In addition, the agreement provides that the line of credit be brought to a zero balance for 30 consecutive days annually during the term of the agreement. As June 30, 2021, the Supporting Organization has made payments of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. As of June 30, 2021 there were no amounts outstanding on this line of credit. As of June 30, 2020, the Supporting Organization has made payments of \$250,000 and borrowings of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. The balance outstanding as of June 30, 2020 was \$250,000. For the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense amounted to \$4,406 and \$2,036, respectively.

#### **Note 12 - First mortgage notes payable**

##### **Foundation**

The Foundation has a mortgage note payable in the original amount of \$550,000, dated April 16, 2008, with Fidelity Cooperative Bank. The proceeds of the note were used to acquire certain real estate properties on the Fitchburg State University campus. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Furthermore, any and all deposits held by the lender serve as additional collateral for the loan.

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The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate was to be fixed at the Federal Home Loan Bank Ten Year Cost of Funds Rate in effect as of the first day of the final 10 years of the term of the loan plus 118 basis points. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.27% per annum for the remainder of the loan term pursuant to the provisions of a Change in Terms Agreement dated October 19, 2016. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$3,862 through October 16, 2016. Thereafter, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$2,454 commencing on November 16, 2016 with a final principal payment due in the amount of \$210,752 at the loan's maturity date of April 16, 2028. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of this mortgage note payable amounted to \$329,618 and \$344,440, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note payable amounted to \$14,598 and \$15,267, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 15,488
2023	16,172
2024	16,886
2025	17,632
2026	18,410
Thereafter	245,030
Total balance due	\$ 329,618

#### Supporting Organization

In August 2006, the Supporting Organization acquired land and a building consisting of 4,179 square feet of office space and 53,429 square feet of warehouse space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts near the University campus. The entire property has been leased to DCAM on behalf of the University. The University is currently using the property for its print services, maintenance, shipping and receiving and financial services.

The acquisition and related costs were funded with the proceeds of an offering of tax-exempt revenue bonds, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, FSC Foundation Supporting Organization Issue, Series 2006 (the "bonds"), dated August 1, 2006, in the amount of \$1,900,000, issued by the MDFA, pursuant to a Loan and Trust Agreement. People's United Bank, as successor in interest to Chittenden Trust Company, is the bond Trustee. MDFA assigned all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the loan and related loan documents to the bond Trustee as security for repayment of the bonds. The loan is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Payment and performance of the Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-

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year intervals (August 16, 2011, 2016 and 2021) to a fixed rate of interest equal to 80% of the bank's prime rate, but no greater than 1% or less than 1% of the interest rate in effect for the immediately preceding five-year adjustment interval. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.5% per annum on August 16, 2011 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$13,154 through August 16, 2011 and \$12,306 until August 16, 2016. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.5% per annum on August 16, 2016 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$11,739 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of August 16, 2021. The loan matures on August 16, 2026. The loan agreement requires the Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of not less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of its fiscal year.

The mortgage note was issued pursuant to the Loan and Trust Agreement and related loan documents and is subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of those agreements. The loan may be prepaid in accordance with the terms of the Loan and Trust Agreement for prepayment of the bonds as more fully described in the Loan and Trust Agreement. On December 7, 2020 the Supporting Organization paid off the MDFA note in the amount of \$779,258 and it was replaced with a mortgage from Rollstone Bank in the amount of \$1,538,000.

The loan documents contain cross default provisions with the DCAM lease.

As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the loan and debt issuance costs is \$0.

As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable of \$779,258, less net debt issuance costs of \$14,813, amounted to \$764,445

Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization, totaled \$20,507 and \$14,813 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During 2021, the loan associated with these debt issuance costs was repaid in full and as such the related debt issuance costs were fully amortized. During 2021, the Supporting Organization paid \$20,507 in debt issuance costs related to the new mortgage provided by Rollstone Bank. For the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, amortization expenses of \$14,813 and \$2,404, respectively were added to interest costs in the accompanying statement of activities. Amortization of debt issuance costs on the above loan was amortized using an imputed interest of 3.64% as at June 30, 2020.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense (including amortization of issuance costs) on the mortgage note payable amounted to \$13,018 and \$32,294, respectively.

MDFA is providing financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a General Fund loan in the amount of \$500,000 per the agreement dated June 28, 2021. The loan will be disbursed by a series of advances, per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Construction Loan Agreement. The proceeds are to be used for predevelopment costs in connection with the proposed redevelopment of the Theater Block. The note is secured by a first mortgage on and assignment of leases and rents for the real estate located at 675 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. The note has a term of 5 years, maturing on June 28, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of interest effective August 1, 2021. The entire outstanding principal balance shall be due and paid at the earlier of (i) a triggering event or (ii) at maturity, June 28, 2026. A triggering event occurs when the property is transferred to another, abandoned, or financing of \$20M or more is secured. No disbursements have been made as of June 30, 2021.



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Workers' Credit Union ("WCU") provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated February 27, 2009, in the amount of \$750,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in certain real estate owned by the Supporting Organization and an assignment of certain related leases and rents. The note is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Supporting Organization has total cash balances of \$8,456 and \$8,097, respectively, held at WCU which serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The mortgage note had an original term of 10 years, expiring on February 27, 2020, and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.74% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.99% per annum on June 20, 2015 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. On February 27, 2020, the interest rate was adjusted to 5.25% per annum expiring on February 27, 2024 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. The note requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,517 through February 27, 2024. Commencing thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the FHLB five-year Classic Advance plus 2.25% until the maturity date of February 27, 2029 and monthly payments for principal and interest will be determined at that point.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$498,266 and \$525,566, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$26,905 and \$28,374, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 28,727
2023	30,272
2024	31,839
2025	33,612
2026	35,420
Thereafter	338,396
Total balance due	\$ 498,266

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated December 22, 2014 in the amount of \$240,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 131 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on December 22, 2034, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.25% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,367 based on a 20-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a ratio of Cash Flow (after distributions), as defined, to the Current Maturity of Long-Term Debt plus interest, as defined, of not less than 1.0 to 1 for any fiscal year. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

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As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$178,567 and \$188,898, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$6,070 and \$6,422, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 10,678
2023	11,035
2024	11,389
2025	11,784
2026	11,155
Thereafter	<u>122,526</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 178,567</u>

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided refinancing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$1,538,000. The proceeds of the note was used to (i) refinance existing debt owed by the Supporting Organization, (ii) to purchase, raze and develop the real property located at 175-179 Myrtle Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, (iii) to finance a new roof at the property located at 167 Klondike Avenue. This note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 167 Klondike Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.5% per annum until December 9, 2030. Thereafter the note shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston "Five Year Classic Advance Rate" plus 2.25%. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$11,032 based on a 15-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a debt service ratio equal to or greater than 1:1. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$1,498,585.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$26,776.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 80,492
2023	83,396
2024	86,278
2025	89,516
2026	92,744
Thereafter	<u>1,066,159</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 1,498,585</u>

Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated June 26, 2013, in the amount of \$83,200. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 340 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on June 26, 2033, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 26, 2018, 2023 and 2028) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 2.75% per annum. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$376 through June 26, 2018. The interest rate was adjusted to 5.93% per annum on June 26, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The July and August 2018 monthly installments of principal and interest remained at \$376. On August 27, 2018, the Organization entered into a Change in Terms Agreement with the lender in which the interest rate on the note was modified to a fixed rate of 5.20% per annum until June 26, 2023. At that time, the interest rate will be adjusted pursuant to the terms of the original note described above. All other terms, provisions and conditions of the original note agreement remain in full force and effect. Commencing with the September 2018 monthly installment of principal and interest, the monthly installments shall be \$450. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$70,255 and \$71,916 respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$3,751 and \$3,845, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rates in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 1,748
2023	1,843
2024	1,933
2025	2,046
2026	2,157
Thereafter	<u>60,528</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 70,255</u>

In October 2016, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated October 19, 2016, in the amount of \$118,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Supporting Organization for the acquisition, at a cost of \$119,803, of a real estate property located at 198 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts in fiscal 2016. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the property.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on October 21, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.11% per annum. Commencing on November 21, 2016, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$726 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the prepayment of all or a portion of the amount owed without penalty. The business loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the business loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$98,339 and \$102,826, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$4,209 and \$4,404, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 4,692
2023	4,891
2024	5,089
2025	5,315
2026	5,541
Thereafter	<u>72,811</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 98,339</u>

In January 2017, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated January 13, 2017, in the amount of \$220,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Supporting Organization for the acquisition, at a cost of \$222,472, of two real estate properties in fiscal 2017. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the properties.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on January 13, 2027, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.76% per annum. Commencing on February 13, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,431 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$187,181 and \$195,137, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$9,267 and \$9,430, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 8,291
2023	8,700
2024	9,107
2025	9,578
2026	10,051
Thereafter	<u>141,454</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 187,181</u>

In June 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$312,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$393,780, of a real estate property located at 164 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property. In addition, the loan agreement requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of no less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of the fiscal year. The loan agreement also requires the Organization to maintain a Loan-to-Value Ratio of no more than 80% at any time during the term of the loan.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,752 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$298,009 and \$305,145, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$13,887 and \$14,168, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 7,471
2023	7,822
2024	8,190
2025	8,575
2026	8,977
Thereafter	<u>256,974</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 298,009</u>

In June, 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$138,400. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$172,481, of a real estate property located at 174 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property. In addition, the loan agreement requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of no less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of the fiscal year. The loan agreement also requires the Supporting Organization to maintain a Loan-to-Value Ratio of no more than 80% at any time during the term of the loan.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$777 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$132,193 and \$135,359, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$6,160 and \$6,285, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 3,314
2023	3,470
2024	3,633
2025	3,804
2026	3,982
Thereafter	<u>113,990</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 132,193</u>

In April 2019, Fitchburg Historical Society provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated April 4, 2019, in the amount of \$90,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$114,774, of a real estate property located at 0 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property.

The commercial note has a term of five-year, maturing on April 1, 2024, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.00% per annum. Commencing on May 1, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,694 based on a five-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$53,738 and \$70,962, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$3,157 and \$3,995, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next three years at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 18,105
2023	19,031
2024	<u>16,602</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 53,738</u>

In November 2016, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 4, 2016, in the amount of \$280,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$360,305, of a real estate property located at 689 - 717 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and an assignment or rents on the property.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on November 4, 2026, and thereafter is payable on demand. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.33% per annum for the first



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ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at ten-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Ten Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. Commencing on January 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,401 based on a 30-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the first 117 months of each fixed rate period for the purpose of refinancing the note with another financial institution, the note provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$257,596 and \$262,969, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$11,438 and \$11,700, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 5,614
2023	5,866
2024	6,128
2025	6,403
2026	6,690
Thereafter	<u>226,895</u>
Total balance due	<u><u>\$ 257,596</u></u>

In November 2018, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 5, 2018, in the amount of \$148,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in and an assignment of leases and rents on a real estate property located at 70 - 78 North Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 20 years, maturing on November 5, 2038. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. The loan will have a minimum floor rate of 5%. Commencing on January 1, 2020, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$983 based on a 20-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the term of the loan for the purpose of refinancing the loan with another financial institution, the loan provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$136,612 and \$141,347, respectively.

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For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$7,057 and \$7,310, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021,, are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 4,982
2023	5,240
2024	5,495
2025	5,797
2026	6,098
Thereafter	<u>109,000</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 136,612</u>

In September 2017, Webster First Federal Credit Union provided financing to the Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated September 22, 2017, in the amount of \$250,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Supporting Organization for the acquisition at a cost of \$50,000, of a real estate property located at 66 Day Street and a property at a cost of \$126,926 located at 721-725 Main Street both in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate properties located at 66 and 0 Day Street and 721 - 725 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and an assignment of leases and rents on the properties. The note has a term of 15 years, maturing on October 1, 2032, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 1.5% per annum for the remaining five years of the loan term, but no less than a rate of 3.75% per annum. Commencing on November 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,825 based on a 15-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity. The note may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time without penalty.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$201,340 and \$215,923, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on this mortgage note amounted to \$7,945 and \$8,487, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 14,605
2023	15,162
2024	15,741
2025	16,341
2026	16,965
Thereafter	<u>122,526</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 201,340</u>

**Note 13 - Note payable - bank****Supporting Organization**

In May 2007, the Supporting Organization acquired land and a building consisting of six apartment units at a total cost of \$504,479, including related acquisition costs. The Supporting Organization also acquired an adjacent parcel of land at a cost of \$183,301. The properties are located in the area surrounding the Fitchburg State University campus. The apartments are being used by the University as additional student housing for which the Supporting Organization receives residence hall fees.

The acquisitions were funded with the proceeds of a note payable in the amount of \$680,000, dated April 26, 2007, with Enterprise Bank and Trust Company. The note is secured by investments owned by the Foundation with a fair value of approximately \$2,301,000 and \$2,250,000 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In addition, payment and performance of the Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The promissory note has a term of 30 years, expiring on May 5, 2037, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 6% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (April 26, 2012, 2017, 2022, 2027 and 2032) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.15% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 2.62% per annum on April 26, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,122 through May 7, 2012 and \$2,875 until April 26, 2017. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.49% per annum on April 26, 2017 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$3,115 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of April 26, 2022. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$453,794 and \$474,685, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, interest expense on the note amounted to \$16,491 and \$17,260, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 21,677
2023	22,456
2024	23,226
2025	24,099
2026	24,966
Thereafter	<u>337,370</u>
Total balance due	<u>\$ 453,794</u>

**Note 14 - Lease and license agreements**

As disclosed in Note 12, the Supporting Organization entered into a long-term operating lease agreement with DCAM on behalf of the University. The lease commenced on August 16, 2006 and expired on August 16, 2016. The lease provided for base rent of \$165,000 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$13,750, for the entire lease term. The University was also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with its use of the property. The lease continued in effect, after its expiration, under the same terms and conditions until March 9, 2017 when the Supporting Organization signed a new 10-year lease with the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. The new lease agreement became effective as of August 16, 2016. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rental income amounted to \$165,000 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental income under the operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 165,000
2023	165,000
2024	165,000
2025	165,000
2026	165,000
Later years	<u>20,625</u>
	<u>\$ 845,625</u>

On August 6, 2008, the Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party for 2,350 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on November 1, 2008 and expires on October 31, 2018. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University as office and classroom space for its Center for Professional Studies. The lease provided for a base annual rent of \$17,625 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,469. Beginning with the fourth year of the lease, there will be a 7.5% increase at the commencement of each three-year period of the lease term, including the continuous period of any extensions thereof. On November 1, 2011,

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the base annual rent increased to \$18,947 for the next three-year period of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,579. On July 1, 2014, the Supporting Organization entered into an amended operating lease agreement with the unrelated third party adding 20 parking spaces for use in conjunction with the above-mentioned office space and extending the lease term through June 30, 2019. The amended lease provides for a base annual rent of \$28,495 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable biannually in installments of \$14,247. On July 1, 2017, the annual rent on the lease shall increase by 7.5% to \$30,632 (biannual installments of \$15,316). The Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. On July 1, 2019, the Supporting Organization entered into a three-year lease agreement with the unrelated third party at a cost of \$2,350 per square feet, with a base annual rate of \$30,632 and an increase of 2% per year at the end of each year period of the lease term to be effective commencing July 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, including the continuous period of any extension. The Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time with the payment of two months' base rent as a termination charge. The Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$31,245 and \$30,632 respectively.

The future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021 are \$31,870 and \$32,507 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

On February 1, 2013, the Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with the above noted unrelated third party for an additional 1,424 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on February 1, 2013 and shall expire on January 31, 2023. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University for additional office and classroom space. The lease provides for a base annual rent of \$5,696 payable in monthly installments of \$475. Effective July 1, 2017, the lease agreement was amended to extend the term of the lease until June 30, 2023 and modify the lease payment provisions to be in biannual installments of \$2,848. The Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time after February 1, 2014 with the payment of two months base rent as a termination charge. The Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$5,696 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 5,696
2023	5,696
	<u>\$ 11,392</u>

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The Supporting Organization and the University are parties to License Agreements whereby the Supporting Organization granted to the University irrevocable and exclusive licenses to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain property owned by the Supporting Organization. The License Agreements provide for initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter. The License Agreements provide for annual license fees payable, in arrears, in four equal quarterly installments. All costs to operate and maintain the property, including any capital improvements made thereto, shall be borne by the University. The License Agreements may be terminated by either party upon the expiration of the initial term of the agreements and any subsequent renewal term with the giving of proper notice. In addition, the University may terminate the agreements at any time with the giving of proper notice. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, license fee income amounted to \$356,337 and \$545,661, respectively.

On June 22, 2018, the Supporting Organization entered into a 3-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party after purchasing a property for a total cost of \$153,096 located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease agreement provides for monthly lease payment of \$1,600 commencing on July 1, 2018. A new 5-year lease commenced on July 1, 2021 with a monthly lease payment of \$1,914. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rental income amounted to \$22,968 and \$21,255, respectively

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 23,496
2023	23,496
2024	23,496
2025	23,496
2026	23,496
	\$ 117,480

**Note 15 - Net assets with donor restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$13,341,610, as of June 30, 2021, are available for scholarships to qualified students and to promote cultural programs within Fitchburg State University. Net asset with donor restrictions in the amount of \$8,750,667, as of June 30, 2020, are available for scholarships to qualified students and to promote cultural programs within Fitchburg State University.

Remaining net assets with donor restrictions in the amounts of \$12,564,449 and \$12,220,628 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, are invested in perpetuity.

Net assets released from restrictions during 2021 represent the satisfaction of program restrictions in the amount of \$196,051 and the satisfaction of scholarship-related restrictions in the amount of \$349,912.

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#### Note 16 - Transactions with a related party

Fitchburg State University renders certain administrative services to the Foundation and Supporting Organization. These services, with a value of \$169,949 and \$160,831, respectively, have been recognized as contribution in kind income in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities in accordance with FASB guidance for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Because of the reduction in the student population, the student housing owned by the Supporting Organization will no longer be used for student housing and thus the annual repairs and maintenance costs have stopped. Repairs and maintenance expense will be charged on occurrence of the event. Hence in the accompanying 2021 and 2020 consolidated statements of activities \$21,740 is charged to June 30, 2020 only and the full amount was paid in 2020.

During fiscal 2021 and 2020, the Foundation made a contribution without donor restrictions to Fitchburg State University in the amount of \$266,000 each year to support the activities and further the mission of the University. The Foundation currently expects to make contributions without donor restrictions to the University in future years in amounts that shall be determined each year.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Supporting Organization had miscellaneous accounts receivable totaling \$0 and \$21,195 from the Fitchburg State University, respectively, which are reflected as accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Supporting Organization has miscellaneous payables in the amount of \$14,359 and \$16,194, respectively, to the Fitchburg State University, which are included in accounts payable, trade in the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Foundation has miscellaneous payables to Fitchburg State University in the amounts of \$35,497 and \$49,963, respectively, which are included in accounts payable, trade in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

#### Note 17 - Major donors

During fiscal 2021, the Organization received restricted gift and grant donations totaling \$100,000, from one donor which represents approximately 11% of total gifts, donations and grant revenue during 2021.

During fiscal 2020, the Organization received restricted grant donations totaling \$777,778 from two donors which represents approximately 35% of total gifts, donations and grant revenue during 2020.

#### Note 18 - Supplemental cash flow information

	2021	2020
Cash paid for interest during the year	\$ 176,671	\$ 170,568

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During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, cash paid for property additions is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Costs incurred for purchase of property	\$ 584,804	\$ 342,875
Amounts funded through contribution income	(709,500)	(2,100)
Transfer of seven properties to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	660,367	
Amounts included in accounts payable at the beginning of the year	100,000	-
Amounts included in accounts payable at the end of the year	<u>(71,205)</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 564,466</u>	<u>\$ 240,775</u>

**Note 19 - Contingency**

In early 2020, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") emerged globally. As a result, events have occurred including mandates from federal, state, and local authorities leading to an overall decline in economic activity. As of June 30, 2021, there was no significant impact to the Organization's operations. However, the Organization is not able to reliably estimate the length or severity of this outbreak. If the length of the outbreak and related effects on the Organization's operations continues for an extended period of time, there could be a loss of revenue and other material adverse effects on the Organization's financial position, results of operations and cash flow.

**Note 20 - Subsequent events**



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors  
Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc., which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated **REPORT DATE**.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of this Report

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

Boston, Massachusetts

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**FSU Foundation Supporting Org.**  
**260 Letter V1**

## REPORT DATE

To the Board of Directors  
FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Organization") for the year ended June 30, 2021 and have issued our report thereon dated REPORT DATE. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit, and certain other matters related to the audit.

### Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

As stated in our engagement letter dated June 15, 2021, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement, and to express an opinion about whether the financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Organization. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Organization's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

We gave consideration to the non-audit services provided to the Organization during the period of our engagement, which may reasonably be thought to bear on independence, in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired in accordance with professional standards.

### Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to management in our meeting about planning matters on July 9, 2021.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit involved judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. This letter communicates any significant findings as a result of our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of the appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As discussed in Note 1, the Organization adopted the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") 2014-09, *revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606) as of ended July 1, 2020 using the modified retrospective method of transition for all contracts that were not completed as of that date. The Organization's revenue for reporting period ending after June 30, 2020 are presented under the new guidance, while financial results for prior periods will continue to be reported in accordance with the prior guidance and the Organization's historical accounting policy.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. We found no such accounting estimates affecting the financial statements to be particularly sensitive during our audit.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There were no disclosures deemed particularly sensitive.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected misstatements of the financial statements. Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. In addition, none of the misstatement detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial

statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

*Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated REPORT DATE.

*Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

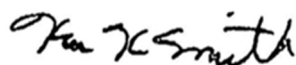
In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

*Other Audit Findings or Issues*

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Karen K. Smith, CPA  
Partner

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**NPO-CX-12.2: Audit Difference Evaluation Form**

Entity:

Statement of Financial Position Date:

Completed by:

Date:

**Instructions:** This form may be used to accumulate audit differences (AD) that are not considered clearly trivial in amount or nature (documented at Step 5 of NPO-CX-2.1). This form should not include normal closing entries. At the end of the audit, evaluate all uncorrected audit differences, individually and in the aggregate, in relation to individual amounts, subtotals, or totals in the financial statements and conclude on whether they materially misstate the financial statements taken as a whole. This form also provides a space to document any misstatements of disclosures (including quantitative and qualitative disclosures) that are considered when evaluating misstatements in aggregate. Before evaluating the effect of uncorrected misstatements, reassess whether materiality is still appropriate based on the entity's actual financial results. The notes following the table provide explanations and a listing of qualitative considerations in evaluating materiality. The form allows for quantifying the effect of misstatements using both the rollover and iron curtain methods, as appropriate. You need to be familiar with the guidance in section 1112 before completing this form.

Description (Nature) of Audit Difference (AD)	Factual (F), Judgmental (J), or Projected (P)	Cause	W/P Reference	Financial Statement Effect—Amount of Over (Under) Statement of:							
				Total Assets	Total Liabilities	Net Assets	Revenues	Expenses	Change in Net Assets	Working Capital	
To correct the deferred portion of the license fee	F		IS.2		-\$1,426	-\$7,943	\$9,369			\$9,369	
To reverse PY passed adjustment related to license fee revenue	P		PY		\$13,148	-\$13,148				\$0	
										\$0	
										\$0	
										\$0	
										\$0	
										\$0	
										\$0	
<b>Total</b>					\$0	\$11,722	-\$21,091	\$9,369	\$0	\$9,369	\$0
Less Audit Adjustments Subsequently Booked										\$0	
Unadjusted AD—Current Year (Iron Curtain Method)					\$0	\$11,722	-\$21,091	\$9,369	\$0	\$9,369	\$0
Effect of Unadjusted AD—Prior Years										\$0	
Combined Current and Prior Year AD (Rollover Method)					\$0	\$11,722	-\$21,091	\$9,369	\$0	\$9,369	\$0
Financial Statement Caption Totals					\$6,622,726	\$3,892,592	\$2,730,134	\$1,011,468		\$1,011,468	
Current Year AD as % of FS Captions (Iron Curtain Method)					0.00%	0.30%	-0.77%	0.93%	0.00%	0.93%	0.00%
Current and Prior Year AD as % of FS Captions (Rollover Method)					0.00%	0.30%	-0.77%	0.93%	0.00%	0.93%	0.00%

**Qualitative Factors:** Describe qualitative factors that entered into your evaluation of whether uncorrected accumulated misstatements of amounts in the table are material, individually or in the aggregate, in relation to specific accounts and disclosures and to the financial statements as a whole, and the reasons why.

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**Misstatements of Disclosures:** Accumulate and describe any misstatements of disclosures, including qualitative and quantitative disclosures, that entered into your evaluation of whether uncorrected accumulated misstatements are material, individually or in the aggregate, in relation to specific accounts and disclosures and to the financial statements as a whole.

**Conclusion:** Based on the results of the evaluation performed above, as well as the consideration of qualitative factors and misstatements by nature or circumstances, uncorrected audit differences, individually and in the aggregate,  do  do not use the financial statements taken as a whole to be materially misstated.



### Qualitative Considerations in Evaluating Materiality

The judgment about whether a misstatement is material is influenced by qualitative considerations as well as quantitative considerations. The following are examples of qualitative considerations (see section 1112):

1. Effect on other financial statement components (that is, the pervasiveness of the misstatement).
2. Effect of the misstatement on the overall trend of the change in net assets, such a misstatement that reverses a downward trend of contributions or changes a decrease in net assets to an increase in net assets.
3. Significance of the financial statement element or portion of the Organization's activities affected by the misstatement.
4. Effect of misstatement on the Organization's compliance with loan covenants, other contractual agreements, or regulatory provisions.
5. The existence of statutory or regulatory requirements affecting materiality thresholds.
6. A misstatement that affects management's compensation (for example, meeting a contribution target might trigger a bonus).
7. The sensitivity of the circumstances (such a implications of misstatements involving fraud, possible violations of laws and regulations, violations of contractual provisions, or conflicts of interest).
8. The effects of misclassifications that could be significant to the financial statements users.
9. Significance of the misstatement or disclosures in relation to known user needs.
10. The character of the misstatement (for example, the precision of the audit differences).
11. Motivation of management.
12. Offsetting effects of individually significant misstatements.
13. Potential effect on future periods.
14. Cost of making the correction.
15. Risk of possible additional undetected misstatements.
16. A misstatement that may alter key ratios that are used to evaluate the Organization's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.
17. Misstatements that relate to transactions involving particular parties (for example, transactions with related parties) or significant unusual transactions.

The items in the above list are only examples of qualitative factors that may be pertinent to the auditor's evaluation of materiality. The auditor should consider additional qualitative factors that may exist.

### Misstatements of Disclosures

In May 2019, the AICPA issued SAS No. 134, *Auditor Reporting and Amendments, Including Amendments Addressing Disclosures in the Audit of Financial Statements*, a suite of auditor reporting standards. With regard to disclosures, SAS No. 134 amends a number of AU-C sections, including AU-C 450, *Evaluation of Misstatements Identified During the Audit*, and adds new application guidance on evaluation of misstatements in disclosures. SAS No. 134 is effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2020, **with no early adoption permitted**. AU-C 450, as amended by SAS No 134, clarifies that misstatements of disclosures, like those related to account balances and transactions, are to be accumulated and evaluated both individually and for their effect on the financial statements as a whole. Quantitative and qualitative information in disclosures may be misstated. Examples of such misstatements include incomplete, inadequate, or omitted disclosures; misleading or obscured information; or inappropriate classification, aggregation, or disaggregation of information. Like financial statement misstatements, misstatements of disclosures may also be deemed *clearly trivial* based on size, nature, or circumstances. Misstatements of disclosures may also be indicative of fraud.

Misstatements of qualitative disclosures may not be able to be quantified in the same way as misstatements of amounts. AU-C 450, as amended by SAS No. 134, however, clarifies that such misstatements are required to be considered when evaluating misstatements individually and in the aggregate. Determining whether such misstatements are material to the financial statements as a whole requires the exercise of professional judgment and skepticism. The following are examples of factors to consider when evaluating the materiality of misstatements by nature or circumstances, individually and in aggregate, with all other misstatements:

- Errors are persistent or pervasive in nature.
- Multiple misstatements relate to the same matter that, collectively, may potentially affect the financial statement user's understanding of the matter.
- One or more misstatements that are the result of management bias.
- One or more misstatements that indicate possible fraud.
- The misstatements undermine the overall presentation of the financial statements.

The auditor may determine qualitative misstatements that seem individually insignificant indicate a pattern, for example of management bias, and are therefore material in aggregate.

**Attachment F**  
**FSU Foundation Supporting Org**  
**FS Revised draft 11.2 for client**

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.**

**Financial Statements  
and Independent Auditor's Report**

**June 30, 2021 and 2020**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (a not-for-profit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. 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 General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Organization'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 Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated REPORT DATE, on our consideration of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'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 for the year ended June 30, 2021. 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 FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'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 FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Boston, Massachusetts  
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**Statements of Financial Position  
June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>Assets</u>	
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 217,474	\$ 176,467
Due from affiliate	-	24,445
Prepaid expenses and other assets	126,582	135,177
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>6,781,506</u>	<u>6,287,094</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,125,562</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,623,183</u></u>
	<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 4,269	\$ 5,049
Due to affiliates	14,359	16,194
Agency fund	31,080	31,080
Accrued interest payable	6,923	5,721
Bank line of credit	-	250,000
Note payable - bank	453,794	474,685
First mortgage notes payable	3,590,174	2,979,863
Environmental remediation liability	536,901	100,000
Deferred revenue	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>4,667,500</u>	<u>3,892,592</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Without donor restriction	<u>2,458,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,591</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>2,458,062</u>	<u>2,730,591</u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,125,562</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,623,183</u></u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.



**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.**

**Statements of Activities  
Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenue and support		
Program revenues		
Rental income	\$ 187,968	\$ 189,330
Residence hall income	95,326	263,623
License fee income	356,337	545,661
Contributed property	709,500	2,200
Other income		
Other income	10,197	9,550
Interest income	501	1,104
	<u>1,359,829</u>	<u>1,011,468</u>
Total revenue, gain and support		
Expenses and losses		
Program services	1,017,042	506,658
Management and general	27,735	23,607
	<u>1,044,777</u>	<u>530,265</u>
Total expenses and losses		
Losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings	587,581	-
	<u>(272,529)</u>	<u>481,203</u>
(Decrease) increase in net assets		
Net assets at beginning	<u>2,730,591</u>	<u>2,249,388</u>
Net assets at end	<u>\$ 2,458,062</u>	<u>\$ 2,730,591</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.****Statements of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	2021			
	Program services	Management and general	Fundraising	Total
Affiliate personnel costs	\$ -	\$ 10,197	\$ -	\$ 10,197
Insurance	110,706	-	-	110,706
Rent	36,941	-	-	36,941
Professional services	-	10,200	-	10,200
Landscaping	11,662	-	-	11,662
Other costs	1,400	7,338	-	8,738
Supplies and equipment	-	-	-	-
Utilities	22,601	-	-	22,601
Real estate and other taxes	8,250	-	-	8,250
Depreciation	163,178	-	-	163,178
Repairs and maintenance	18,545	-	-	18,545
Interest	178,063	-	-	178,063
Environmental costs	465,696	-	-	465,696
	<u>\$ 1,017,042</u>	<u>\$ 27,735</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,777</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.****Statements of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	2020			
	Program services	Management and general	Fundraising	Total
Affiliate personnel costs	\$ -	\$ 9,650	\$ -	\$ 9,650
Insurance	94,432	-	-	94,432
Rent	36,328	-	-	36,328
Professional services	-	7,015	-	7,015
Landscaping	7,700	-	-	7,700
Other costs	1,401	6,942	-	8,343
Supplies and equipment	-	-	-	-
Utilities	23,130	-	-	23,130
Real estate and other taxes	309	-	-	309
Depreciation	152,477	-	-	152,477
Repairs and maintenance	34,871	-	-	34,871
Interest	156,010	-	-	156,010
	<u>\$ 506,658</u>	<u>\$ 23,607</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 530,265</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.**

**Statements of Cash Flows  
Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
(Decrease) increase in net assets	\$ (272,529)	\$ 481,203
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings	587,581	-
Depreciation	163,178	152,477
Amortization of debt issuance costs	14,813	2,404
In-kind donations	(709,500)	(2,100)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in assets		
Due from affiliate	24,445	(16,799)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,595	(102,415)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable, trade	(780)	1,465
Agency fund	-	(22,821)
Deposits received	-	(825)
Due to affiliate	(1,835)	-
Environmental liability	465,696	-
Accrued interest payable	1,202	(1,714)
Deferred revenue	-	30,000
	<u>280,866</u>	<u>520,875</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for property and equipment	<u>(564,466)</u>	<u>(240,775)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(564,466)</u>	<u>(240,775)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds of first mortgage notes payable	1,538,000	-
Payments on first mortgage notes payable	(921,995)	(209,424)
Payments on note payable - bank	(20,891)	(20,122)
Proceeds on bank line of credit	-	250,000
Payments on bank line of credit	(250,000)	(250,000)
Payment of deferred financing costs	(20,507)	-
Advances from affiliates	250,000	-
Payments on advances from affiliates	<u>(250,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>324,607</u>	<u>(229,546)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	41,007	50,554
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	<u>176,467</u>	<u>125,913</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end	<u>\$ 217,474</u>	<u>\$ 176,467</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

## FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.

### Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

#### Note 1 - Organization and summary of significant accounting policies

##### Organization

FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Organization") was organized on October 29, 1999 to be a supporting organization operated, supervised and controlled for the exclusive benefit of Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") and all of its educational and charitable activities. As of June 30, 2021, the Organization's sole program activity has been to acquire, hold, operate and lease real estate and related improvements for the benefit of the Foundation and Fitchburg State University (the "University").

##### Accounting pronouncements adopted

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09, *revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606) in May 2014, providing new revenue recognition guidance that superseded existing revenue recognition guidance. The update, as amended, requires the recognition of revenue related to the transfer of goods or services to customers reflect the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services, as well as additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures about revenues. The Organization adopted the new revenue recognition guidance as of July 1, 2020 using the modified retrospective method of transition for all contracts that were not completed as of that date. The Organization's revenue for reporting periods ending after June 30, 2020 are presented under the new guidance, while financial results for prior periods will continue to be reported in accordance with the prior guidance and the Organization's historical accounting policy. The Organization has not experienced significant changes to the pattern of revenue recognition for its contracts, the identification of contracts and performance obligations or the measurement of variable consideration. There is no net cumulative adjustment related to the adoption of the new revenue recognition guidance.

The Organization has elected to apply the deferrals provided by ASU 2020-05 and therefore expects to adopt Topic 842 for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021 on a modified retrospective basis

##### Summary of significant accounting policies

###### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

###### Method of accounting

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis, whereby income is recorded when earned and expenses recorded when incurred in the appropriate accounting period.

###### Basis of presentation

The financial statements of the Organization are presented in accordance with guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") for the presentation of financial statements of not-for-profit entities. Under this guidance, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The two categories are differentiated as follows:

###### Without donor restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions represent funds available for support of the Organization's functions and operations that are not externally restricted for identified purposes by donors. Net

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.****Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2021 and 2020**

assets without donor restrictions include resources that the governing board may use for any designated purposes and resources whose use is limited by agreement between the Foundation and outside party other than a donor.

**With donor restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions are those whose use by the Organization has been limited by donors to a specific period or purpose. Donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, and the restriction will expire when the resources are used in accordance with the donor's instructions, or when the stipulated time has passed. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor stipulates the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Organization's net assets are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions; accordingly, all of the net assets are accounted for as net assets without donor restrictions.

**Residence Hall Fees**

Residence hall fees are recognized when control of the promised services are transferred to the Organization's customers, students and members, in an amount that depicts the consideration the Organization expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. Revenue is not recognized unless collectability under the contract is considered probable, the contract has commercial substance and the contract has been approved. Additionally, the contract must contain payment terms, as well as the rights and commitments of both parties. Residence hall fees are paid quarterly throughout the year based on the number of students utilizing the residence hall. This income is recognized ratably over the period in which the residence hall is utilized.

**Contributions**

Transactions where the resource provider often receive value indirectly by providing a societal benefit, although the societal benefit is not considered to be of commensurate value, are deemed to be contributions. Contributions are classified as either conditional or unconditional. A conditional contribution is a transaction where the Organization has to overcome a barrier or hurdle to be entitled to the resource and the resource provider is released from the obligation to fund or has the right of return of any advanced funding if the Organization fails to overcome the barrier. The Organization recognizes the contribution revenue upon overcoming the barrier or hurdle. Any funding received prior to overcoming the barrier is recognized as refundable advance.

Unconditional contributions are recognized as revenue and receivable when the commitment to contribute is received.

Conditional and unconditional contributions are recorded as either with donor restriction or without donor restriction. Contributions are recognized as contributions with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated asset. Contributions received with no donor stipulations are recorded as contributions without donor restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified as net assets without donor restrictions and are reported in the statements of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restriction. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions expire during the same fiscal year are recognized as contribution without donor restrictions.

All contributions are considered to be without donor restrictions unless specifically restricted by the donor. All donor-restricted contributions are recorded as increases in donor restricted net assets. When a restriction expires (that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is

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accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified as net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted contributions whose restrictions expire during the same fiscal year are recognized as revenue without donor restrictions.

**Rental and license fee income**

Renting and leasing operations consist of leasing commercial space under a long-term lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAM") on behalf of Fitchburg State University. In addition, the Organization granted Fitchburg State University an exclusive license to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain other property owned by the Organization pursuant to License Agreements with initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter.

**Property and equipment**

Property and equipment are recorded at cost if purchased or constructed and, if donated, at fair value at the time of the donation. Property and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, and 10 years for furniture and fixtures. Depreciation commences when the asset is placed in service.

Generally, all additions and improvements with an individual cost or, if donated, fair value in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized to property and equipment.

**Impairment of long-lived assets**

The Organization's long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets may be impaired. An evaluation is performed by obtaining a market appraisal, property assessment value or by measuring the estimated future undiscounted cash flows (without interest charges) associated with the asset to the asset's carrying amount to determine if a write-down to fair value is required. If an impairment is present, the assets are reported at the lower of carrying value or fair value.

**Debt issuance costs**

Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization, are reported as a direct deduction from the face amount of the first mortgage notes payable to which such costs relate. Amortization of debt issuance costs is reported as a component of interest expense and is computed using an imputed interest rate on the related loan.

**Statement of cash flows**

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Income taxes**

The Organization is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a "publicly supported organization" exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the Organization's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The Organization did not have any material unrelated business income for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

Management has evaluated significant tax positions against the criteria established by professional standards and believes there are no such tax positions requiring accounting recognition in the financial statements. Management does not believe its evaluation of tax positions will significantly change within

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12 months of June 30, 2021. Any changes in tax positions will be recorded when the ultimate outcome becomes known. Accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions are recognized as a part of interest expense and miscellaneous other expenses, respectively, in the accompanying statements of activities. The Organization has no accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions at June 30, 2021 and 2020 and none were incurred during the years then ended. The Organization's income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities generally for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

#### Functional expenses

The costs related to various activities of the Organization have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of activities and functional expenses. The financial statements report certain categories of expense that are attributed to more than one supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include affiliate personnel costs, professional services, and other costs, which have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited based on specific identification.

#### Subsequent events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through REPORT DATE, the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

#### Note 2 - Cash and cash equivalents

The Organization maintains its operating cash and cash equivalent balances in several accounts in various banks. The cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 at each bank. At times, these balances may exceed the federal insurance limits; however, the Organization has not experienced any losses with respect to these cash and cash equivalent balances in excess of government provided insurance. Management believes that no significant concentration of credit risk exists with respect to these cash and cash equivalent balances at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

#### Note 3 - Liquidity and availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure within one year as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 consist of the following:

	2021	2020
Financial assets at year end		
Cash (excluding agency fund)	\$ 186,394	\$ 145,387
Due from affiliate	-	24,445
	186,394	169,832
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	\$ 186,394	\$ 169,832

The Organization regularly monitors liquidity required to meet operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds.



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In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Organization operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures.

The Organization has various sources of liquidity at its disposal including cash and a steady revenue stream from license fees and rental income. In addition, the Organization has access to a line of credit of \$250,000 (See Note 9).

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**Note 4 - Property and equipment**

Property and equipment at June 30, 2021 and 2020 consist of the following:

	2021	2020
Real estate under lease		
Land	\$ 402,664	\$ 402,663
Building	1,557,724	1,557,724
Building improvements	342,079	100,452
	<u>2,302,467</u>	<u>2,060,839</u>
Real estate used for student housing		
Land	236,524	253,555
Building	434,225	434,225
Building improvements	28,600	28,600
	<u>699,349</u>	<u>716,380</u>
Real estate used for faculty and staff housing		
Land	133,619	133,619
Building	533,508	533,508
	<u>667,127</u>	<u>667,127</u>
Other		
Land	1,808,949	2,024,292
Building	1,507,891	870,442
Land improvements	96,228	158,127
Building improvements	1,069,436	1,069,436
Furniture and fixtures	28,446	28,446
	<u>4,510,950</u>	<u>4,150,743</u>
	8,179,893	7,595,089
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,398,387</u>	<u>1,307,995</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 6,781,506</u>	<u>\$ 6,287,094</u>

Accumulated depreciation on real estate under lease amounted to \$651,829 and \$604,843 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accumulated depreciation on real estate used for student housing amounted to \$169,805 and \$157,520 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Accumulated depreciation on real estate used for faculty and staff housing amounted to \$36,852 and \$23,514 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

On June 28, 2021, the Organization transferred seven properties which consists of land and one building to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAM on behalf of Fitchburg State University. On the date the properties were transferred the seven properties collectively had a cost basis and accumulated depreciation of \$660,367 and \$72,786, respectively. A loss of \$587,581

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was recorded from the transfers of the properties and recognized in losses on transfers and sale of land and buildings in the accompanying statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2021.

On December 22, 2020 the Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$121,813. The Organization intends to use this property for green space and possible future parking

On November 30, 2020, the Organization received a donation of the former Fidelity Bank property in downtown Fitchburg. The property includes the bank building and three parcels of land. This property was recorded at fair market value of \$709,500, \$526,617 of which was recorded as building and \$182,883 as land based on an appraisal completed utilizing the sales comparative approach. The property is being held for development of the Theater complex.

On September 18, 2020, the Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$172,231. The Organization intends to use this property for green space with possible future parking.

On June 24, 2020, the Organization received a donation of property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land only, was recorded at fair market value of \$2,100 at the time of the donation. The Organization intends to use this property for open green space.

On June 2, 2020, the Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$240,775. The Organization intends to use this property for open green space. The acquisition was funded, in part, through the proceeds of an advance \$250,000 on a letter of credit (see Note 9).

On November 13, 2019, the Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which consists of land and a building, was purchased for \$1 as current environmental remediation is needed before the property is usable. The property was acquired to support the downtown Theater project and the organization intends to raze the building on the property and convert the land to a parking lot. The Organization was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") about an environmental issue with the property that requires remediation. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Organization had purchased an insurance policy with a determined deductible of \$100,000, which it determined increased the value of the land and was recorded as land. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization determined that additional costs of the remediation are expected above the insured policy limits in the amount of \$465,696, which has been expensed in the current year and included in environmental costs in the accompanying schedule of functional expenses. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the remaining environmental liability of \$536,901 and \$100,000, respectively is shown on the accompanying statements of financial position.

In fiscal 2017, the Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus consistent with the Organization's mission and the University's strategic plan which includes campus expansion. The property, which includes land and a building, was purchased for an aggregate cost of \$360,305. The acquisition was financed, in part, with a mortgage note on the property in the amount of \$280,000 (see Note 6). The Organization is planning a major renovation and expansion of the property which, when completed, is expected to cost approximately \$25,000,000 and consist of a multi-phased project providing academic space, student support services space, retail and community space and a theatre renovation. The space is expected to be used by the University and the Fitchburg and surrounding communities. Fitchburg State University will be responsible for the costs of the project's development and construction pursuant to the terms of the license agreement between the

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University and the Organization. Funding for the project is expected to come from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, New Markets Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, bonds, grants and philanthropy. The project is in the very early stages of development and is estimated to require four years to completion. At some point during that period, the property will be transferred to a new entity. The Organization will pay for certain legal services incurred in connection with the project which the Organization currently estimates to be approximately \$148,000 for the entire project. The Organization expects to fund these costs through operating cash. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Organization has incurred \$73,491 of legal costs related to the project which have been recorded in prepaid expenses and other assets in the accompanying 2021 and 2020 statement of financial position.

#### Note 5 - Agency fund

The Organization is part of a collaboration, called Re-imagine North of Main, of local businesses and non-profit organizations located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts committed to making a collective impact and dedicated to improving the quality of life in Fitchburg. The Organization is holding monies for the benefit of North of Main projects and disbursing that as needed to specific vendors identified by the members of the coalition. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization had no transactions in connection with this collaboration. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Organization collected \$49,398 of contributions and disbursed \$72,219 in connection with this collaboration. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Organization holds \$31,080 of funds that is to be used exclusively by the members of the coalition.

#### Note 6 - First mortgage notes payable

##### Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA")

In August 2006, the Organization acquired land and a building consisting of 4,179 square feet of office space and 53,429 square feet of warehouse space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts near the University campus. The entire property has been leased to DCAM on behalf of the University (see Note 8). The University is currently using the property for its print services, maintenance, shipping and receiving and financial services.

The acquisition and related costs were funded with the proceeds of an offering of tax-exempt revenue bonds, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, FSC Foundation Supporting Organization Issue, Series 2006 (the "bonds"), dated August 1, 2006, in the amount of \$1,900,000, issued by the MDFA, pursuant to a Loan and Trust Agreement. People's United Bank, as successor in interest to Chittenden Trust Company, is the bond Trustee. MDFA assigned all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the loan and related loan documents to the bond Trustee as security for repayment of the bonds. The loan is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Payment and performance of the Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The loan agreement had a term of 20 years and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (August 16, 2011, 2016 and 2021) to a fixed rate of interest equal to 80% of the bank's prime rate, but no greater than 1% or less than 1% of the interest rate in effect for the immediately preceding five-year adjustment interval. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.5% per annum on August 16, 2011 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$13,154 through August 16, 2011 and \$12,306 until August 16, 2016. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.5% per annum on August 16, 2016 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest were \$11,739 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of August 16, 2021. The loan matures on August 16, 2026. The loan

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agreement required the Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of not less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of its fiscal year.

The mortgage note was issued pursuant to the Loan and Trust Agreement and related loan documents and is subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of those agreements. The loan may be prepaid in accordance with the terms of the Loan and Trust Agreement for prepayment of the bonds as more fully described in the Loan and Trust Agreement. On December 7, 2020 the Organization paid off the MDFA note in the amount of \$779,258 and it was replaced with a mortgage from Rollstone Bank in the amount of \$1,538,000.

The loan documents contain cross default provisions with the DCAM lease.

As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the loan and debt issuance costs is \$0.

As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable of \$779,258, less net debt issuance costs of \$14,813, amounted to \$764,445

Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization, totaled \$20,507 and \$14,813 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During 2021, the loan associated with the original debt issuance costs was repaid in full and as such the related debt issuance costs were fully amortized. During 2021, the Organization incurred \$20,507 in loan costs associated with the new mortgage note; these costs will be amortized over the life of the new note. For the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, amortization expense of \$14,813 and \$2,404, respectively were added to interest costs in the accompanying statement of activities. Amortization of debt issuance costs on the above loan was amortized using an imputed interest of 3.64% as at June 30, 2020.

MDFA is providing financing to the Organization in the form of a General Fund loan in the amount of \$500,000 per the agreement dated June 28, 2021. The loan will be disbursed by a series of advances, per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Construction Loan Agreement. The proceeds are to be used for predevelopment costs in connection with the proposed redevelopment of the Theater Block. The note is secured by a first mortgage on and assignment of leases and rents for the real estate located at 675 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. The note has a term of 5 years, maturing on June 28, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of interest effective August 1, 2021. The entire outstanding principal balance shall be due and paid at the earlier of (i) a triggering event or (ii) at maturity, June 28, 2026. A triggering event occurs when the property is transferred to another, abandoned, or financing of \$20M or more is secured. No disbursements have been made as of June 30, 2021.

MDFA is providing financing to the Organization in the form of a Brownfields loan in the amount of \$500,000 per the agreement dated June 28, 2021. The loan will be disbursed by a series of advances, per the terms and conditions stipulated in the Construction Loan Agreement. The proceeds are to be used for remediation costs in connection with the proposed redevelopment of the Theater Block. The note is secured by a first mortgage on and assignment of leases and rents for the real estate located at 15 Central Street and 675 Main and 689-717 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. The note has a term of 10 years, amortizing over 30 years, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of interest for the first twelve months after closing; and thereafter principal and interest payable over 30 years. If the Organization has a Debt Service Coverage Ratio in any given fiscal year of less than 1.2:1, then Organization may choose to defer payments due by notifying the lender within thirty days of commencement. No disbursements have been made as of June 30, 2021.

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#### Workers' Credit Union ("WCU")

Workers' Credit Union ("WCU") provided financing to the Organization in the form of a note, dated February 27, 2009, in the amount of \$750,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in certain real estate owned by the Organization and an assignment of certain related leases and rents. The note is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Organization has total cash balances of \$8,456 and \$8,097 respectively, held at WCU which serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The mortgage note had an original term of 10 years, expiring on February 27, 2020, and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.74% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.99% per annum on June 20, 2015 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. On February 27, 2020, the interest rate was adjusted to 5.25% per annum expiring on February 27, 2024 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. The note requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,517 through February 27, 2024. Commencing thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the FHLB 5-year Classic Advance plus 2.25% until the maturity date of February 27, 2029 and monthly payments for principal and interest will be determined at that point.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$498,266 and \$525,566, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

	2022	\$	28,727
	2023		30,272
	2024		31,839
	2025		33,612
	2026		35,420
	Thereafter		338,396
Total balance due		\$	498,266

#### Rollstone Bank & Trust

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided financing to the Organization in the form of a note, dated December 22, 2014 in the amount of \$240,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 131 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on December 22, 2034, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.25% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,367 based on a 20-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Organization to maintain a ratio of Cash Flow (after distributions), as defined, to the Current Maturity of Long-Term Debt plus interest, as defined, of not less than 1.0 to 1 for any fiscal year. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$178,567 and \$188,898, respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

2022	\$	10,678
2023		11,035
2024		11,389
2025		11,784
2026		11,155
Thereafter		<u>122,526</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>178,567</u></u>

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided refinancing to the Organization in the form of a note, dated December 9, 2020 in the amount of \$1,538,000. The proceeds of the note was used to (i) refinance existing debt owed by the Organization, (ii) to purchase, raze and develop the real property located at 175-179 Myrtle Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, (iii) to finance a new roof at the property located at 167 Klondike Avenue. This note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 167 Klondike Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.5% per annum until December 9, 2030. Thereafter the note shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston "Five Year Classic Advance Rate" plus 2.25%. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$11,032 based on a 15-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Organization to maintain a debt service ratio equal to or greater than 1:1. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

As of June 30, 2021, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$1,498,585.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021, are as follows:

2022	\$	80,492
2023		83,396
2024		86,278
2025		89,516
2026		92,744
Thereafter		<u>1,066,159</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>1,498,585</u></u>

**Fidelity Co-Operative Bank**

Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Organization in the form of a note, dated June 26, 2013, in the amount of \$83,200. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 340 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on June 26, 2033, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 26, 2018, 2023 and 2028) to the Federal Home Loan

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Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 2.75% per annum. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$376 through June 26, 2018. The interest rate was adjusted to 5.93% per annum on June 26, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The July and August 2018 monthly installments of principal and interest remained at \$376. On August 27, 2018, the Organization entered into a Change in Terms Agreement with the lender in which the interest rate on the note was modified to a fixed rate of 5.20% per annum until June 26, 2023. At that time, the interest rate will be adjusted pursuant to the terms of the original note described above. All other terms, provisions and conditions of the original note agreement remain in full force and effect. Commencing with the September 2018 monthly installment of principal and interest, the monthly installments shall be \$450. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage loan amounted to \$70,255 and \$71,916, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rates in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

2022	\$	1,748
2023		1,843
2024		1,933
2025		2,046
2026		2,157
Thereafter		<u>60,528</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>70,255</u></u>

#### **Fidelity Co-Operative Bank**

In October 2016, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated October 19, 2016, in the amount of \$118,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Organization for the acquisition, at a cost of \$119,803, of a real estate property located at 198 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts in fiscal 2016. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the property.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on October 21, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.11% per annum. Commencing on November 21, 2016, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$726 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the prepayment of all or a portion of the amount owed without penalty. The business loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the business loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.



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As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$98,339 and \$102,826, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$	4,692
2023		4,891
2024		5,089
2025		5,315
2026		5,541
Thereafter		<u>72,811</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>98,339</u></u>

In January 2017, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated January 13, 2017, in the amount of \$220,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Organization for the acquisition, at a cost of \$222,472, of two real estate properties in fiscal 2017. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the properties.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on January 13, 2027, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.76% per annum. Commencing on February 13, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,431 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$187,181 and \$195,137, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$	8,291
2023		8,700
2024		9,107
2025		9,578
2026		10,051
Thereafter		<u>141,454</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>187,181</u></u>

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#### Hometown Bank

In June, 2020, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2020, in the amount of \$312,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$393,780, of a real estate property located at 164 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property. In addition, the loan agreement requires the Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of no less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of the fiscal year. The loan agreement also requires the Organization to maintain a Loan-to-Value Ratio of no more than 80% at any time during the term of the loan.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2020, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,752 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$298,009 and \$305,145, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$	7,471
2023		7,822
2024		8,190
2025		8,575
2026		8,977
Thereafter		256,974
Total balance due	\$	298,009

In June, 2020, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2020, in the amount of \$138,400. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$172,481, of a real estate property located at 174 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property. In addition, the loan agreement requires the Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of no less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of the fiscal year. The loan agreement also requires the Organization to maintain a Loan-to-Value Ratio of no more than 80% at any time during the term of the loan.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2020, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$777 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$132,193 and \$135,359 respectively.

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Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$	3,314
2023		3,470
2024		3,633
2025		3,804
2026		3,982
Thereafter		<u>113,990</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>132,193</u></u>

**Fitchburg Historical Society**

In April, 2020, Fitchburg Historical Society provided financing to the Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated April 4, 2020, in the amount of \$90,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$114,774, of a real estate property located at 0 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the property.

The commercial note has a term of 5 years, maturing on April 1, 2024, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.00% per annum. Commencing on May 1, 2020, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,694 based on a 5-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$53,738 and \$70,962 respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next four years at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

2022	\$	18,105
2023		19,031
2024		<u>16,602</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>53,738</u></u>

**Enterprise Bank and Trust Company**

In November 2016, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 4, 2016, in the amount of \$280,000. The proceeds of the loan were used for the acquisition, at a cost of \$360,305, of a real estate property located at 689 - 717 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and an assignment or rents on the property.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on November 4, 2026, and thereafter is payable on demand. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.33% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at ten-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Ten Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. Commencing on January 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,401 based on a 30-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the first 117 months of each fixed rate period for the purpose of refinancing the note with another financial institution, the note provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction.

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Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$257,596 and \$262,969, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

	2022	\$	5,614	
	2023		5,866	
	2024		6,128	
	2025		6,403	
	2026		6,690	
	Thereafter		226,895	
Total balance due		\$	257,596	

In November 2018, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 5, 2018, in the amount of \$148,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in and an assignment of leases and rents on a real estate property located at 70 - 78 North Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 20 years, maturing on November 5, 2038. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. The loan will have a minimum floor rate of 5%. Commencing on January 1, 2020, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$983 based on a 20-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the term of the loan for the purpose of refinancing the loan with another financial institution, the loan provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$136,612 and \$141,347, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at November 5, 2018, are estimated to be as follows:

	2022	\$	4,982	
	2023		5,240	
	2024		5,495	
	2025		5,797	
	2026		6,098	
	Thereafter		109,000	
Total balance due		\$	136,612	

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#### Webster First Federal Credit Union

In September 2017, Webster First Federal Credit Union provided financing to the Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated September 22, 2017, in the amount of \$250,000. The proceeds of the loan were used to reimburse the Organization for the acquisition at a cost of \$50,000, of a real estate property located at 66 Day Street and a property at a cost of \$126,926 located at 721-725 Main Street both in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate properties located at 66 and 0 Day Street and 721 - 725 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and an assignment of leases and rents on the properties. The note has a term of 15 years, maturing on October 1, 2032, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 1.5% per annum for the remaining 5 years of the loan term, but no less than a rate of 3.75% per annum. Commencing on November 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,825 based on a 15-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity. The note may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time without penalty.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$201,340 and \$215,293, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

2022	\$	14,605
2023		15,162
2024		15,741
2025		16,341
2026		16,965
Thereafter		<u>122,526</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>201,340</u></u>

#### Note 7 - Note payable - bank

In May 2007, the Organization acquired land and a building consisting of six apartment units at a total cost of \$504,479, including related acquisition costs. The Organization also acquired an adjacent parcel of land at a cost of \$183,301. The properties are located in the area surrounding the Fitchburg State University campus. The apartments are being used by the University as additional student housing for which the Organization receives residence hall fees.

The acquisitions were funded with the proceeds of a note payable in the amount of \$680,000, dated April 26, 2007, with Enterprise Bank and Trust Company. The note is secured by investments owned by the Foundation with a fair value of approximately \$2,855,000 and \$2,301,000 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. In addition, payment and performance of the Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The promissory note has a term of 30 years, expiring on May 5, 2037, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 6% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be

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adjusted at five-year intervals (April 26, 2012, 2017, 2022, 2027 and 2032) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.15% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 2.62% per annum on April 26, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,122 through May 7, 2012 and \$2,875 until April 26, 2017. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.49% per annum on April 26, 2017 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$3,115 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of April 26, 2022. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$453,794 and \$474,685, respectively.

Aggregate principal maturities on the loan for each of the next five years and thereafter, using the interest rate in effect at June 30, 2021, are estimated to be as follows:

2022	\$	21,677
2023		22,456
2024		23,226
2025		24,099
2026		24,966
Thereafter		<u>337,370</u>
Total balance due	\$	<u><u>453,794</u></u>

#### Note 8 - Lease and license agreements

As disclosed in Note 6, the Organization entered into a long-term operating lease agreement with DCAM on behalf of the University. The lease commenced on August 16, 2006 and expired on August 16, 2016. The lease provided for base rent of \$165,000 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$13,750, for the entire lease term. The University was also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with its use of the property. The lease continued in effect, after its expiration, under the same terms and conditions until March 9, 2017 when the Organization signed a new 10-year lease with the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. The new lease agreement became effective as of August 16, 2016. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rental income amounted to \$165,000 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental income under the operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

2022	\$	165,000
2023		165,000
2024		165,000
2025		165,000
2026		165,000
Later years		<u>20,625</u>
	\$	<u><u>845,625</u></u>

On August 6, 2008, the Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third-party for 2,350 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on November 1, 2008 and expired on October 31, 2018. The space is being used by

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Fitchburg State University as office and classroom space for its Center for Professional Studies. The lease provided for a base annual rent of \$17,625 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,469. Beginning with the fourth year of the lease, there will be a 7.5% increase at the commencement of each three-year period of the lease term, including the continuous period of any extensions thereof. On November 1, 2011, the base annual rent increased to \$18,947 for the next three-year period of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,579. Effective July 1, 2014, the Organization entered into an amended operating lease agreement with the unrelated third party adding 20 parking spaces for use in conjunction with the above-mentioned office space and extended the lease term through **June 30, 2019**. The amended lease provides for a base annual rent of \$28,495 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable biannually in installments of \$14,247. On July 1, 2017, the annual rent on the lease increased by 7.5% to \$30,632 (biannual installments of \$15,316). **Effective July 1, 2019**, the Organization entered into an operating lease agreement with the unrelated third party for the same space. The new lease provides a base annual rent of \$30,632 per annum and will increase 2% at the end of each year period of the lease term to be effective commencing July 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, including the continuous period of any extension. The Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Organization may cancel the lease at any time with the payment of two months' base rent as a termination charge. The Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$31,245 and \$30,632, respectively.

The future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021 are \$31,870 and \$32,507 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

On February 1, 2013, the Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with the above noted unrelated third party for an additional 1,424 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on February 1, 2013 and shall expire on January 31, 2023. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University for additional office and classroom space. The lease provides for a base annual rent of \$5,696 payable in monthly installments of \$475. Effective July 1, 2017, the lease agreement was amended to extend the term of the lease until June 30, 2023 and modify the lease payment provisions to be in biannual installments of \$2,848. The Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Organization may cancel the lease at any time after February 1, 2014 with the payment of two months' base rent as a termination charge. The Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rent expense amounted to \$5,696 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

2022	\$	5,696
2023		5,696
	<u>\$</u>	<u>11,392</u>

The Organization and the University are parties to License Agreements whereby the Organization granted to the University irrevocable and exclusive licenses to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain property owned by the Organization. The License Agreements provide for initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter. The License Agreements provide for annual license fees payable, in arrears, in 4 equal quarterly installments. All costs to operate and maintain the

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property, including any capital improvements made thereto, shall be borne by the University. The License Agreements may be terminated by either party upon the expiration of the initial term of the agreements and any subsequent renewal term with the giving of proper notice. In addition, the University may terminate the agreements at any time with the giving of proper notice. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, license fee income amounted to \$356,337 and \$545,661, respectively.

On June 22, 2018, the Organization entered into a three-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party after purchasing a property for a total cost of \$153,096 located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease agreement provided for monthly lease payment of \$1,600 commencing on July 1, 2018. The lease agreement was amended effective July 1, 2019 and provided for monthly lease payment of \$1,358. A new 5 year lease commenced on July 1, 2021 with a monthly lease payment of \$1,914. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, rental income amounted to \$22,968 and 21,255.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2021:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2022	\$ 23,496
2023	23,496
2024	23,496
2025	23,496
2026	23,496
	\$ 117,480

Effective on August 6, 2020, the Organization entered into a lease agreement with Fitchburg Housing Authority ("FHA") to lease the land located at 66 Day Street to be used for parking by FHA employees. The Organization is leasing the property solely for convenience to FHA; no revenue is being generated by this lease agreement.

#### Note 9 - Line of credit

On August 18, 2016, the Organization entered into a demand unsecured revolving line of credit agreement with Rollstone Bank and Trust which permits the Organization to borrow up to \$250,000. The line of credit provides for interest at *The Wall Street Journal* Prime Rate less .25% (effective rates of 3.0% at June 30, 2021 and 3.25% at June 30, 2020). The line of credit agreement expired on August 18, 2017. The line of credit was extended through November 30, 2017, and again through November 30, 2018, under the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement. On November 30, 2018, the line of credit was renewed through November 30, 2020 and again through November 30, 2021. The Organization may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement contains, among other covenants, the maintenance of a debt service coverage ratio, as defined, of at least 1.00 to 1. In addition, the agreement provides that the line of credit be brought to a zero balance for 30 consecutive days annually during the term of the agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Organization has made payments of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. As of June 30, 2021 there were no amounts outstanding on this line of credit. As of June 30, 2020, the Organization has made payments



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of \$250,000 and borrowings of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. The balance outstanding as of June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$0 and \$250,000, respectively.

#### Note 11 - Transactions with related parties

Fitchburg State University and the Foundation render certain administrative services to the Organization. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, these services with a value of \$10,197 and \$9,650, respectively, have been recognized as contribution in kind income in the accompanying statements of activities in accordance with FASB guidance.

Repairs and maintenance expense in the accompanying 2021 and 2020 statements of activities includes \$0 and \$21,740, respectively, paid to Fitchburg State University for maintenance services provided to the Organization for the real estate used for student housing. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, none of the balance remained unpaid.

From time to time, the Foundation makes advances to the Organization to assist with the financing of its acquisitions of real estate properties located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The advances do not have any specified repayment provisions and due dates and are noninterest-bearing except to the extent that they are funded from the proceeds of draws on the Foundation's working capital line of credit. In those instances, the Foundation charges interest to the Organization at a rate equivalent to the Foundation's borrowing rate on its working capital line of credit agreement. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the effective interest rate was 3.25% and 0% per annum, respectively. Interest expense incurred by the Organization on advances amounted to \$1,558 and \$0 in fiscal 2021 and 2020, respectively. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there was no accrued interest payable to the Foundation. During fiscal 2021, an advance of \$250,000 was made to the Organization and repaid in January 2021. During fiscal 2020, the Foundation made no advances to the Organization. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there were no outstanding advances payable to the Foundation.

As part of the license agreement contract, the University shall make supplemental payments to third party vendors or otherwise as are necessary to cover taxes, audit services, liability and property insurance, and related operating expenses. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University made property insurance payments totaling \$108,807 and \$0, respectively, on behalf of the Organization.

As of June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2020, the Organization has miscellaneous accounts receivable totaling \$0 and \$24,445 from the University, respectively, which are reflected as due from affiliate in the accompanying statements of financial position.

As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Organization has miscellaneous payables in the amount of \$14,359 and \$16,194, respectively, to the University, which are included in due to affiliates in the accompanying 2021 statement of financial position.

#### Note 12 - Supplemental cash flow information

	2021	2020
Cash paid for interest during the year	\$ 162,048	\$ 155,320

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During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, cash paid for property additions is as follows:

	2021	2020
Costs incurred for the purchase of property	\$ 584,804	\$ 342,875
Donated property	(709,500)	(2,100)
Transfer of seven properties to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a cost basis of \$660,367	660,367	-
Amounts included in accounts payable at the beginning of the year	100,000	-
Amounts included in accounts payable at the end of the year	(71,205)	(100,000)
Cash paid for property and equipment	\$ 564,466	\$ 240,775

**Note 13 - Contingency**

In early 2020, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19") emerged globally. As a result, events have occurred including mandates from federal, state, and local authorities leading to an overall decline in economic activity. As of June 30, 2021, there was no significant impact to the Organization's operations. However, the Organization is not able to reliably estimate the length or severity of this outbreak. If the length of the outbreak and related effects on the Organization's operations continues for an extended period of time, there could be a loss of revenue and other material adverse effects on the Organization's financial position, results of operations and cash flow.

**Note 14 - Subsequent events**

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors  
FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statement of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated **REPORT DATE**.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Boston, Massachusetts

Report Date

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**Attachment G**  
**FSU No Management Letter**  
**Acknowledgment Letter**

**REPORT DATE**

Dr. Richard S. Lapidus,  
President  
Fitchburg State University  
160 Pearl Street  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear President Lapidus:

This letter serves to confirm that CohnReznick LLP did not issue a separate management letter in connection with its audits of the financial statements of Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. and FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely yours,

CohnReznick LLP

Melissa Ferrucci, CPA  
Partner

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# **Attachment H**

## **FSU Executive Summary 2021**

**Fitchburg State University**  
**Executive Summary**  
**Report on Audits of Financial Statements and Supplemental Information**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

- The University received an unqualified report from its auditors and there were no issues or findings that arose during the audit.
- The Management's Discussion and Analysis, beginning on page 5, provides a broad overview of the financial position and fiscal activities of the University and includes ratio analysis in key areas.

**Statements of Net Position (pages 20-22):**

- Total assets and deferred outflows increased by \$25.4 million to \$273.1 million in fiscal year 21. This increase was due to \$9.7 million increase in accounts receivable, \$4.9 million increase in deferred outflows of resources, \$4.1 increase in capital asset, and \$3.4 million increases in investments and cash and cash equivalents. Total liabilities and deferred inflows increased to \$137.9 million, which is a net increase of \$11.9 million. This net increase is a combination of a \$7 million increase in net pension liability; \$4.4 million increase in revenue received in advance, and \$2.1 million increase is due to deferred inflow of resources- debt refunding.
- At June 30, 2021, current unrestricted and restricted cash was \$28.4, an increase of \$1.4 million over FY20.
- Accounts receivable increased by \$9.7 million was mainly due to HEERF Grant (COVID)
- Capital assets increased by \$4.1 million to \$185.5 million net of current period depreciation of \$11.4 million.
- Total debt from bond issues is \$55.2 million. The bonds were issued for various construction projects. See Note 12, beginning on page 60. MSCBA debt of \$47 million was restructured in FY21, and had \$0.00 principal payment due.
- Investment in capital assets, net of related debt increased by \$4.1 million and unrestricted net position increased by \$10 million.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (pages 23-24):**

- Total revenue for the year was \$129.8 million.
- Tuition and fee revenue was the same as FY20 while scholarships and scholarship allowances decreased by \$1.5 million.
- Grants and Contract increased by \$2.6 million – of that amount COVID related grants increased by \$3.6 million to \$7.6 million.
- Dining hall revenue decreased by \$1.06 million and \$0.27 million of that decrease was due to COVID refund to students.
- State appropriations increased by about 0.4%, over the prior period due mainly to increase payroll payments. Capital appropriations from the State increased by \$9 million to \$10.3 million - \$8 million for Electricity Infrastructure upgrade.
- Total expenditures, exclusive of depreciation, decreased by 13% to \$104.9 million. This decrease is mainly due to a decrease in Auxiliary expenses of \$6 million.
- Instructional expenditures represent 38% of total operating expenditures, exclusive of depreciation and scholarships. 64.5% of Instructional expenditures relate to payroll costs.
- Institutional support consist of the day-to-day operational support of the institution, excluding plant operations increased by \$2.5 million, \$2 million increase due to GASB 68 & 75. \$1.3 million increase relates to COVID expenses.
- Operations and maintenance of plant expenditures totaled \$11.8 million, an increase of \$.2 million.
- There was an overall increase in net position of \$13.4 million for the fiscal year.

**Statement of Cash Flows (pages 25-27):**

- Total cash at June 30, 2021 increased from \$35.5 million to \$38.9 million.
- Cash received from operations (before appropriations) was \$65.6 million vs FY20 of \$70.7million. Cash expended for operations was \$87.05 million vs FY \$93.8 million, resulting in an operating loss of \$21.9 million vs \$23.2 million in FY20. This was offset by appropriations of \$33.4 million net of tuition amounts reverted to the state.
- Acquisitions of property and equipment totaled \$11 million.

**Notes to the Financials Statements (pages 28 - 115):**

Most of the notes are standard disclosures. Note 1, which outlines the University's significant accounting policies, spans pages 28 through 37.

- Note 5, beginning on page 50, details the property and equipment held by the University.
- Details relating to University debt (capital leases and bond issues) are in Note 12, beginning on page 60.



# **Attachment I**

## **Executive Summary Foundation Audit June 2021**

**Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.**  
**Executive Summary**  
**Report on Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

The Foundation received an *unqualified report* from its auditors and there were no issues or findings that arose during the audit.

**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (page 4):**

- Total assets are \$37.5 million at June 30, 2021.
- Property & equipment totaled \$7.2 million.
- Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2021 is \$4.4 million.
- Total net assets increased in FY21 by \$5.8 million.

**Consolidated Statement of Activities/Functional Expenses (page 5 - 6):**

- Total gifts and donations were \$0.9 million of which approximately \$0.8 million was restricted in its donation; most of these funds are endowed. (See Note 17 – page 44).
- Residence hall fees decreased in FY21 because of the overall decrease in student housing occupancy and the removal of North Street property from student housing.
- Interest and dividends totaled \$0.3 million. Investment gains totaled \$5.9 million- \$4.4 million of this is for restricted donations.
- Total income increased by \$3.8 million over the prior year. Investments increased by \$4.9 million, In-kind contribution increased by \$0.7 million and gift and donations had an overall decrease of 1.3 million.
- Program expenses were \$1.9 million in 2021. Management and general expenses were \$0.3 million and Fundraising expenses were \$104,000. Total expenses including loss on transfers and sale of land to the Commonwealth were \$2.9 million, an increase of approximately \$1 million over the prior year. The increase was mainly because of the increases in environmental costs of \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million in losses on the transfer and sale of land.

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (pages 7 - 8):**

- There was an overall net increase in cash of approximately \$633,000 primarily due to financing activities. Total cash at June 30, 2021 was \$2.5 million.
- Proceeds from the sale of investments totaled \$7.5 million; up from \$2.7 million in FY20. Acquisition of investments totaled \$7.3 million.
- Cash paid for interest expense was \$177,000 (see note 18, page 44).

**Notes to the Financials Statements (pages 9 - 47):**

- Most of the notes are standard disclosures.
- Financial assets available for general expenditure within one year is disclosed in Note 3, page 16.
- Detail on investments is disclosed in Note 4 beginning on page 16, as well as, Note 5 beginning on page 17.
- Detail on property and equipment and its related debt is disclosed in Note 8 beginning on page 24 and Notes 12 and 13 beginning on page 27. Detail on lease and license agreements is disclosed in Note 14 beginning on page 41.
- Related party transactions are disclosed in Note 16 on page 44
- COVID effects in Note 19 – page 45.

**Attachment J**  
**Executive Summary**  
**Supporting Org. June 2021**

**FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc.**  
**Executive Summary**  
**Report on Audit of Financial Statements**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020**

The Supporting Organization received an *unqualified report* from its auditors and there were no issues or findings that arose during the audit. The information contained in these financial statements is consolidated into the financial statements of the Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.

**Statements of Financial Position (page 4):**

- Total assets are \$7.1 million and total liabilities are \$4.7 million at June 30, 2021.
- Property and equipment, net of depreciation increase by \$0.5 million in FY21 to \$6.8 million. The net increase was due to the former Fidelity Bank building and adjacent land being donated to the Supporting Org and a donation from the Supporting Org of seven parcels of land and one building to the Commonwealth.
- Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2021 was \$4.0 million.
- Net asset without donor restrictions decreased by \$0.3million.
- Environmental remediation of \$0.5 million arises from a cleanup of a donated property located near the Theater Building.

**Statements of Activities/Statement of Functional Expenses (pages 5 - 7):**

- Rental income, license fees and residence hall fees totaled \$0.6 million which is a decrease of \$358,000. This stems from rents and fees paid by the University for the use of various properties and fees paid by students for the North Street residence hall.
- Interest expense relative to financing property acquisitions totaled \$178,000.
- The Increase in program fees is due to remediation expense recognized as an expense but not disbursed as cash.

**Statements of Cash Flows (page 8):**

- There was positive cash flows from operating activities of \$281,000. There was an overall net increase in cash of approximately \$41,000.
- Items to note on the cash flow are the amounts added back – Loss on the transfer of land and building of \$588,000 and in-kind donation of \$709,000 and Environmental liability of \$465,000.
- Net cash provided by financing - note the refinancing of a loan of \$1.5 million for the Supporting Org.

**Notes to the Financials Statements (pages 9 – 32):**

- Most of the notes are standard disclosures.
- Financial assets available for general expenditure within one year is disclosed in Note 3, page 12.
- Details on property and equipment is disclosed in Note 4 beginning on page 14.
- Mortgage and notes payable agreements are disclosed in Notes 6 and 7 beginning on page 16.
- Lease and license agreements between the Supporting Organization and the University are disclosed in Note 8 beginning on page 26
- Related party transactions are disclosed in Note 11 beginning on page 29.

# **Attachment K**

## **FSU Draft 2020 Long Form FS**

**Fitchburg State University  
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**Financial Statements  
(With Supplementary Information)  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards,  
Internal Control and Compliance  
and Independent Auditor's Reports**

**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (the "University") (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements as listed in the Index.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

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

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. 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 General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

#### *Opinions*

In our opinion, 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 Fitchburg State University as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the respective changes in 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.



### *Emphasis of Matters*

#### *Restatement*

As described in Note 29, the University has restated the accompanying 2019 financial statements and related required supplementary information to correct amounts allocated to the University by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### *Financial Statements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of Fitchburg State University and its discretely presented component unit are intended to present the respective financial position, the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that is attributable to the transactions of Fitchburg State University and its discretely presented component unit. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### *Other Matters*

##### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the pension and OPEB benefit schedules on pages 5 to 20 and 95 to 100, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

##### *Other Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the 2020 financial statements that collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity shown on pages 102 to 103 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 2020 financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements. The residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2020 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements or to the 2020 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the residence hall fund and residence hall damage fund activity information are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2020 financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2020, on our consideration of Fitchburg State University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Fitchburg State 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 Fitchburg State University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Boston, Massachusetts

December 21, 2020, except for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, which is dated **REPORT DATE**

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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***Introduction***

The following discussion and analysis are intended to provide an overview of the financial position and results of operations of Fitchburg State University (the "University") for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018. This discussion is provided by the management of the University and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto. The purpose of this document is to give some background to the financial statements, and foster an understanding of how these statements relate to the mission and activities of the University.

The University, located in North Central Massachusetts, is one of the nine comprehensive public universities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth"). These institutions, along with the five-campus University of Massachusetts system and the 15 community colleges comprise public higher education in Massachusetts. The University offers more than 30 undergraduate degree programs in 15 academic departments, 22 graduate degree programs and several Graduate Certificates of Advanced Study. During fall 2020, there were approximately 3,542 full-time students and thousands of part-time students enrolled. For fiscal 2020, there was a combined full-time equivalent annual enrollment of approximately 5,398. Thousands more non-matriculated students take advantage of professional development programs through the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education ("DGCE"). The University awarded approximately 1,730 graduate and undergraduate degrees in fiscal 2020. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education ("NECHE"), formerly known as New England Association of Schools and Colleges ("NEASC"), and many of the University's programs are accredited by program-specific accrediting bodies.

***Financial Highlights***

The University experienced a deficit in its operations in fiscal 2020 resulting in a decrease in net position of approximately 2.75%. The following are key financial highlights for the current period:

- General appropriations from the Commonwealth are approved by the legislature to help fund the day-to-day operations of the University. The University received appropriations of \$33.3 million in fiscal 2020 as compared with \$33 million in fiscal 2019 and \$29.5 million in fiscal 2018.
- The University undergraduate fees increased slightly in the fiscal year. Total mandatory fees per semester were \$4,767, \$4,692 and \$4,592 in fiscal 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Tuition, which is controlled by the Commonwealth, has not increased since the fall of 2001 and remains at \$485 per semester for in-state students. The Graduate fees per three-credit class were \$957 each year in fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018, and the fees for the Accelerated Online Programs were \$933 to \$1,251 per three-credit class in fiscal 2020.
- The University expended \$6.7 million from current funds for capital additions in fiscal 2020. Projects completed during the year included the renovations to the following: Percival Hall Phase 3, Windows in Edgerly and Thompson Halls and the Energy/Water Retrofit project. Projects still in process at June 30, 2020 are: Improvements to Holmes Walk in Coolers, Theater Building Phase 2, Recreation Center's Roof, and various projects at the McKay facility.
- Total assets and deferred outflows of resources at the end of fiscal 2020 were \$247.8 million and exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of \$125.9 million by \$121.9 million (i.e. net position).

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- Total operating, non-operating, and gift revenue for fiscal 2020 was \$117.3 million, while expenses totaled \$120.8 million, resulting in a decrease to net position of \$3.5 million. The decrease in net position includes a 3.4% increase in operating expenses.
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 75 requires that an allocated portion of the Commonwealth's unfunded post-employment benefits other than pension be reported on the financial statements of the individual institutions of higher education. The allocation is based on the actual contributions paid by the institutions through the group insurance commission charges on the fringe benefit. A prior period restatement was made to fiscal year 2019 assets, liability and expense accounts for GASB 75. The net of this restatement is \$930,855 expense. The University's portion of the Commonwealth's unfunded post-employment benefits other than pension ("OPEB") liability after the restatement is calculated at \$24.1, \$27.3, and \$22.2 million at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018.
- Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68 requires that an allocated portion of the Commonwealth's net pension liability be reported on the financial statements of the individual institutions of higher education. The allocation is based on the actual contributions paid by the institutions through assessed fringe benefit charges. The University's portion of the Commonwealth's net pension liability is calculated at \$12.8, \$12.5 and \$11.4 million at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018.
- Unrestricted net position (before benefits adjustments of \$35.9 million at June 30, 2020) available to support short-term operations totaling \$24.4 million.

Ratio analysis measures certain elements of an institution's overall financial health. The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education has instituted the use of certain core financial ratios as part of their performance measures for public universities and colleges in the Commonwealth. Analysis using these ratios, as well as other commonly accepted ratios, is incorporated throughout this document. These financial ratios are shown before unfunded benefits adjustments. Net assets benefits adjustments amounts after the restatement are \$35.9 million in 2020, \$34.2 million in 2019 and \$31.4 million in 2018.

A change was made in fiscal year 2019 to the accounting for the dining hall income and expenses. The income and expenses related to the dining hall program was moved from an agency account to reflect an auxiliary income and its corresponding expenditure accounting. All relevant fiscal years and ratios are adjusted accordingly.

- **Current Ratio:** An excess of current assets over current liabilities (the current ratio) is a measure of liquidity and provides a buffer against future uncertainties. The University's current assets of \$30.1 million are sufficient to cover current liabilities of \$22.8 million. The University's current ratio at June 30 is 1.3 to 1 for 2020, 1.7 to 1 for 2019, and 1.8 to 1 for 2018.
- **Return on Net Position Ratio:** Net position represents the residual interest in the University's assets and deferred outflows of resources after liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are deducted. Comparing the current change in total net position to total net position at the beginning of the period (return on net position) is an economic measure that determines if the University is financially better off than in previous years. The University's return on net position at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was -1.0%, 3.0% and 2.7%, respectively. The decrease in 2020 return on net position ratio is primarily the result of the increase in expenses related to COVID-19 and a slight decrease in tuition income from the on-ground program. The increase in 2019 return on net position

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ratio is primarily the result of the increase in tuition income from the Accelerated Online program, and an increase in capital appropriations from the state.

- **Primary Reserve Ratio:** This ratio indicates how long the University could function using its expendable reserves without relying on additional net position generated by operations. The University's primary reserve ratio at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was 27.1%, 32.3% and 33.8%, respectively.
- **Secondary Reserve Ratio:** This ratio measures the significance of non-expendable net position in relation to an institution's operating size. An improving trend shows an improved capital base and the higher the ratio value, the better the long-term financial condition. The University's secondary reserve ratio at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was 105.5%, 106.3% and 111.7%, respectively.
- **Composite Financial Index:** In order to assess and evaluate the total financial health of an institution, core financial ratios are weighted and combined into a single factor called the Composite Financial Index ("CFI"). When calculated, a strength factor of three indicates a relatively healthy institution that can sustain moderate growth with expendable net position exceeding debt levels. The University's CFI at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was 0.9, 1.8 and 1.9, respectively.

***Using the Financial Statements***

Fitchburg State University reports its activity as a business-type activity using the full accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting ensures that all amounts owed to the University and all pending obligations of the University are accounted for in the appropriate period, thus giving a clear picture of the University's financial position. The University is a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A summary of the University's financial statements is incorporated in the Commonwealth's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report in its government-wide financial statements.

The University's financial statements include three major documents: The Statements of Net Position; the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statements of Cash Flows. These statements are prepared in accordance with *Governmental Accounting Standards*.

**Statements of Net Position**

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the University at the end of the year and includes all assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows of resources of the University, with the difference reported as net position. Assets, liabilities and deferred inflows and outflows are generally measured using current values, with a notable exception in capital assets, which are stated at historical cost less an allowance for depreciation. Net position is one indicator of the financial condition of the University, while the change in net position from one period to the next is an indicator of whether the financial condition has improved or worsened.

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The statements of net position (condensed, in thousands) at June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018, are as follows:

	2020	2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	\$ 30,142	\$ 34,855	\$ 32,590
Capital assets, net	181,470	182,821	181,449
Other	27,877	26,767	24,652
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>239,489</b>	<b>244,443</b>	<b>238,691</b>
Deferred outflows of resources	8,276	8,913	5,580
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	22,779	20,799	17,950
Long-term liabilities	94,742	102,753	98,125
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>117,521</b>	<b>123,552</b>	<b>116,075</b>
Deferred inflows of resources	8,417	4,526	4,808
<b>Net position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	125,002	121,719	118,282
Restricted			
Nonexpendable	504	523	520
Expendable	7,779	8,559	9,089
Unrestricted			
Designated	16,867	18,462	16,218
Undesignated (deficit)	(28,325)	(23,985)	(20,721)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 121,827</b>	<b>\$ 125,278</b>	<b>\$ 123,388</b>

Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents (92.0%). Other assets include non-current restricted cash and cash equivalents, investments in marketable securities and loans receivable. Capital assets are used to provide services to students, faculty and staff. These assets are not available for current or future spending. Current liabilities primarily include trade accounts and salaries payable, accounts payable - construction, the current portion of compensated absences and accrued faculty payroll. In the normal course of events and based on a consistent past history in this regard, it is anticipated that obligations due to employees will be funded by state appropriations. Deferred inflows and outflows of resources represent either the acquisition or use of net assets applicable to future periods and are distinct from assets and liabilities. The change in fiscal year 2019 unrestricted net position, deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources from prior year financial statement is a result of a restatement of GASB 75. The decrease in net position in fiscal year 2020 compared to increases in fiscal years 2019 and 2018 is primarily the result of the pandemic. The pandemic increased our cash outflow – partial refund of room and board and extracurricular payments plus increased our non-budgeted and non-billable expenditures, and decreased investment income. On the other hand, increases in net position in prior years were primarily the

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result of an increase in online graduate tuition and rental income. These individual elements of revenue and the corresponding increases in net position are illustrated in the following schedule.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The following Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (condensed, in thousands) presents information showing the University's results of operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018. Changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods (e.g. the accrual for compensated absences).

	2020	2019	2018
Operating revenues			
Tuition and fees (net)	\$ 43,717	\$ 44,253	\$ 41,820
Grants	13,986	9,370	9,513
Sales and service of educational department	1,299	1,456	1,523
Auxiliary	10,628	14,915	15,305
Other operating revenue	1,154	831	779
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>70,784</b>	<b>70,825</b>	<b>68,940</b>
Operating expenses			
Instruction	38,623	38,610	37,154
Research and public service	1,076	952	660
Academic support	8,830	8,596	7,158
Student services	15,365	13,603	10,124
Scholarships	3,256	2,841	2,690
Institutional support	14,499	13,632	11,744
Operations and maintenance	11,553	11,757	11,030
Depreciation	11,032	10,442	9,991
Auxiliary	14,563	15,322	15,169
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>118,797</b>	<b>115,755</b>	<b>105,720</b>
<b>Net operating loss</b>	<b>(48,013)</b>	<b>(44,930)</b>	<b>(36,780)</b>
Non-operating revenue and expenses			
State appropriations	44,088	43,795	39,404
Investment income	867	1,218	1,030
Interest expense and debt issue costs	(1,967)	(2,008)	(1,851)
State capital appropriations	1,318	3,558	439
Capital gifts and grants	256	257	503
<b>Total non-operating revenue</b>	<b>44,562</b>	<b>46,820</b>	<b>39,525</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net position</b>	<b>(3,451)</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>2,745</b>
<b>Net position, beginning of the year</b>	<b>125,278</b>	<b>123,388</b>	<b>120,643</b>
<b>Net position, end of the year</b>	<b>\$ 121,827</b>	<b>\$ 125,278</b>	<b>\$ 123,388</b>

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State appropriations are reported net of the amount of in-state day school tuition collected by the University on behalf of the Commonwealth. The tuition collected (for in-state supported courses taught by state employees) is then remitted to the Commonwealth as required by Massachusetts General Law. The following schedule details the Commonwealth appropriations received by the University. Included in appropriations are the fringe benefit costs for University employees, which are paid by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth appropriates general funds to cover the cost of fringe benefits for state employees, but these funds are not appropriated directly to the University. Employees who are paid from local trust funds, grants or other sources receive the same fringe benefits. Generally, the University reimburses the Commonwealth for the benefit costs associated with these employees. In 2012, legislation was passed that allowed the state universities to retain out-of-state day tuition. The legislation further mandated that the Commonwealth would fund the fringe benefits for any employee paid from this funding source. The fringe benefit rate charged by the Commonwealth, exclusive of compensated absences, for fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018 was 35.48%, 34.89% and 34.86%, respectively. The current fringe benefit rate includes group medical insurance (20.17%); retirement (14.08%) and terminal leave (1.23%).

The following schedule (condensed, in thousands) details the Commonwealth appropriations received by the University:

	2020	2019	2018
Commonwealth general appropriations	\$ 33,297	\$ 31,242	\$ 29,473
Commonwealth special appropriations	30	1,746	-
Appropriations to cover fringe benefits provided to employees of the Commonwealth	<u>11,637</u>	<u>11,596</u>	<u>10,605</u>
	44,964	44,584	40,078
Tuition remitted back to the Commonwealth	<u>(876)</u>	<u>(789)</u>	<u>(674)</u>
Net appropriations	44,088	43,795	39,404
Additional state capital appropriations	<u>1,318</u>	<u>3,558</u>	<u>439</u>
Total appropriations	<u><u>\$ 45,406</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 47,353</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,843</u></u>

State appropriations are a significant source of funding for the University. According to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, appropriations are considered non-operating revenue. As such, the University appears to experience a loss from operations. However, it should be noted that state appropriations are used to fund the operating activities of the University.



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The following schedule (condensed, in thousands) illustrates the University's incurred losses from operations for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018.

	2020	2019	2018
Tuition and fees revenue, net	\$ 43,717	\$ 44,252	\$ 41,820
Other operating revenue	27,067	26,573	27,120
Total operating revenue	70,784	70,825	68,940
Operating expenses	(118,797)	(115,755)	(105,720)
Operating loss	(48,013)	(44,930)	(36,780)
Total state appropriations	44,088	43,795	39,404
Other revenue (expense), net	474	3,025	121
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ (3,451)	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,745

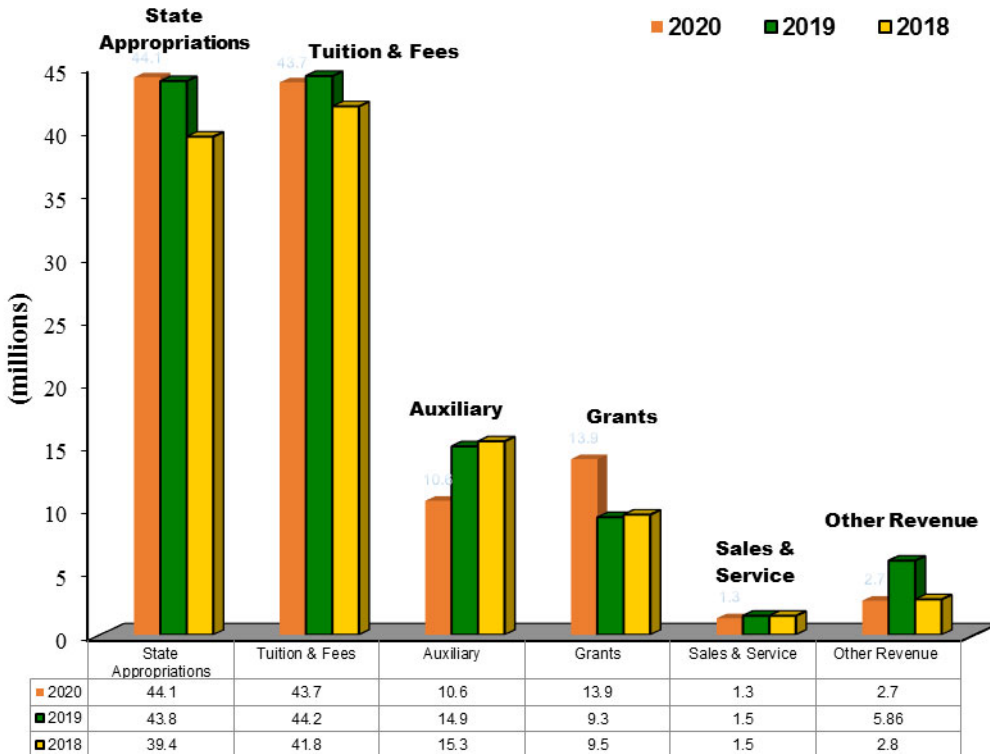
**Net Operating Revenues Ratio:** This ratio indicates whether total operating activities resulted in a surplus or deficit. A positive ratio indicates that the institution experienced an operating surplus and is indicative of efficient and effective operations. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018, the University's net operating revenues ratio was -2.8%, 0.7% and 2.8%, respectively.

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The following is a graphic illustration of total revenue (operating, non-operating and capital) by source. Total revenue for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$116.3, \$119.6, and \$110.3 million, respectively.

**Total Revenue by Source**



For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, general appropriations increased 3.48% from 2019 funding level, while for fiscal year ended 2019, the increase was 10.4% from the 2018 funding level. This 2020 increase was mainly due to the increase in salaries which occurred after 2018 collective bargaining agreements were ratified in 2019. The increase in 2019 was mainly due to a one-time payment of retroactive salaries. Over the last twenty years, general appropriations (including fringe benefits) that support the operating costs of the University have decreased to 36.51% from 61.5% in fiscal 2001. In addition to the increasing amount of local payroll, all other operating costs incurred by the University are funded from other non-state revenue sources. Tuition and fees are reported net of tuition waivers, exemptions, and scholarship allowances. The amount of tuition charged per semester is controlled at the state level and remains unchanged. The only fee increase the board approved in fiscal year 2020 was the University fee which was increased by \$75.00 per semester. Because of our robust online program, total tuition and fee revenue had only a moderate decrease of 2.9% in fiscal year 2020, even though we had a challenging year due to the pandemic, compared to a 5.8% increase in fiscal year 2019. During fiscal year 2020, 2019 and 2018, in-state tuition, fees and room & board for full time resident students were \$10,578, \$10,492 and \$10,347 per semester, respectively. In-state tuition and fees for commuting students in fiscal years 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$5,261, \$5,177 and \$5,077 per semester, respectively.

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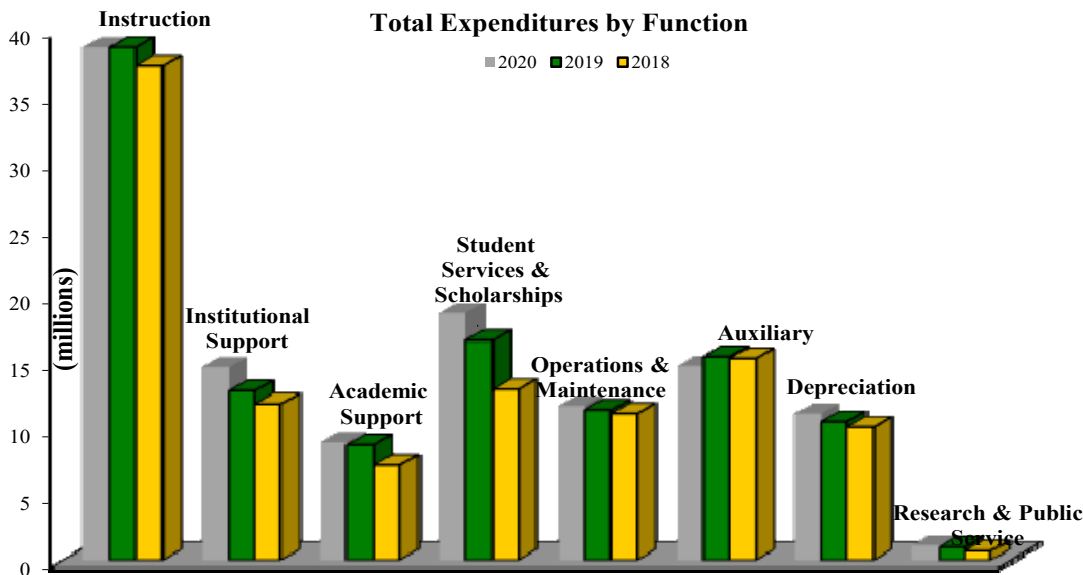
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Auxiliary revenue represents revenue received from the operations of the University's residence and dining halls. Auxiliary revenue does not include fees charged for the student housing facility owned and operated by the FSU Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Supporting Organization"). The average residence hall occupancy rate for the year was 76.2% of capacity versus 89.4% capacity in fiscal year 2019.

Grant revenue is made up of federal, state and private grants. Grant revenue includes PELL, SEOG and Federal Work Study financial aid programs.

Other revenue includes investment and miscellaneous revenue.

The following is a graphic illustration of total expenditures (operating) by function. Total expenditures for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$118.8, \$115.8 and \$105.7 million, respectively.



Expenditures, exclusive of depreciation, increased by 3.37% in FY2020 versus 9.0% in fiscal year 2019. The fiscal year 2020 increase was primarily due to COVID related expenses. While the 2019 increase was primarily due to payment of retroactive increases for fiscal year 2018 and 2019, mandated increase in benefits payments, increases in resident hall debt payments to MSCBA and increase in commission payment arising from the accelerated online program. The most significant area of expense remains Instruction, which represents 32.5% of total operating expenses in fiscal year 2020 and 33.05% of total expenses in fiscal year 2019. In fiscal year 2020 faculty payroll (\$25.4 million) and related benefits (\$9. million) represent approximately 89.2% of instructional expenditures. But in fiscal year 2019, faculty payroll (\$24.4 million) and related benefits (\$8.5 million) represent 85.2% of instructional expenditures. Institutional Support consists of the day-to-day operational support of the institution, excluding physical plant operations. Scholarships are funded from Title V entitlement programs such as PELL and SEOG, as well as, from institutional operating funds. Operations and Maintenance consists of expenditures related to physical plant. Expenditures in this functional area include general repair costs and deferred maintenance costs that are below the capitalization threshold of \$50,000. The financial statements include \$11.0, \$10.4 and \$10.0 million in depreciation expense for 2020, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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**Demand Ratios:** Demand ratios measure the extent to which each type of expense consumes operating and non- operating revenues. The following table displays the amount of operating and non-operating revenue, exclusive of capital grants and appropriations, consumed by the various functional expense categories:

Expense	2020	2019	2018
Instruction	33.40%	33.30%	34.00%
Institutional Support	12.50%	11.00%	11.20%
Academic Support	7.60%	7.40%	6.60%
Student Services & Scholarships	16.10%	14.20%	11.80%
Operations & Maintenance	10.00%	10.10%	10.10%
Auxiliary	12.60%	13.20%	13.90%
Depreciation	9.50%	9.00%	9.10%

Note: The total sum of all Demand Ratios will be greater (less) than 100 percent, with the difference representing the surplus (deficit).

**Statement of Cash Flows**

The statement of cash flows provides pertinent information about the cash receipts and cash payments during a certain period of time. The statement provides an additional tool to assess the financial health of the institution. As required by GASB, the statement is reported using the direct method. The direct method of cash flow reporting portrays net cash flows from operations as major classes of receipts (e.g. tuition and fees) and disbursements (e.g. cash paid to employees for services).

The following are the University's statements of cash flows (condensed, in thousands) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018:

	2020	2019	2018
Cash received from operations	\$ 70,669	\$ 71,023	\$ 68,331
Cash expended for operations	(93,843)	(89,436)	(82,002)
Net cash used in operations	(23,174)	(18,413)	(13,671)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	32,451	32,198	28,799
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(13,085)	(10,525)	(17,351)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(377)	273	29
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(4,185)	3,533	(2,194)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of the year	39,645	36,112	38,306
Cash and equivalents, end of the year	\$ 35,460	\$ 39,645	\$ 36,112

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The University's cash and cash equivalents decreased by approximately \$4.2 million during fiscal 2020, resulting in the cash and cash equivalents balance of \$35.5 million at the fiscal year-end. The decrease in fiscal year 2020 is primarily due to an increase in coronavirus expenses and federal grants and slight reduction in tuition and fees with negligible corresponding increase in accounts receivable. Fiscal year 2019 had an increase which was primarily due to the increase in tuition and fees with negligible corresponding increase in accounts receivable and state and general capital appropriations and a decrease in capital expenditures.

Non-capital financing activities, as defined by GASB, include state appropriations. These appropriations fund the operating activities of the University. Investing activities include interest and dividends received from portfolio investments, as well as, interest earned on University funds held in various short-term money management vehicles.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets consist of land, land improvements, buildings and building improvements, equipment, library materials, and construction in progress. As of June 30, 2020, net capital assets decreased to \$181.5 million net of current depreciation expense of \$11.0 million. At June 30, 2019 net capital assets increased to \$182.8 million net of depreciation expense of \$10.4 million. During the current fiscal year there were \$9.7 million in additions to capital assets and \$11.8 million in 2019. Major capital initiatives either continuing or undertaken during 2020 include:

- Percival Hall, Phases 2 & 3 \$2.5 million (to date)
- McKay projects, \$4.4 million (to date)
- Energy/Water Retrofit project, \$9.5 million (to date)
- Holmes Dish Renovation, \$1.3 million (to date)
- Recreation Center Roof, \$1.5 million (to date)

Additional information on Fitchburg State University's capital assets can be found in footnote 5 to the accompanying financial statements.

**Physical Asset Renewal Ratio:** The extent to which capital renewal is occurring as compared to physical usage (depreciation) can be measured by the physical asset renewal ratio. A ratio above 1:1 indicates increasing investment in plant facilities. The University's physical asset renewal ratio for fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 was 1.6, 1.1 and 1.8, respectively.

**Long Term Debt**

The University has long term debt obligations issued for various capital projects. The debt was issued through several financing agreements with the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") (formerly the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MHEFA)), the Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA") and a capital lease through J P Morgan. The interest rate on the MDFA debt is a floating rate set every thirty five days based on market conditions. The interest rate on the MSCBA debt is based on an increasing coupon rate ranging from 2.00% to 6.54 % over the term of the debt as set by MSCBA. The interest rate on the capital lease is fixed at 1.81%. The debt is being repaid by the University primarily through dedicated student fees ("DSF").

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The following table summarizes the various debt vehicles, interest rates, debt service and debt outstanding at June 30, 2020 and is inclusive of any bond premiums or discounts.

Issuing Agency	Construction Project	Fiscal Year Issued	Original Issue	Funding Source	Effective Interest Rate	Debt Service Payments	Debt Outstanding	Maturity
MDFA	Recreation Center	1997	\$ 6,000,000	DSF	6.03%	\$ 484,478	\$ 1,601,094	2023
MSCBA	Holmes Dining Hall Renovations	2005	\$ 1,090,000	DSF	4.01%	\$ 78,296	\$ 360,000	2025
MSCBA	Elliot Athletic Field Improvements	2005	\$ 4,020,000	DSF	4.01%	\$ 294,759	\$ 1,315,000	2025
MSCBA	Holmes Dining Hall Renovations	2006	\$ 2,060,000	DSF	4.39%	\$ 152,528	\$ 857,204	2026
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2011	\$ 15,935,656	DSF & operating funds	3.39%	\$ 1,144,207	\$ 9,549,184	2030
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2012	\$ 7,043,416	DSF & operating funds	5.05%	\$ 490,401	\$ 4,733,226	2031
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2013	\$ 11,300,906	DSF & operating funds	3.12%	\$ 743,275	\$ 8,013,625	2032
MSCBA	Parking Expansion	2013	\$ 2,563,127	DSF & operating funds	3.12%	\$ 171,337	\$ 1,814,212	2032
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2014	\$ 12,235,614	DSF & operating funds	5.00%	\$ 918,500	\$ 9,476,165	2033
MSCBA	Hammond Campus Center Renovations	2015	\$ 10,669,503	DSF & operating funds	5.00%	\$ 759,250	\$ 8,679,921	2034
MSCBA	Landry Arena Refurbishment	2017	\$ 4,166,418	DSF & operating funds	3.93%	\$ 281,761	\$ 3,766,663	2037
DCAMM	CEIP Funds	2017	\$ 5,420,360	DCAMM	3.00%	\$ 364,333	\$ 5,218,638	2039
JP Morgan	Campus wireless project	2017	\$ 1,261,206	DSF & operating funds	1.81%	\$ 264,966	\$ 390,363	2021
MSCBA	Holmes Dining	2019	\$ 1,516,022	DSF	3.69%	\$ 101,054	\$ 1,478,512	2039
MSCBA	Recreation Center Roof	2019	\$ 1,107,123	DSF & operating funds	3.69%	\$ 76,883	\$ 1,076,660	2039
Total			\$ 86,389,351			\$ 6,326,028	\$ 58,330,467	

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018, the total debt (current and long term) attributable to interagency payments, bond premiums and capital lease payments amounted to \$58.3, \$62.6 and \$63.7 million, respectively.

Additional information on Fitchburg State University's long term debt activity can be found in footnotes 12 and 13 to the accompanying financial statements.

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**Viability Ratio:** The availability of expendable net assets to cover debt (the viability ratio) is a basic determinant of financial health. Expendable net assets are those assets not required to be retained in perpetuity, i.e. those assets available for use for operations. A ratio of 1:1 or greater would indicate, as of the balance sheet date, an institution has sufficient expendable net assets to satisfy debt obligations. However public institutions can operate effectively on a reduced ratio because of the benefit of state support which is not captured in the institution's expendable net assets. The University's viability ratio, which has remained relatively consistent over time, is .58:3 for June 30, 2020, .61:7 for 2019 and .58:1 for 2018.

**Debt Burden:** The debt burden ratio measures an institution's dependence on borrowed funds by comparing the level of debt service to total expenditures. In order to effectively manage resources, including debt, industry standards sets the upper threshold for institutional debt burden at 7%. As of June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018, the University's debt burden was 5.5%, 5.2% and 5.6%, respectively.

On July 1, 2020, the MSCBA closed on \$395,735,000 of Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2020A (Federally Taxable) for the purpose of providing budgetary relief to the nine State Universities in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022. These bonds were issued to refund/ restructure approximately \$338 million of debt outstanding from multiple series of bonds. The spreadsheet below shows the effect of this restructuring of bonds paid by Fitchburg State University for a ten year period between fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2030.

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**RESTRUCTURING OF BONDS THRU MSCBA**

RESIDENT LIFE BONDS:								
	PRE 20A RESTRUCTURING			POST 20A RESTRUCTURING			DSRF	CHANGE
FY	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL		
2021	\$3,404,513	\$3,139,769	\$6,544,281	\$ 474,490	\$2,702,830	\$3,177,319	\$ (924,817)	\$(4,291,778)
2022	3,539,902	3,033,453	6,573,355	1,989,976	2,820,731	4,810,707		(1,762,648)
2023	3,949,664	2,929,035	6,878,698	3,949,664	2,787,988	6,737,651		(141,047)
2024	3,080,458	2,785,136	5,865,594	3,080,458	2,644,089	5,724,547		(141,047)
2025	3,285,428	2,693,243	5,978,671	3,285,428	2,552,195	5,837,623		(141,047)
2026	3,512,482	2,590,939	6,103,420	3,407,482	2,449,891	5,857,373		(246,047)
2027	3,501,271	2,474,517	5,975,788	3,391,271	2,338,719	5,729,991		(245,797)
2028	3,830,689	2,731,380	6,562,068	3,710,689	2,601,082	6,311,771		(250,297)
2029	3,484,207	1,347,849	4,832,057	4,629,239	1,223,552	5,852,791		1,020,735
2030	3,374,411	1,199,280	4,573,691	4,806,756	1,058,359	5,865,115		1,291,424

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FY	PRE 20A RESTRUCTURING			POST 20A RESTRUCTURING			DSRF	CHANGE
	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL		
2021	\$6,795,544	\$5,300,405	\$12,095,949	\$ 474,490	\$4,404,620	\$4,879,109	\$(1,662,950)	\$(8,879,789)
2022	7,083,295	5,029,820	12,113,116	3,759,463	4,578,822	8,338,285		(3,774,831)
2023	7,651,654	4,751,208	12,402,862	7,651,654	4,459,093	12,110,747		(292,115)
2024	6,909,639	4,456,541	11,366,180	6,909,639	4,164,426	11,074,065		(292,115)
2025	7,264,176	4,207,516	11,471,692	7,264,176	3,915,401	11,179,577		(292,115)
2026	7,250,451	3,947,093	11,197,545	7,025,451	3,654,978	10,680,430		(517,115)
2027	7,232,090	3,666,346	10,898,437	7,172,090	3,403,421	10,575,512		(322,925)
2028	7,715,309	3,750,962	11,466,271	7,160,309	3,515,453	10,675,763		(790,509)
2029	7,519,501	2,187,579	9,707,080	8,569,501	1,988,068	10,557,568		850,489
2030	7,576,874	1,851,459	9,428,333	8,881,874	1,678,143	10,560,017		1,131,684

**Looking Forward**

After an unexpected spring lock down because of the coronavirus pandemic, fiscal year 2021 started out with a few pleasant surprises. Even though our resident hall students were told that because of safety precautions those living in the resident halls would still have to social distance, they returned to campus in higher numbers than were expected. After a long hiatus, when we all learned how to zoom, google meet and hangout, life returned to campus again, even if we still have to maintain our distance from each other. During this ongoing pandemic, we owe a debt of gratitude to all who are working tirelessly to ensure the success of the campus community. We are also thankful to all in the Fitchburg State University community who have risen to the Coronavirus challenge by wearing face masks, staying 6 feet apart and constantly washing hands. Your diligence has been reflected in the low amounts of positive coronavirus cases on campus. The coronavirus has created challenges for us as a University and this challenge is reflected in our budget. In fiscal year 2020, the University had approximately \$6.7 million in Coronavirus ("COVID") related expenses but only \$4 million in corresponding grant income. The lesson that COVID has reinforced once again is that our world is interconnected and as such our actions have the potential to affect others.

Because of our interconnectedness, our changing demographics, and our need to break down barriers for our current students and faculty to be equipped to work and teach in the global economy, the University is working diligently on its outreach programs to students and businesses internationally and in the wider community. The University will hopefully in 2022 resume its invaluable Study Abroad programs. We are also working in collaboration with AUIA to provide summer programs in Shanghai, China. This program provides credit-bearing undergraduate summer courses, taught in English by Fitchburg State University instructors, to students visiting China. Students use the summer session to keep their English language skills sharp and to catch-up while visiting family in China. Others choose this opportunity to take classes while traveling the world. These courses are considered Fitchburg State University courses and thereby carry Fitchburg State University credits. This program has been approved by our regional accrediting agency, NECHE. These programs not only contribute monetarily to the university but it also has a positive effect on those participating. According to a Professor who participated in an overseas program, "It took long-standing assumptions about the world and made me reconsider them."



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The willingness of the community to support the vision of the university is dependent on a number of factors. There are clear indicators that the community believes in the mission of Fitchburg State and is willing to assist the University in fulfilling its mission. Because of this, we are starting to see an upward trend in the number of businesses donating to the University. The latest is that of Fidelity Bank who, after relocating their branch, donated their land and building situated in downtown Fitchburg to the University. The University also received a one for one matching donation incentive from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for approximately a quarter of a million dollars and small dollar donors have made contributions to make this match possible.

Another current topic of interest which is very important in a student dominated arena such as a university, is that of race relations. Before the uptick in the race relation furor across the country, the University was tackling this problem in its own 10-year strategic plan, which was completed this summer. In this plan, the University articulated "that an inclusive, integrated, and equitable university is the clearest path to social and economic prosperity for all, and therefore, the ultimate public good that we, as a University, can offer. The Strategic Plan embraces the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education's Equity Agenda, particularly for those that have historically been underserved and underrepresented, especially students of color. The principal of education, justice, and inclusive excellence are pillars of this agenda."

U.S. News & World Report has once again recognized and ranked Fitchburg State University among colleges and universities that contributes to upward social mobility. "According to President Lapidus, access and affordability are at the very foundation of the university's mission. The university is very proud of its track record of creating opportunities for all students, and assist them to complete their studies and move forward with their lives and careers. The university's success in creating upward social mobility is tied to the work Fitchburg State is doing in its newest strategic plan, whose three pillars are educational justice, being a student-ready campus, and inclusive excellence."

The University continues to invest in its mission of improve the well-being of its students on and off campus. One way of doing this is by its commitment to gradually reduce its carbon footprint on campus. Accordingly, the University with the assistance of the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invested \$9.5 million in a much needed energy and water retrofit project on campus. The offset of this should be immediately seen in energy savings campus wide. The University has also added to this reduction in our carbon footprint by investing \$1.5 million to replace windows in Ederly and Thompson Halls. The added benefit to the replacement of these windows should be a more comfortable working and studying environment for its occupants.

ReImagine North of Main project ("RNOM") which is under the leadership of Fitchburg State University is continuing to aid in the development of downtown Fitchburg. While the COVID pandemic caused many small businesses across the U.S. to shut their doors forever, RNOM stepped in the gap locally and helped this community by securing grant funding which was used to assist some of our small businesses. Fitchburg State University is still committed to the upgrading of the Theater facility which will not only aid the community of Fitchburg, but as President Lapidus says is a way "to create a different front door for ourselves and a way to plant a flag downtown". As a community resource, the institution continues to provide leadership and support for the economic, environmental, social and cultural needs of Fitchburg, north central Massachusetts and the Commonwealth.

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**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the finances of Fitchburg State University for anyone interested in this information. Questions concerning any of the data provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Dr. Richard S. Lapidus, President, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 01420.

Complete financial statements for Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. the University's Component Unit, can be obtained from the office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 01420.

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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**Statements of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>Assets</u>			
	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020	2019	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2019
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and equivalents	\$ 20,103,032	\$ 1,866,947	\$ 24,703,959	\$ 1,236,311
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	6,863,394	-	7,471,350	-
Investments	-	9,033,514	-	9,584,736
Accounts receivable, net	2,963,457	32,495	2,370,621	35,794
Contributions receivable, net	-	403,375	-	80,240
Loans receivable - current portion	1,055	-	1,754	-
Other current assets	209,713	121,355	307,456	74,877
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>30,140,651</b>	<b>11,457,686</b>	<b>34,855,140</b>	<b>11,011,958</b>
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>				
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,494,542	-	7,470,358	-
Investments	17,161,427	-	16,783,815	-
Endowment investments	892,728	12,220,628	894,216	10,476,414
Accounts receivable, net of current portion	47,032	-	94,175	-
Contributions receivable, net	-	348,529	-	193,745
Loans receivable, net of current portion	1,273,489	-	1,481,419	-
Capital assets, net	181,470,066	6,737,875	182,820,730	6,561,694
Other noncurrent assets	8,895	146,788	43,100	66,722
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>209,348,179</b>	<b>19,453,820</b>	<b>209,587,813</b>	<b>17,298,575</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>239,488,830</b>	<b>30,911,506</b>	<b>244,442,953</b>	<b>28,310,533</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>				
Deferred outflow-OPEB	5,014,453	-	5,264,002	-
Deferred outflow for pensions	3,262,016	-	3,648,601	-
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>\$ 8,276,469</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 8,912,603</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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Liabilities and Net Position

	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020	2019	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2019
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Interagency payables - current portion	\$ 4,038,987	\$ -	\$ 3,897,109	\$ -
Long-term debt - current portion	-	254,180	-	243,950
Bank lines of credit	-	250,000	-	250,000
Capital lease obligations - current portion	259,038	-	254,441	-
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,213,648	102,705	4,600,467	335,231
Accounts payable - construction	1,369,689	100,000	2,514,558	-
Accrued workers' compensation - current portion	104,231	-	128,796	-
Compensated absences - current portion	3,584,425	-	3,337,642	-
Faculty payroll accrual	4,231,311	-	3,993,800	-
Revenue received in advance	4,534,790	32,500	1,734,573	58,519
Deposits	371,150	-	289,150	-
Other current liabilities	71,254	31,080	47,986	53,901
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>22,778,523</b>	<b>770,465</b>	<b>20,798,522</b>	<b>941,601</b>
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>				
Interagency payables, net of current portion	53,901,118	-	58,058,274	-
Accrued workers' compensation, net of current portion	373,893	-	462,010	-
Compensated absences, net of current portion	2,157,318	-	2,167,708	-
Long-term debt, net of current portion	-	3,544,808	-	3,796,376
Capital lease obligations, net of current portion	131,325	-	390,362	-
Loan payable - federal financial assistance program	1,354,371	-	1,871,966	-
Net OPEB liability	24,061,207	-	27,318,264	-
Net pension liability	12,763,415	-	12,484,412	-
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<b>94,742,647</b>	<b>3,544,808</b>	<b>102,752,996</b>	<b>3,796,376</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>117,521,170</b>	<b>4,315,273</b>	<b>123,551,518</b>	<b>4,737,977</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>				
Service concession arrangement	1,011,672	-	1,264,590	-
Deferred inflow - OPEB	6,233,735	-	2,406,140	-
Deferred inflow for pensions	1,171,344	-	855,293	-
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>\$ 8,416,751</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,526,023</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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**Statements of Net Position**  
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	<u>Net Position</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. <u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. <u>2019</u>
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 125,001,606	\$ 2,983,093	\$ 121,718,509	\$ 2,271,367
Restricted for:				
Nonexpendable				
Scholarships and fellowships	504,243	6,194,533	523,524	5,505,575
Cultural programs	-	4,230,397	-	3,233,944
Centennial endowments	-	1,592,974	-	1,592,974
Other	-	202,725	-	143,921
Expendable				
Scholarships and fellowships	412,403	4,587,274	458,337	4,277,835
Cultural programs	-	3,498,687	-	3,219,263
Loans	197,348	-	261,675	-
Capital projects	50,000	-	675,205	-
Debt service	6,905,505	-	7,077,552	-
Other	214,661	665,653	86,883	549,569
Unrestricted (deficit)	(11,458,388)	2,640,897	(5,523,670)	2,778,108
Total net position	<u>\$ 121,827,378</u>	<u>\$ 26,596,233</u>	<u>\$ 125,278,015</u>	<u>\$ 23,572,556</u>

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
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	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020	2019	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2019
Operating revenues				
Student tuition and fees	\$ 44,917,493	\$ -	\$ 45,864,620	\$ -
Student fees restricted for repayment of				
Interagency payables	5,591,162	-	5,915,182	-
Less: Scholarship allowances	(6,792,063)	-	(7,527,347)	-
Net student tuition and fees	43,716,592	-	44,252,455	-
Federal grants and contracts	11,982,884	-	8,351,649	-
State and local grants and contracts	962,732	45,000	389,824	510
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	1,040,326	-	628,798	-
Sales and services of educational departments	1,299,234	814,328	1,455,829	481,109
Gifts and contributions	-	903,788	-	823,613
Auxiliary enterprises:				
Residential life	7,450,821	263,623	10,474,472	270,854
Dining hall	3,157,802	-	4,411,690	-
Alcohol awareness and other programs	19,698	-	29,050	-
Other operating revenues	1,154,130	-	831,040	-
Total operating revenues	70,784,219	2,026,739	70,824,807	1,576,086
Operating expenses				
Educational and general				
Instruction	38,622,968	2,442	38,609,419	600
Research	76,841	14,008	93,572	157,502
Public service	998,932	70,509	858,701	73,611
Academic support	8,830,350	14,269	8,595,843	4,629
Student services	15,365,053	117,550	13,603,158	85,329
Institutional support	14,498,712	715,303	13,632,180	649,887
Operations and maintenance of plant	11,552,991	95,566	11,757,230	247,925
Depreciation and amortization	11,032,465	166,693	10,442,249	165,666
Scholarships and awards	3,255,634	446,743	2,840,881	484,035
Auxiliary enterprises				
Residential life	11,319,050	58,487	10,910,641	64,220
Dining hall	3,237,249	-	4,394,622	-
Alcohol awareness and other programs	7,052	-	16,482	-
Total operating expenses	118,797,297	1,701,570	115,754,978	1,933,404
Operating income (loss)	(48,013,078)	325,169	(44,930,171)	(357,318)

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	2020	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2020	2019	Component Unit Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. 2019
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)				
State appropriations	\$ 44,088,228	\$ -	\$ 43,794,742	\$ -
Gifts	-	-	200	-
Investment income (loss), net of investment expense	717,555	383,194	1,030,332	456,282
Investment income (loss) on restricted assets, net of investment expense	149,260	1,037,071	187,462	1,162,852
Interest expense on Interagency payables and capital asset related debt	(1,966,664)	(171,277)	(1,985,157)	(167,147)
Debt issuance costs	-	-	(23,145)	-
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>42,988,379</u>	<u>1,248,988</u>	<u>43,004,434</u>	<u>1,451,987</u>
Income (loss) before capital and endowment additions	<u>(5,024,699)</u>	<u>1,574,157</u>	<u>(1,925,737)</u>	<u>1,094,669</u>
State capital appropriations	1,318,286	-	3,558,392	-
Capital grants	255,776	-	257,226	-
Private gifts for endowment purposes	-	1,449,520	-	255,475
Total capital and endowment additions	<u>1,574,062</u>	<u>1,449,520</u>	<u>3,815,618</u>	<u>255,475</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	<u>(3,450,637)</u>	<u>3,023,677</u>	<u>1,889,881</u>	<u>1,350,144</u>
Net position - beginning of year	<u>125,278,015</u>	<u>23,572,556</u>	<u>123,388,134</u>	<u>22,222,412</u>
Net position - end of the year	<u>\$ 121,827,378</u>	<u>\$ 26,596,233</u>	<u>\$ 125,278,015</u>	<u>\$ 23,572,556</u>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Tuition and fees	\$ 43,389,728	\$ 43,878,800
Research grants and contracts	13,936,558	9,814,022
Payments to suppliers	(27,883,481)	(29,685,635)
Payments to utilities	(4,514,308)	(4,342,904)
Payments to employees	(51,484,225)	(48,666,644)
Payments for benefits	(4,340,208)	(3,483,320)
Payments for scholarships	(5,616,414)	(3,233,205)
Loans issued to students	(4,189)	(24,751)
Collection of loans to students	209,373	233,847
Auxiliary enterprise receipts		
Residential life	7,322,006	10,461,785
Dining hall	3,157,802	4,411,690
Alcohol awareness program	19,732	29,050
Receipts from sales and services of educational departments	1,388,826	1,411,875
Other receipts	1,244,380	782,096
	(23,174,420)	(18,413,294)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
State appropriations	33,326,949	32,987,316
Tuition remitted to State	(875,959)	(788,853)
Gifts from grants for other than capital purposes	-	200
	32,450,990	32,198,663
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
State capital appropriations	1,574,062	3,558,392
Loan programs net funds received	32,808	30,413
Capital grants	2,224,395	-
Interagency payable proceeds received	-	2,623,145
Payments for capital assets	(10,712,891)	(11,020,946)
Principal paid on capital debt	(3,996,280)	(3,435,230)
Interest paid on capital debt	(2,206,812)	(2,257,803)
Debt issuance costs	-	(23,145)
	(13,084,718)	(10,525,174)



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**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of investments	\$ (6,925,155)	\$ (5,427,479)
Proceeds from sale of investments	6,816,394	5,045,974
Earnings on investments	(267,790)	654,729
	(376,551)	273,224
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(376,551)	273,224
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(4,184,699)	3,533,419
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	39,645,667	36,112,248
Cash and equivalents, end of year	\$ 35,460,968	\$ 39,645,667
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Operating loss	\$ (48,013,078)	\$ (44,930,171)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Bad debt expense	176,593	175,145
Depreciation and amortization	11,032,465	10,442,249
Fringe benefits paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	11,637,238	11,596,279
Change in net pension liability	981,639	1,084,885
Change in net OPEB liability	820,088	1,693,476
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(991,259)	(303,566)
Other current and noncurrent assets	345,108	15,296
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(397,503)	744,432
Accrued workers' compensation	(112,682)	(57,965)
Compensated absences	236,393	164,069
Accrued faculty payroll	237,511	483,441
Revenue received in advance	575,821	317,020
Other current liabilities	10,062	(12,930)
Deposits	82,000	(34,050)
Loans to students	205,184	209,096
	(23,174,420)	(18,413,294)
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (23,174,420)	\$ (18,413,294)

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	2020	2019
Schedule of noncash investing and financing activities		
Acquisition of capital assets	\$ 9,681,801	\$ 11,813,454
Accounts payable thereon:		
Beginning of year	2,514,558	1,752,153
End of year	(1,369,689)	(2,514,558)
Net interest earned and incurred, capitalized in construction in progress	(113,779)	(30,103)
Payments for capital assets	\$ 10,712,891	\$ 11,020,946
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	\$ (18,841)	\$ 442,174
Fringe benefits paid by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 11,637,238	\$ 11,596,279
Capital grants - amortization of deferred inflows of resources - service concession arrangement	\$ 252,918	\$ 252,918
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalent balances		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,103,032	\$ 24,703,959
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	6,863,394	7,471,350
Noncurrent assets		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,494,542	7,470,358
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,460,968	\$ 39,645,667

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**Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies**

**Organization**

Fitchburg State University (the "University") is a public, State-supported comprehensive four-year University which offers a quality education leading to baccalaureate and master's degrees in many disciplines. With its campus located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the University provides instruction in a variety of liberal arts, allied health, and business fields of study. The University also offers, through the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, credit and non-credit courses. The University is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education ("NECHE") (formerly known as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges ("NEASC")).

The University is a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "State" or the "Commonwealth"). The accompanying financial statements reflect only the transactions of the University and its discretely presented component unit. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements may not necessarily be indicative of the conditions that would have existed if the University had been operated independently of the State.

Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a component unit of Fitchburg State University. The Foundation is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It was organized on June 6, 1978, exclusively for the benefit of Fitchburg State University, to establish scholarships and make awards to educationally talented and needy students; to establish a Distinguished Professor award within the faculty of the University; to subsidize inter-collegiate athletic programs; to subsidize budgets of departments of the University as needed for particular purposes; to encourage public use and support of functions and activities which further the mission of the University; and to encourage other activities necessary for, or incidental to, any or all of the foregoing. The following programs are supported under the auspices of the Foundation: Center Stage, Alumni Association, Women in Today's Society, Amelia V. Gallucci - Cirio endowment and the University's Booster Clubs. The Board of the Foundation is self-perpetuating and consists of graduates and friends of the University. Although the University does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or income thereon that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the University by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the University, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the University and is discretely presented in the University's financial statements.

FSU Foundation Supporting Organization, Inc. (the "Foundation Supporting Organization") was organized on October 29, 1999 for the exclusive benefit of the Foundation and all of its educational and charitable activities. The Foundation Supporting Organization is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation Supporting Organization's sole program activity, as of June 30, 2020, has been to acquire, hold, operate and lease real estate and related improvements for the benefit of the Foundation and the University. The financial information of the Foundation Supporting Organization is consolidated into the financial statements of the Foundation. The Foundation and Foundation Supporting Organization are collectively referred to hereinafter as the FSU Foundation.

During fiscal 2020, FSU Foundation distributed scholarships and awards in the amount of \$446,743 directly to students and faculty of the University, and incurred an additional \$1,426,104 in support of its mission in other ways. Complete financial statements for FSU Foundation can be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, Fitchburg State University, 160 Pearl Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

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During fiscal 2019, FSU Foundation distributed scholarships and awards in the amount of \$484,035 directly to students and faculty of the University, and incurred an additional \$1,616,516 in support of its mission in other ways.

**Basis of presentation**

The University's financial statements have been prepared using the "economic resources measurement focus" and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements have been met.

FSU Foundation, as a nonprofit organization, reports under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") guidance on financial reporting for Not-for-Profit Entities. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. Other than the reclassification of certain items, no modifications have been made to FSU Foundation's consolidated financial information in the University's financial reporting entity for these differences.

The University's policy for defining operating activities in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position are those that generally result from exchange transactions such as the payment received for services and payment made for the purchase of goods and services. Certain other transactions are reported as nonoperating activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 35. These nonoperating activities include the University's operating and capital appropriations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, net investment income, gifts, and interest expense.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the University's policy to use the restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

GASB Statement No. 34 requires that resources be classified for accounting purposes into the following three net position categories:

- **Net investment in capital assets:** Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position.
- **Restricted:**
  - Nonexpendable** - Component of net position whose net assets are subject to externally-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the University. Such assets include the University's permanent endowment funds.
  - Expendable** - Component of net position whose use of net assets by the University is subject to externally-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the University pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time.
- **Unrestricted:** All other categories of net position. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees.

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In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the University's operations are accounted for in several trust funds. All of these trust funds have been consolidated and are included in these financial statements.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Although these estimates are based on management's knowledge of current events and actions it may undertake in the future, they may ultimately differ from actual results.

**Cash and cash equivalents and investments**

The University's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, cash and cash equivalents held by the Commonwealth's Treasurer and Receiver-General, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") and Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA"), and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments for the University are reported at fair value. Any investments held with the Commonwealth's Treasurer and Receiver-General in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT") are also at fair value. This external investment pool, run by the Treasurer and Receiver-General, operates in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

Investments include marketable debt and equity securities which are carried at their readily determinable fair values. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in nonoperating revenues. Gains and losses on the disposition of investments are determined based on specific identification of securities sold or the average cost method. Investment income is recognized when earned and is generally credited to the trust fund holding the related assets.

Dividends, interest and net gains or losses on investments are reported in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Any net earnings not expended are included in net position categories as follows:

- i. as increases in restricted - nonexpendable net position if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- ii. as increases in restricted - expendable net position if the terms of the gift or the University's interpretation of relevant state law impose restrictions on the current use of the income or net gains. The University has relied upon the Attorney General's interpretation of state law that unappropriated endowment gains should be classified as restricted - expendable; and
- iii. as increases in unrestricted net position in all other cases.

At June 30, 2019 and 2019, the University had \$411,868 and \$457,803, respectively, in endowment income available for authorization for expenditure, which is included in restricted-expendable net position for scholarships and fellowships.

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 15 grants authority to the University Board of Trustees to administer the general business of the University. Inherent in this authority is the authority to invest

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funds of the University. Chapter 15 further grants the Trustees the authority to delegate, to the President, any said powers or responsibilities. The Board of Trustees of Fitchburg State University has delegated the authority to make specific investment decisions to the President of the University and the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees. The University's endowment investments consist of debt, marketable equity securities, mutual funds, and other investments which are carried at their fair values. The primary cash equivalent funds are within the MMDT, the external investment pool for political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

The University's authorized spending rule provides that all earnings on endowment investments may be expended pursuant to the stipulations placed on these endowments. If a donor has not provided specific instructions, Massachusetts General Law permits the University's Board of Trustees to authorize for expense the net appreciation (realized and unrealized) of the investments of endowment funds. Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purposes for which the endowment was established.

FSU Foundation's investments consist of debt, marketable equity securities, mutual funds and other investments which are carried at their fair values. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue. Restricted investment income and gains are reported as increases in unrestricted net position, unless a donor or law temporarily (expendable) or permanently (non-expendable) restricts their use. Gains and losses on the disposition of investments are principally determined based on the first-in, first-out method or specific identification of securities sold. Investment income is recognized when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

FSU Foundation maintains cash and equivalents and an investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion is reflected in the financial statements under cash and cash equivalents and investments. Earnings on cash and investments of the unrestricted net position and temporarily restricted (expendable) net position are reflected in the fund in which the assets are recorded.

The FSU Foundation's endowments consist of approximately 113 and 109 individual funds at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, that are restricted by donors to function as endowments primarily for the granting of scholarships and to fund other academic and cultural programs. During fiscal 2018, FSU Foundation's Board of Directors voted to earmark \$25,000 as a board-designated fund entitled The Fund for Fitchburg State to function as an endowment fund. The fund is designated for students with financial needs to be awarded financial aid scholarships. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the endowment is \$25,000 each year.

FSU Foundation's Board of Directors has interpreted the Massachusetts Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") 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, FSU Foundation classifies as net assets with donor restrictions (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 funds will remain in net assets with donor restrictions until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by FSU Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

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In accordance with UPMIFA, FSU Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate restricted endowment funds: (i) the duration and preservation of the fund, (ii) the purposes of FSU Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund, (iii) general economic conditions, (iv) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (v) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (vi) other resources of FSU Foundation, and (vii) the investment policies of FSU Foundation.

FSU Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that FSU Foundation must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified periods as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by FSU Foundation's Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a variety of investments that aim to preserve principal, generate income and provide the opportunity for conservative growth.

FSU Foundation's performance goals are to provide an average annual total rate of return, net of fees, that equals or exceeds its spending rate plus inflation ("CPI") over a rolling five-year period. Additionally, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of appropriate capital market indices weighted by FSU Foundation's asset allocation target percentages over a rolling five-year period. FSU Foundation's performance goals are also intended to produce results that equal or exceed the average return of a universe of similarly managed funds. FSU Foundation's performance goals are based upon a long-term investment horizon. Accordingly, actual returns in any given year may vary from these amounts.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, FSU Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). FSU Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

FSU Foundation has a spending policy of appropriating for distribution each year a percentage of its endowment fund's average fair value over the preceding three years. The amount to be appropriated for distribution shall not exceed 5%. In establishing this policy, FSU Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment fund assets. Accordingly, over the long-term, FSU Foundation expects the current spending policy to be consistent with the FSU Foundation's objective of seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment fund assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through investment return.

From time-to-time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or Massachusetts General Laws requires FSU Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, deficiencies of this nature are reported in net assets with donor restrictions. As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, there were no deficiencies of this nature.

The University's and FSU Foundation's investment income are presented net of investment expense in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The University's investment expense amounted to \$92,556 and \$89,254 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. FSU Foundation's investment expense amounted to \$118,160 and \$113,548 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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**Accounts receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount the University expects to collect from outstanding balances. The University provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to operations and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after the University has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

Accounts receivable also include a receivable from the operator of the University's food services operation in connection with a service concession arrangement between the University and the operator. The receivable has been recorded at the net present value of the installments to be received from the operator using a discount rate determined by management of the University.

**Loans receivable and payable**

Loans receivable consist, primarily, of the Federal Perkins Loan Program ("Perkins") and the Federal Nursing Student Loan Program ("NSL"). The federal government provides the majority of the funds to support these programs. Loan payments received from students made under the Perkins and NSL programs may be re-loaned after collection. The portion of the Perkins and NSL Loan Programs provided by the federal government is refundable to the federal government upon the ending (liquidation) of the University's participation in the programs. The amount due to the federal government upon liquidation by the University is \$1,106,069 and \$1,486,071 for Perkins and \$248,302 and \$385,895 for NSL at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. These amounts are included as a noncurrent liability in the accompanying statements of net position.

The prescribed practices for the Perkins and NSL programs do not provide for accrual of interest on student loans receivable or for the provision of an allowance for doubtful loans. Accordingly, interest on loans is recorded as received and loan balances are reduced subsequent to the determination of their uncollectability and have been accepted (assigned) by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and assigns loans to the Department of Education based upon such factors as student payment history, current status of applicable students, and the results of collection efforts.

**Capital assets**

Capital assets are controlled but not owned by the University. The University is not able to sell or otherwise pledge its assets, since the assets are all owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Capital assets, which include land, land improvements, buildings, building improvements, equipment and other assets are reported in the statements of net position at cost or fair market value, if donated. Capital assets are defined by the University as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$50,000 in accordance with the Commonwealth's capitalization policy. The University does not hold collections of historical treasures, works of art, or other items not requiring capitalization or depreciation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, five years for furniture and three to 10 years for equipment.



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Library materials acquired for the most recent five-year period are capitalized. The cost of library materials purchased in the current year is added and the cost of purchases made in the earliest year of the five-year period is deducted from the net position balance.

The land on which the residence halls stand is leased by the MSCBA from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at a yearly cost of one dollar. The leases are long-term leases which can be extended at the end of their terms for additional 10-year periods.

The University, in accordance with a management and services agreement between the MSCBA and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is charged a semi-annual revenue assessment which is based on a certified occupancy report, the current rent schedule, and the design capacity for each of the residence halls. This revenue assessment is used by MSCBA to pay principal and interest due on its long-term debt obligations. These obligations may include the costs of periodic renovations and improvements to the residence halls. The revenue assessment amounts for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$7,747,542 and \$7,325,967, respectively, and are included in the Residential life auxiliary enterprises in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. All facilities and obligations of the MSCBA are included in the financial statements of the MSCBA. It is not practical to determine the specific asset cost or liability attributable to the University. The leases, therefore, are accounted for under the operating method for financial statement purposes.

FSU Foundation's capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased or constructed and, if donated, at fair value at the date of donation. Capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets of 40 years for buildings, 20 years for building and land improvements, 7 and 10 years for furniture and fixtures, 5 years for equipment and 3 years for computer software and equipment. FSU Foundation generally capitalizes all additions and improvements with an individual cost or, if donated, fair value in excess of \$5,000.

### **Contributions and bequests**

FSU Foundation recognizes contributions revenue when the donor makes a promise to give, that is, in substance, unconditional. Unconditional promises to give are reported at net realizable value if at the time the promise is made collection is expected to be received in one year or less. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in more than one year are reported at fair value using present value techniques and a discount rate determined by management of FSU Foundation. Amortization of discounts is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. Conditional promises to give that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and right of return, are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional. Contributions in the form of property and equipment and other assets are recorded at the fair value on the date the donation is received. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use by FSU Foundation unless specifically restricted by the donor. FSU Foundation provides for probable uncollectible amounts of unconditional promises to give through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual account balances.

### **Compensated absences**

Employees earn the right to be compensated during absences for vacation leave and sick leave. Accrued vacation is the amount earned by all eligible employees through June 30 each year. Pursuant to statewide experience on sick pay buy-back agreements applicable to state employees, the University accrues sick leave to a level representing 20% of amounts earned by those University employees with ten or more years of State service at the end of the fiscal year. Upon retirement, these employees are entitled to receive payment for this accrued balance (see also Note 8).

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**Student fees**

Student tuition and fees are presented net of scholarships applied to students' accounts. Certain other scholarship amounts are paid directly to, or refunded to, the student and are generally reflected as expenses.

**Revenue received in advance**

Deposits and advance payments received for tuition and fees related to the University's summer programs and tuition billed for the following fiscal year are recorded as revenues received in advance. Funds received in advance from various grants and contracts are also included in revenues received in advance.

**Agency funds**

Agency funds consist of resources held by the University as custodian or fiscal agent of student organizations, the State Treasurer and others. Transactions are recorded to asset and liability accounts. There were no material balances at June 30, 2020 and 2019.

**Bond premiums**

Bond premiums are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related debt agreements.

**Interest expense and capitalization**

The University follows the policy of capitalizing interest expense as a component of the cost of capital assets constructed for its own use. During 2020 and 2019, total interest costs incurred were accounted for as follows:

	2020	2019
Total interest costs incurred	\$ 2,365,449	\$ 2,302,225
Less: Interest income on unused funds from tax exempt borrowings	(11,566)	(22,683)
Bond premium amortization	(273,440)	(264,282)
	2,080,443	2,015,260
Less: Capitalized portion of net interest earned and incurred	(113,779)	(30,103)
Interest expense	\$ 1,966,664	\$ 1,985,157

**Pension plan**

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 Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System ("MSERS") and additions to/deductions from MSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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**OPEB plan**

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to post-employment benefits other than pensions, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB Trust Fund and additions to/deductions from OPEB Trust Fund's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the OPEB Trust Fund. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Fringe benefits**

The University participates in the Commonwealth's fringe benefit programs, including health insurance, unemployment, pension and workers' compensation benefits. Workers' compensation coverage is provided by the Commonwealth on a self-insured basis. Health insurance and pension costs are billed through a fringe benefit rate charged to the University. Workers' compensation and unemployment insurance costs are assessed separately based on the University's actual experience.

**Tax status**

The University is a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is, therefore, exempt from federal and state income taxes.

**Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2019 financial statements to conform to the 2020 presentation.

**Impact of COVID-19 Crisis**

Due to the global viral outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in 2020, there have been resulting effects which have negatively impacted the University's financial condition. The University was forced to lock down the campus during March 2020 for the remainder of the Spring semester and move all classes to an online format. The effects included students being required to move out of the residence halls during the Spring semester, resulting in the reimbursement of approximately \$2,550,000 in student dormitory fee revenue, and approximately \$1,000,000 in dining hall revenue. During 2020, the University incurred approximately \$6,700,000 in COVID-19 related expenses. The University received grant revenue of approximately \$4,000,000 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act during 2020 to help cover these expenses. Other effects include a slight decrease in returning students, reduced capacity in residence halls when the Campus reopened and significant stock market exchange volatility. The ultimate impact of these matters to the University and its financial condition is presently unknown.

In response, the University reduced its fiscal 2021 operating budget by approximately \$15,000,000. Additionally, MSCBA closed on a bond refunding in July 2020 and agreed to distribute debt service reserves as part of a multi-faceted plan to reduce expenses in response to the impact of COVID-19 on the nine State Universities, including Fitchburg State University (see Note 12). Management of the University anticipates that additional CARES funding and state assistance may be available in fiscal 2021.

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**Note 2 - Cash and cash equivalents, and investments**

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted and restricted - include the following at June 30, 2019 and 2019:

	2020		
	Current unrestricted	Current restricted	Noncurrent restricted
Cash and money market accounts	\$ 9,401,327	\$ 3,746,140	\$ 4,769,555
Cash equivalents held by MDFA *	-	329,602	216,384
Cash equivalents held by MSCBA **	-	198,574	3,389,012
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	6,201,338	-	119,592
Massachusetts State Treasurer ***	4,499,682	2,589,078	-
Petty cash	685	-	-
	<u>\$ 20,103,032</u>	<u>\$ 6,863,394</u>	<u>\$ 8,494,542</u>
	2019		
	Current unrestricted	Current restricted	Noncurrent restricted
Cash and money market accounts	\$ 13,694,916	\$ 5,469,229	\$ 2,659,412
Cash equivalents held by MDFA *	-	310,945	304,079
Cash equivalents held by MSCBA **	-	850,157	4,379,416
Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust	6,098,818	-	127,451
Massachusetts State Treasurer ***	4,899,290	841,019	-
Petty cash	10,935	-	-
	<u>\$ 24,703,959</u>	<u>\$ 7,471,350</u>	<u>\$ 7,470,358</u>

\* This amount consists of cash equivalents which are restricted by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA") for the funding of payments to retire the bonds (see Note 12). The University does not have access to these funds except by the authorization of MDFA.

\*\* This amount consists of cash and cash equivalents which are restricted by the Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA") for the funding of certain construction projects at the University and payments to retire bonds (see Note 12). The University does not have access to these funds except by authorization of MSCBA. Interest earned on debt service reserve funds is used on a current basis to offset annual debt service payments.

\*\*\* The University has recorded cash held for the benefit of the University by the State Treasurer in the amount of \$4,499,682 and \$4,899,290 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, for University funds and \$2,589,078 and \$841,019 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, to pay year-end liabilities. The latter balance represents amounts paid from State appropriations subsequent to the fiscal year-end.

Money market funds include the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund in the aggregate amount of \$48,040 and \$57,494 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund invests in U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements. The fund seeks to maximum current income consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity, and

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the maintenance of a stable \$1.00 per share net asset value. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 53 and 30 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at both June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Money market funds include the Northern Institutional U.S. Government Portfolio in the aggregate amount of \$258,355 and \$122,940 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Northern Institutional U.S. Government Portfolio invests primarily in marketable securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. Government, or any of its agencies or instrumentalities, and repurchase agreements backed by such securities. The fund seeks to maximize current income to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fund's investment securities had a weighted average maturity of 48 days and 55 days, respectively. The fund had an average credit quality rating of AAAM at both June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019.

Money market funds also include the RWM Cash Management money market account with a balance of \$222,697 and \$59,787 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust ("MMDT") is not subject to FDIC insurance. According to the MMDT, the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust is an investment pool for political subdivisions in the Commonwealth which was designed as a legal means to safely invest temporarily available cash. Its primary purpose is to provide a safe, liquid, high-yield investment vehicle offering participation in a diversified portfolio of high quality debt instruments. The MMDT is not a bank, savings institution, or financial institution. The MMDT is an instrumentality of the State Treasurer.

The University maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all trust funds. Each fund type's portion of this pool is reflected in the financial statements under the caption, cash and cash equivalents and investments. The method of allocating interest earned on pooled cash and investments is to record all interest to the appropriate fund based on that fund's average monthly balance. Interest earnings attributable to each trust fund are included under investment income.

**Custodial credit risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the University's deposits may not be returned to it. The University's deposit policy provides for bank balances to be held in interest-bearing checking accounts and, where account activity and balances warrant it, in money market accounts. All bank balances are to be held at financial institutions of high credit quality. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University had uninsured cash balances totaling approximately \$6,020,800 and \$6,538,100, respectively.

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

Certain investments are covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") up to \$500,000, including \$250,000 of cash from sale or for purchase of investments, but not cash held solely for the purpose of earning interest. SIPC protects securities such as notes, stocks, bonds, debentures, certificates of deposit and money funds. Certain cash balances are covered by the National Credit Union Administration's Share Insurance Fund up to \$250,000.

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The following University investments at June 30, 2020 and 2019 are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the University's name and, therefore, are subject to custodial credit risk as follows:

	2020	2019
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,675,739	\$ 1,551,228
Corporate Debt Securities	1,771,136	1,834,046
Equity Securities	6,913,782	7,450,776
Mutual Funds	7,693,498	6,841,981
Total	18,054,155	17,678,031
Less insured amounts	1,500,000	1,500,000
Amount subject to Custodial Credit Risk	<u>\$ 16,554,155</u>	<u>\$ 16,178,031</u>

**Credit risk**

The University is required to comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' deposit and investment policies which are principally defined in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 29. State Statutes permit investment in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, authorized bonds of all states, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications established by Standard & Poor's Corporation and Moody's Commercial Paper Record and repurchase agreements secured by any of these obligations. The University has also adopted its own formal investment policy, the objectives of which are: safety of principal; liquidity for operating needs; return on investment; and diversification of risk. The University's investment policy generally limits the maturities of investments to not more than one year. However, the University may invest in securities with maturities in excess of one year if it is determined to be in the best interest of the University as described in the University's investment policy. The University may also appoint a professional fund manager and invest in equity and bond funds. Eligible investments shall be consistent with those permitted by State Statutes.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fair values of the University's deposits held at the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust were \$6,320,930 and \$6,226,269, respectively. At June 30, 2020, the approximate percentage of the University's deposits held at the MMDT and the respective investment maturities in days were as follows: 55% at 30 days or less; 23% at 31-90 days; 17% at 91-180 days; and 5% at 181 days or more. At June 30, 2020, approximately 100% of the MMDT's cash portfolio had a First Tier credit quality rating.

The University's funds held at MDFA are invested in the Short-Term Asset Reserve ("STAR") Fund and had a fair value of \$545,986 and \$615,024 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The STAR Fund invests primarily in U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and other obligations guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Additionally, the fund invests in repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, notes, and both corporate floating rate and corporate fixed-rate securities. The STAR Fund maintains a net asset value of \$1 per share and had a fund credit quality rating of AAAM as of both June 30, 2020 and 2019. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fund's investment securities maintain a weighted average maturity of 40 and 51 days, respectively.

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At June 30, 2020, certain of the University's funds are held at MSCBA. Of the total, \$1,516,293 is deposited in various cash accounts which are fully collateralized by securities in accounts in the name of MSCBA, and \$2,071,293 is invested in various funds as listed below:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes	\$ 144,841	\$ 144,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Federal Farm Credit	881,963	881,963	-	-	-	AA+
Massachusetts ST Bonds	1,044,489	80,326	-	964,163	-	AAA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,071,293</b>	<b>\$ 1,107,130</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 964,163</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2019, certain of the University's funds are held at MSCBA. Of the total, \$1,410,640 is deposited in various cash accounts which are fully collateralized by securities in accounts in the name of MSCBA, and \$3,818,933 is invested in various funds as listed below:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes	\$ 144,841	\$ 144,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Federal Farm Credit	881,963	-	881,963	-	-	AA+
Massachusetts ST Bonds	1,044,489	80,326	-	-	964,163	AAA
Natixis NY C P	1,747,640	1,747,640	-	-	-	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,818,933</b>	<b>\$ 1,972,807</b>	<b>\$ 881,963</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 964,163</b>	

The University's investments in marketable securities are represented by the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020		2019	
	Cost	Fair value	Cost	Fair value
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,577,803	\$ 1,675,739	\$ 1,541,400	\$ 1,551,228
Corporate Debt Securities	1,658,397	1,771,136	1,799,218	1,834,046
Equity Securities	5,425,597	6,913,782	5,785,714	7,450,776
Mutual Funds	7,451,146	7,693,498	6,594,076	6,841,981
	<b>\$ 16,112,943</b>	<b>\$ 18,054,155</b>	<b>\$ 15,720,408</b>	<b>\$ 17,678,031</b>

The University's investments at fair value are presented in the accompanying statements of net position as follows:

	2020	2019
Investments	\$ 17,161,427	\$ 16,783,815
Endowment investments	892,728	894,216
	<b>\$ 18,054,155</b>	<b>\$ 17,678,031</b>

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At June 30, 2020, the University's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 2.000% to 3.125%	\$ 1,675,739	\$ 253,266	\$ 888,395	\$ 534,078	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.625%	275,431	-	191,260	84,171	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 2.950% to 4.125%	340,505	-	193,156	147,349	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.875% to 3.300%	387,798	-	192,370	195,428	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.043% to 3.625%	188,626	60,033	128,593	-	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.625%	187,473	-	187,473	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.200%	55,839	-	55,839	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.125%	55,887	-	55,887	-	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 3.750% to 4.650%	279,577	-	279,577	-	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,446,875</b>	<b>\$ 313,299</b>	<b>\$ 2,172,550</b>	<b>\$ 961,026</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2019, the University's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 1.625% to 3.375%	\$ 1,551,228	\$ 300,246	\$ 765,691	\$ 485,291	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.900% to 4.375%	184,380	60,606	61,325	62,449	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 2.950% to 4.125%	186,086	-	125,009	61,077	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.800% to 3.625%	387,214	-	247,534	139,680	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 1.961% to 3.625%	249,045	49,900	123,369	75,776	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 3.200% to 4.300%	281,047	60,198	116,612	104,237	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.043% to 3.200%	114,450	-	-	114,450	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 0.3125	52,636	-	-	52,636	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 4.100%	61,375	-	61,375	-	-	BBB
Corporate Debt Securities 3.100% to 4.650%	317,813	-	239,365	78,448	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,385,274</b>	<b>\$ 470,950</b>	<b>\$ 1,740,280</b>	<b>\$ 1,174,044</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	



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FSU Foundation's cash and cash equivalents consist of the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Cash and other demand deposits	\$ 1,188,810	\$ 437,419
Money Market Funds	678,137	798,892
	\$ 1,866,947	\$ 1,236,311

Money market funds include the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts in the amounts of \$26,532, \$52,419, \$127,633 and \$471,553 at June 30, 2020.

Money market funds include the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, the Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts in the amounts of \$252,979, \$29,894, \$45,676 and \$470,343 at June 30, 2019.

The cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, FSU Foundation's uninsured cash and cash equivalent balances, including the SSGA US Government Money Market Fund, Goldman Sachs Financial Square Government Fund, RWM Cash Management and the Fidelity Bank LifeDesign Business Cash Management Money Market accounts, amounted to approximately \$726,000 and \$503,400, respectively.

FSU Foundation's investment policy consists of an asset allocation range of 50% to 70% equity securities, 30% to 50% fixed income securities and up to 10% in cash and cash equivalents.

FSU Foundation's investments are represented by the following at June 30:

	2020		2019	
	Cost	Fair value	Cost	Fair value
Equities	\$ 5,965,766	\$ 11,071,121	\$ 5,808,658	\$ 10,081,587
Preferred Stocks	50,683	49,820	72,338	72,879
Mutual Funds	4,496,953	5,063,054	4,750,849	5,369,109
Corporate Bonds	2,209,464	2,327,811	1,904,978	1,939,586
U.S. Government Securities	2,638,105	2,742,336	2,581,185	2,597,989
	\$ 15,360,971	\$ 21,254,142	\$ 15,118,008	\$ 20,061,150

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FSU Foundation's investments at fair value are presented in the accompanying statements of net position as follows:

	2020	2019
Current assets		
Investments	\$ 9,033,514	\$ 9,584,736
Noncurrent assets		
Endowment investments	12,220,628	10,476,414
	\$ 21,254,142	\$ 20,061,150

At June 30, 2020, net unrealized gains in FSU Foundation's investment portfolio amounted to \$5,893,171. At June 30, 2019, net unrealized gains in FSU Foundation's investment portfolio amounted to \$4,943,142.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, equities include securities in the consumer goods sector which represent 12% and 15%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, equities include securities in the technology sector which represent 10% and 9%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, 4% and 5%, respectively, of the fair value of FSU Foundation's investment portfolio represents foreign investments.

Investments held by FSU Foundation with an equivalent fair value of \$12,216,536 at June 30, 2020 collateralize certain debt agreements (see Notes 14 and 15).

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At June 30, 2020, FSU Foundation's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 1.375% to 3.625%	\$ 2,742,336	\$ 1,309,926	\$ 1,006,558	\$ 425,852	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.250% to 3.400%	867,953	51,018	451,189	365,746	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 1.700% to 4.750%	298,860	-	183,075	115,785	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.450% to 3.450%	308,843	50,349	229,357	29,137	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.895% to 4.250%	293,723	51,050	183,608	59,065	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.200% to 3.300%	261,003	-	261,003	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.000% to 3.450%	130,724	75,477	55,247	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.125%	27,943	-	-	27,943	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 4.000%	11,358	-	-	11,358	-	BBB
Corporate Debt Securities 2.200% to 3.050%	127,404	75,344	52,060	-	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,070,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,613,164</b>	<b>\$ 2,422,097</b>	<b>\$ 1,034,886</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

At June 30, 2019, FSU Foundation's U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities and corporate debt securities along with their investment maturities and credit quality ratings are as follows:

Investment type	Fair value	Investment maturities (in years)				Credit rating
		Less than 1	1 - 5	6 - 10	Greater than 10	
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities 1.375% to 3.625%	\$ 2,597,989	\$ 449,731	\$ 1,734,727	\$ 413,531	\$ -	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 1.700% to 6.000%	727,642	99,989	444,653	183,000	-	A
Corporate Debt Securities 1.700% to 3.500%	152,951	-	49,474	103,477	-	A-
Corporate Debt Securities 2.450% to 4.450%	281,171	30,332	224,375	26,464	-	A+
Corporate Debt Securities 2.895% to 4.250%	155,495	-	155,495	-	-	AA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.200% to 3.300%	381,083	-	381,083	-	-	AA-
Corporate Debt Securities 3.450%	52,899	-	52,899	-	-	AA+
Corporate Debt Securities 3.125%	26,318	-	-	26,318	-	AAA
Corporate Debt Securities 2.400% to 4.500%	162,027	60,798	101,229	-	-	BBB+
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,537,575</b>	<b>\$ 640,850</b>	<b>\$ 3,143,935</b>	<b>\$ 752,790</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

The University's investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and have been categorized based upon the fair value hierarchy in accordance with GASB 72 below. Similarly, the FSU Foundation follows similar guidance in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification ASC 820-10, which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value of investment assets into three levels also.

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the University can access at measurement date.

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Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The University's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2020:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,675,739	\$ -	\$ 1,675,739	\$ -
Corporate Debt Securities	1,771,136	-	1,771,136	-
Equity Securities	6,913,782	6,913,782	-	-
Mutual Funds	7,693,498	7,693,498	-	-
	<u>\$ 18,054,155</u>	<u>\$ 14,607,280</u>	<u>\$ 3,446,875</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The University's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2019:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 1,551,228	\$ -	\$ 1,551,228	\$ -
Corporate Debt Securities	1,834,046	-	1,834,046	-
Equity Securities	7,450,776	7,450,776	-	-
Mutual Funds	6,841,981	6,841,981	-	-
	<u>\$ 17,678,031</u>	<u>\$ 14,292,757</u>	<u>\$ 3,385,274</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

FSU Foundation's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2020:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 2,742,336	\$ -	\$ 2,742,336	\$ -
Preferred Stocks	49,820	-	49,820	-
Corporate Bonds	2,327,811	-	2,327,811	-
Equity Securities	11,071,121	11,071,121	-	-
Mutual Funds	5,063,054	5,063,054	-	-
	<u>\$ 21,254,142</u>	<u>\$ 16,134,175</u>	<u>\$ 5,119,967</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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FSU Foundation's investments' fair value measurements are as follows at June 30, 2019:

Investments	Fair value	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Treasury Notes and Government Securities	\$ 2,597,989	\$ -	\$ 2,597,989	\$ -
Preferred Stocks	72,879	-	72,879	-
Corporate Bonds	1,939,586	-	1,939,586	-
Equity Securities	10,081,587	10,081,587	-	-
Mutual Funds	5,369,109	5,369,109	-	-
	<u>\$ 20,061,150</u>	<u>\$ 15,450,696</u>	<u>\$ 4,610,454</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Mutual funds and equity securities categorized as Level 1 are valued based on prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Debt securities categorized as Level 2 are valued using a matrix pricing technique that values securities based on their relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

The FSU Foundation's endowment net asset composition by type of fund at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 7,665,838	\$ 7,665,838
Donor-restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity	-	12,220,628	12,220,628
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
Total funds	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,886,466</u>	<u>\$ 19,911,466</u>

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Changes in FSU Foundation's board-designated and donor-restricted endowment net position by type of fund for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net position, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,499,346	\$ 17,524,346
Investment return			
Investment income	-	259,267	259,267
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	862,344	862,344
Total investment return	-	1,121,611	1,121,611
Contributions	-	1,731,167	1,731,167
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(368,354)	(368,354)
Investment management fees	-	(84,994)	(84,994)
Reclassification of net position	-	(11,222)	(11,222)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-	(1,088)	(1,088)
Endowment net position, end of year	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,886,466</u>	<u>\$ 19,911,466</u>

The FSU Foundation's endowment net asset composition by type of fund at June 30, 2019 is as follows:

Fund type	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted funds	\$ -	\$ 7,022,932	\$ 7,022,932
Donor-restricted amounts required to be held in perpetuity	-	10,476,414	10,476,414
Board-designated for endowment fund	25,000	-	25,000
Total funds	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,499,346</u>	<u>\$ 17,524,346</u>

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Changes in FSU Foundation's board-designated and donor-restricted endowment net position by type of fund for the year ended June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
Endowment net position, beginning of year	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,403,604	\$ 16,428,604
Investment return			
Investment income	-	247,759	247,759
Appreciation (depreciation), realized and unrealized	-	992,765	992,765
Total investment return	-	1,240,524	1,240,524
Contributions	-	275,315	275,315
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	-	(298,417)	(298,417)
Investment management fees	-	(81,179)	(81,179)
Reclassification of net position	-	(38,601)	(38,601)
Other changes			
Transfer upon removal of donor restrictions	-	(1,900)	(1,900)
Endowment net position, end of year	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,499,346</u>	<u>\$ 17,524,346</u>

**Note 3 - Accounts and contributions receivable**

The University's accounts receivable include the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Student accounts receivable	\$ 2,897,193	\$ 2,378,676
Parking and other fines receivable	134,235	130,825
Commissions receivable	35,849	82,709
Grants receivable	471,817	315,740
Compass receivable, including accrued interest of \$1,781 and \$16,157 (see Note 11)	47,032	94,175
FSU Foundation receivable	66,807	122,466
	3,652,933	3,124,591
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>(642,444)</u>	<u>(659,795)</u>
	<u>\$ 3,010,489</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,796</u>

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FSU Foundation's contributions receivable consist of the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 403,375	\$ 80,240
Receivable in one to five years	370,000	195,645
	773,375	275,885
Discount on pledges	(21,471)	(1,900)
	\$ 751,904	\$ 273,985

Contributions which are to be received in more than one year are reflected net of a discount determined at the time of contribution ranging from 1% to 2%.

**Note 4 - Loans receivable**

Loans receivable include the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Perkins loans receivable	\$ 1,059,477	\$ 1,218,097
Nursing loans receivable	214,012	265,076
Emergency student loans receivable	4,073	3,018
	1,277,562	1,486,191
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,018)	(3,018)
	\$ 1,274,544	\$ 1,483,173

The federal law authorizing the disbursing of Perkins loans expired on September 30, 2017. As of October 1, 2017, the University is prohibited from issuing new Perkins loans to undergraduate students. As of October 1, 2016, the University is prohibited from issuing new Perkins loans to graduate students who received them prior to October 1, 2015. The Perkins loan program ended any further new loans being issued after September 30, 2017. The University may remit all federal proceeds and loans at any time thereafter to the Department of Education or continue to maintain them for five additional years.



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**Note 5 - Capital assets**

Capital assets activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reclassifications* and reductions	Totals June 30, 2020
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land	\$ 5,478,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,478,125
Construction in progress	14,330,041	6,397,797	(10,814,674)	9,913,164
Total non-depreciable assets	19,808,166	6,397,797	(10,814,674)	15,391,289
<u>Depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land improvements	17,579,322	321,897	34,582	17,935,801
Buildings	80,591,909	-	-	80,591,909
Building improvements	165,286,659	2,321,203	1,806,112	169,413,974
Equipment	19,199,768	589,894	8,973,980	28,763,642
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	483,450	51,010	(79,327)	455,133
Total depreciable assets	283,738,784	3,284,004	10,735,347	297,758,135
Total capital assets	303,546,950	9,681,801	(79,327)	313,149,424
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	7,855,617	883,416	-	8,739,033
Buildings	44,574,089	1,153,759	-	45,727,848
Building improvements	51,396,833	8,056,683	-	59,453,516
Equipment	16,302,005	859,280	-	17,161,285
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	-	79,327	(79,327)	-
Total accumulated depreciation	120,726,220	11,032,465	(79,327)	131,679,358
Capital assets, net	\$ 182,820,730	\$ (1,350,664)	\$ -	\$ 181,470,066

As of June 30, 2020, capital assets of the University with a cost of approximately \$55,413,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

- \* Construction costs incurred for various capital projects were included in construction in progress and subsequently transferred to capital asset additions upon completion during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

The University enters into various contract commitments with contractors, from time to time, for improvements to its facilities. Remaining contract commitments totaled approximately \$4,496,100 and \$5,699,500 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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Capital assets activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2019 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2018	Additions	Reclassifications* and reductions	Totals June 30, 2019
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land	\$ 5,478,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,478,125
Construction in progress	12,331,926	6,873,096	(4,874,981)	14,330,041
Total non-depreciable assets	17,810,051	6,873,096	(4,874,981)	19,808,166
<u>Depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land improvements	17,579,322	-	-	17,579,322
Buildings	80,591,909	-	-	80,591,909
Building improvements	155,621,492	4,790,186	4,874,981	165,286,659
Equipment	19,128,668	71,100	-	19,199,768
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	501,721	79,072	(97,343)	483,450
Total depreciable assets	274,020,788	4,940,358	4,777,638	283,738,784
Total capital assets	291,830,839	11,813,454	(97,343)	303,546,950
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	6,977,983	877,634	-	7,855,617
Buildings	43,420,330	1,153,759	-	44,574,089
Building improvements	43,666,183	7,730,650	-	51,396,833
Equipment	15,719,142	582,863	-	16,302,005
Furniture	597,676	-	-	597,676
Library materials	-	97,343	(97,343)	-
Total accumulated depreciation	110,381,314	10,442,249	(97,343)	120,726,220
Capital assets, net	\$ 181,449,525	\$ 1,371,205	\$ -	\$ 182,820,730

As of June 30, 2019, capital assets of the University with a cost of approximately \$54,630,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

- \* Construction costs incurred for various capital projects were included in construction in progress and subsequently transferred to capital asset additions upon completion during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

The University has considered the requirements of GASB Statement No. 49, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, and has noted no implications of this standard to the University's financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

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Capital assets activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2020 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reclassifications and reductions	Totals June 30, 2020
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Land	\$ 402,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402,663
Building	1,557,724	-	-	1,557,724
Building improvements	100,452	-	-	100,452
	<u>2,060,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,060,839</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Land	253,555	-	-	253,555
Buildings	434,225	-	-	434,225
Building improvements	28,600	-	-	28,600
	<u>716,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716,380</u>
Other:				
Land	1,949,324	123,406	-	2,072,730
Land improvements	158,127	-	-	158,127
Buildings	1,831,326	219,468	-	2,050,794
Building improvements	1,109,006	-	-	1,109,006
Equipment	759,307	-	-	759,307
Furniture and fixtures	60,773	-	-	60,773
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>5,874,433</u>	<u>342,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,217,307</u>
Total capital assets	<u>8,651,652</u>	<u>342,874</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,994,526</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Building	499,770	38,943	-	538,713
Building improvements	61,108	5,023	-	66,131
	<u>560,878</u>	<u>43,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,844</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Buildings	131,172	10,856	-	142,028
Building improvements	14,062	1,430	-	15,492
	<u>145,234</u>	<u>12,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,520</u>
Other:				
Land improvements	83,324	4,811	-	88,135
Buildings	223,187	45,781	-	268,968
Building improvements	268,735	55,451	-	324,186
Equipment	759,094	214	-	759,308
Furniture and fixtures	42,936	4,184	-	47,120
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>1,383,846</u>	<u>110,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,494,287</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,089,958</u>	<u>166,693</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,256,651</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,561,694</u>	<u>\$ 176,181</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,737,875</u>

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Non-depreciable capital assets of FSU Foundation total \$2,728,948 at June 30, 2020, which is comprised of land.

At June 30, 2020, capital assets of FSU Foundation with a cost of approximately \$849,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

On June 24, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization received a donation of property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land only, was recorded at fair market value of \$2,100 at the time of the donation. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space.

On June 2, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property which includes land and a building was purchased for a total cost of \$240,774. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for open green space. The acquisition was funded, in part, through the proceeds of an advance of \$250,000 on a letter of credit.

On November 13, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which consists of land and a building, was purchased for \$1 as current environmental remediation is needed before the property is usable. The Organization intends to raze the building and convert it to a parking lot. The Foundation Supporting Organization obtained an insurance policy to cover the costs of remediation needed. For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization has determined a probable liability for these costs equal to \$100,000, which has been capitalized into the land.

The Foundation Supporting Organization is planning a major renovation and expansion of a property consisting of land and a building that it acquired in fiscal 2017. The renovation of the property which when completed is expected to cost approximately \$25,000,000 and consist of a multi-phased project providing academic space, student support services space, retail and community space and a theatre renovation. The space is expected to be used by the University and the Fitchburg and surrounding communities. Fitchburg State University will be responsible for the costs of the project's development and construction pursuant to the terms of the license agreement between the University and the Foundation Supporting Organization. Funding for the project is expected to come from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, New Market Tax Credits, Historic Tax Credits, bonds, grants and philanthropy. The project is in the very early stages of development and is estimated to require four years to completion. At some point during that period, the property will be transferred to a new entity. The Foundation Supporting Organization will pay for certain legal services incurred in connection with the project which the Foundation Supporting Organization currently estimates to be approximately \$148,000 for the entire project. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization has incurred \$73,491 and \$25,536, respectively, of legal costs related to the project. Fitchburg State University has incurred \$3,874,673 of costs as of June 30, 2019. These amounts were placed into service in fiscal 2019 as building improvements.

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Capital assets activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2019 is as follows:

Capital assets:	Totals June 30, 2018	Additions	Reclassifications and reductions	Totals June 30, 2019
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Land	\$ 402,663	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 402,663
Building	1,557,724	-	-	1,557,724
Building improvements	100,452	-	-	100,452
	<u>2,060,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,060,839</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Land	253,555	-	-	253,555
Buildings	434,225	-	-	434,225
Building improvements	28,600	-	-	28,600
	<u>716,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716,380</u>
Other:				
Land	1,716,697	232,627	-	1,949,324
Land improvements	158,127	-	-	158,127
Buildings	1,379,916	451,410	-	1,831,326
Building improvements	1,109,006	-	-	1,109,006
Equipment	759,307	-	-	759,307
Furniture and fixtures	60,773	-	-	60,773
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>5,190,396</u>	<u>684,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,874,433</u>
Total capital assets	<u>7,967,615</u>	<u>684,037</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,651,652</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation				
Real estate under lease to the University:				
Building	460,827	38,943	-	499,770
Building improvements	56,085	5,023	-	61,108
	<u>516,912</u>	<u>43,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>560,878</u>
Real estate used for student housing:				
Buildings	120,317	10,855	-	131,172
Building improvements	12,632	1,430	-	14,062
	<u>132,949</u>	<u>12,285</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,234</u>
Other:				
Land improvements	86,395	6,101	(9,172)	83,324
Buildings	178,575	35,440	9,172	223,187
Building improvements	213,284	55,451	-	268,735
Equipment	750,949	8,145	-	759,094
Furniture and fixtures	38,658	4,278	-	42,936
Library materials	6,570	-	-	6,570
	<u>1,274,431</u>	<u>109,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,383,846</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,924,292</u>	<u>165,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,089,958</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 6,043,323</u>	<u>\$ 518,371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,561,694</u>

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Non-depreciable capital assets of FSU Foundation totaled \$2,605,542 at June 30, 2019, which is comprised of land.

At June 30, 2019, capital assets of FSU Foundation with a cost of approximately \$849,000 were fully depreciated and still in service.

On July 4, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land and a building, was purchased for a total cost of \$172,481. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for faculty/staff housing. The acquisition was financed, in part, with a mortgage note on the property in the amount of \$138,400.

On August 24, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired a property in close proximity to the Fitchburg State University campus. The property, which includes land and a building, was purchased for a total cost of \$393,780. The Foundation Supporting Organization intends to use this property for faculty/staff housing. The acquisition was financed, in part, with a mortgage note on the property in the amount of \$312,000.

**Note 6 - Accounts payable and accrued liabilities**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities include the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 820,024	\$ 1,188,614
Salaries and fringe benefits payable	2,605,829	2,765,863
Accrued interest payable	334,550	310,415
Tuition due State	52,154	94,706
Other	401,091	240,869
	\$ 4,213,648	\$ 4,600,467

**Note 7 - Accrued workers' compensation**

Independent actuarial reviews of the outstanding loss reserve requirements for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' self-insured workers' compensation program were conducted as of June 30, 2020 and 2019. Based upon the Commonwealth's analyses, \$478,124 and \$590,806 of accrued workers' compensation has been recorded as a liability at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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**Note 8 - Accrued compensated absences**

Accrued compensated absences are comprised of the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Vacation time payable	\$ 2,866,275	\$ 2,738,847
Sick time payable	<u>2,875,468</u>	<u>2,766,503</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,741,743</u>	<u>\$ 5,505,350</u>
Amount representing obligations due to employees funded through sources other than State appropriations	\$ 329,819	\$ 271,446
Amount representing obligations due to employees compensated through State appropriations	<u>5,411,924</u>	<u>5,233,904</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,741,743</u>	<u>\$ 5,505,350</u>

It is anticipated that the obligation due to employees funded through State appropriations will be discharged through future State appropriations and the balance is expected to be liquidated through trust funds. Had these amounts not been reflected as obligations of the University, the University's unrestricted net position (deficiency) balances would be \$(6,046,464) and \$(289,766) at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively (see Note 1, Compensated absences).

**Note 9 - Faculty payroll accrual**

The contract for full-time faculty begins on September 1 and ends on May 31, of any given academic year. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Fitchburg State University pay all faculty over the 12-month period from September through August. Consequently, on June 30 of each year there is a balance due on each faculty contract which is to be paid from the subsequent year's State appropriation. The total amount due at June 30, 2020 of \$4,231,311 will be paid from the University's fiscal 2021 State appropriations. The total amount due at June 30, 2019 of \$3,993,800 was paid from the University's fiscal 2020 State appropriations.

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**Note 10 - Revenue received in advance**

Revenue received in advance includes tuition received in advance from students for summer courses commencing after June 30 and grant funds received in advance. Revenue received in advance includes the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Tuition, fees and professional development	\$ 1,713,082	\$ 1,638,732
Capital projects	2,224,396	-
Grants	538,426	87,932
Other	58,886	7,909
	\$ 4,534,790	\$ 1,734,573

**Note 11 - Deferred inflows of resources from service concession arrangement**

Deferred inflows of resources from service concession arrangement at June 30, 2020 and 2019 in the amounts of \$1,011,672 and \$1,264,590, respectively, consist of the unamortized balances of a service concession arrangement with Compass Group USA, Inc. ("Compass") to manage and operate the University's food services operation at the University's dining services locations as more fully described in the arrangement. The service concession arrangement commenced on July 1, 1999 for a term of 10 years through June 30, 2009 and has been amended several times thereafter to modify its terms, provide for additional payments to the University for investment in improvements in or at the University as mutually agreed upon by the parties, and extend the term of the arrangement until June 30, 2024. The last such amendment to the service concession arrangement was effective May 1, 2014 and provides for the extension of the arrangement to June 30, 2024 and payments to the University totaling \$2,500,000. These payments shall be made to the University by Compass in seven installments as follows: \$300,000 in fiscal 2011; \$1,200,000 in fiscal 2012; \$200,000 in fiscal 2014; \$500,000 in fiscal 2015; \$200,000 in fiscal 2016; \$50,000 in fiscal 2020; and \$50,000 in fiscal 2022. As of June 30, 2020, the University has received the first six installments from Compass, of which \$50,000 was received in fiscal 2020. In addition, Compass has agreed to pay the University specified percentages of 4%, 4 ½% or 12% of specified sales receipts from the food services operation as more fully described in the arrangement. All improvements and equipment purchased with the payments received from Compass shall remain the property of the University. The arrangement may be terminated by either party at any time, without cause, by giving not less than 60 days prior written notice to the other party. The arrangement contains provisions, whereby, in the event of termination of the arrangement, the University shall be required to repay a portion of any payments made to the University by Compass. The portion required to be repaid shall be determined in accordance with amortization schedules prepared by Compass. The amortization schedules assume that all funds will be received from Compass. The University does not anticipate that the arrangement will be terminated prior to its expiration date.

The University has recorded the service concession arrangement as a deferred inflow of resources at its present value using a 5% discount rate determined by management of the University. In fiscal 2011, the University recorded an accounts receivable from Compass at the present value of the future payments to be received from Compass, using a 5% discount rate determined by management of the University. At June 30, 2020, the accompanying statement of net position includes a remaining receivable from Compass in the amount of \$47,032, which includes accrued interest receivable of



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\$1,781 (see Note 3). At June 30, 2019, the accompanying statement of net position includes a remaining receivable from Compass in the amount of \$94,175, which includes accrued interest receivable of \$16,157 (see Note 3). The deferred inflow of resources is being amortized to revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the arrangement. Amortization in the amount of \$252,918 has been recognized in capital grants revenue in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for each of the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

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**Note 12 - Interagency payables**

The University, in association with the Massachusetts State College Building Authority ("MSCBA"), the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA"), and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance ("DCAMM"), has entered into financing and construction agreements for various campus projects.

The following table summarizes the University's Interagency payables as of June 30, 2020:

	Issue date	Original amount	Interest rates (%)	Due date	Effective interest rates (%)*	Interagency payable balance	Unamortized bond premiums	Total interagency payable
MDFA Series J-3	11/22/1996	\$ 6,000,000	Floating	7/1/2023	6.03	\$ 1,601,094	\$ -	\$ 1,601,094
MSCBA Series 2005A	3/1/2005	5,110,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2025	4.01	1,675,000	-	1,675,000
MSCBA Series 2006A	3/8/2006	2,060,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2026	4.39	825,000	32,205	857,205
MSCBA Series 2010B	12/17/2010	11,078,908	4.89-6.54	5/1/2030	3.39	9,549,184	-	9,549,184
MSCBA Series 2012A	1/4/2012	7,043,416	3.00-5.00	5/1/2031	5.05	4,210,887	522,339	4,733,226
MSCBA Series 2012C	12/20/2012	13,864,033	2.00-5.00	5/1/2032	3.12	9,130,000	697,837	9,827,837
MSCBA Series 2014A	1/7/2014	12,235,614	2.00-5.00	5/1/2033	5.00	8,605,000	871,165	9,476,165
MSCBA Series 2014C	12/17/2014	10,669,502	3.00-5.00	5/1/2034	5.00	7,520,000	1,159,921	8,679,921
DCAMM CEIP Funds	11/7/2016	5,420,360	3.00	1/1/2039	3.00	5,218,638	-	5,218,638
MSCBA Series 2017A	1/25/2017	4,166,418	3.00-5.00	6/30/2037	3.93	3,564,000	202,663	3,766,663
MSCBA Series 2019A	1/23/2019	2,623,145	3.00-5.00	6/30/2039	3.69	2,385,000	170,172	2,555,172
Total		<u>\$ 80,271,396</u>				<u>\$ 54,283,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,656,302</u>	<u>\$ 57,940,105</u>

\*Effective Interest Rates are calculated by dividing total interest paid during the year by the average outstanding balance of the Interagency payable.

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MDFA Series J-3	11/22/1996	\$ 6,000,000	Floating	7/1/2023	7.02	\$ 2,001,094	\$ -	\$ 2,001,094
MSCBA Series 2005A	3/1/2005	5,110,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2025	4.04	1,970,000	-	1,970,000
MSCBA Series 2006A	3/8/2006	2,060,000	3.50-5.00	5/1/2026	4.47	940,000	37,888	977,888
MSCBA Series 2010B	12/17/2010	11,078,908	4.89-6.54	5/1/2030	3.38	10,326,187	-	10,326,187
MSCBA Series 2012A	1/4/2012	7,043,416	3.00-5.00	5/1/2031	4.96	4,530,000	567,760	5,097,760
MSCBA Series 2012C	12/20/2012	13,864,033	2.00-5.00	5/1/2032	3.27	9,740,000	754,039	10,494,039
MSCBA Series 2014A	1/7/2014	12,235,614	2.00-5.00	5/1/2033	5.00	9,070,000	935,695	10,005,695
MSCBA Series 2014C	12/17/2014	10,669,502	3.00-5.00	5/1/2034	4.96	7,885,000	1,240,147	9,125,147
DCAMM CEIP Funds	11/7/2016	5,420,360	3.00	1/1/2039	3.00	5,420,360	-	5,420,360
MSCBA Series 2017A	1/25/2017	4,166,418	3.00-5.00	6/30/2037	3.96	3,703,000	214,884	3,917,884
MSCBA Series 2019A	1/23/2019	2,623,145	3.00-5.00	6/30/2039	3.34	2,440,000	179,329	2,619,329
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 80,271,396</b>				<b>\$ 58,025,641</b>	<b>\$ 3,929,742</b>	<b>\$ 61,955,383</b>

\*Effective Interest Rates are calculated by dividing total interest paid during the year by the average outstanding balance of the Interagency payable.

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**MDFA Series J-3 bond issuance**

On November 22, 1996, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$6,000,000 from a MDFA (formerly Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority ("MHEFA")) bond issuance to be used for the construction of the University's athletic facility. This obligation is being repaid solely by the University. Construction of the athletic facility was completed in August 2000. MDFA retained \$502,899 of the bond proceeds for a debt service retirement fund.

The University is required to make annual funding payments of principal on this debt each July 1. The principal payment due July 1, 2020 of \$329,602 was made as scheduled. These payments are made to a restricted cash account held in escrow in the University's name and recorded on the books of the University. These amounts, along with the remaining balance of the debt service retirement fund, are held in an escrow account by MDFA. Earnings on this balance are transferred and used by the University to offset the administrative costs associated with this debt. In a prior year, the University elected to release the annual funding payments from the reserve to redeem portions of the debt obligation. Accordingly, each year the funding payments are now being released from the debt service reserve to redeem portions of the outstanding debt obligation. These debt payments are to be repaid by the University solely from student fees.

Interest on the debt is paid every 35 days at a floating rate of interest subject to market conditions. The interest rate is determined by MDFA conducting a true auction of their debt issuance every 35 days, in which the University's obligation is pooled with other higher education institutions within the Commonwealth who have debt funded through MDFA. The most recent auctioned interest rate in effect at June 30, 2020 and 2019 was 6.506% and 6.452%, respectively. The University is also responsible to pay for program expenses at an annual rate of 1.015% (2020) and 0.954% (2019) of the outstanding principal balance, calculated and payable every 35 days when the rate is auctioned.

MDFA is responsible to determine, subject to certain criteria, if income earned on unexpended bond proceeds exceeds the interest cost to the bondholders. Any excess income earned is held in a rebate fund by an appointed trustee. Such amounts are held until every fifth year, whereby payment is to be made as indicated by the bond indenture agreement.

**MSCBA Series 2005A bond issuance**

During March 2005, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$5,110,000 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds were used for renovations of the athletic fields and dining hall (the "Projects") at the University. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2025. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA using an increasing coupon rate of interest ranging from 3.50% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs. The effective interest rate at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, reflects interest savings as a result of bond refundings in prior years.

**MSCBA Series 2006A bond issuance**

During March 2006, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$2,060,000 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds were used for renovations of the dining hall (the "Project") at the University. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees.

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As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$144,841 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2026. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA using an increasing coupon rate of interest ranging from 3.50% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**MSCBA Series 2010A bond issuance**

During December 2010, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$4,856,749 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation was repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$80,326 in both years, which is included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents. During May 2018, the University made the final payment on the 2010A bonds.

**MSCBA Series 2010B bond issuance**

During December 2010, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$11,078,908 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$964,163 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1 commencing in fiscal 2019. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2030. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 4.89% to 6.54% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**MSCBA Series 2012A bond issuance**

During December 2011, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$7,043,416 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs, were used for renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2031. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity.

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**MSCBA Series 2012C bond issuance**

During December 2012, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$13,864,033 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for Phase III of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center and parking expansion. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$214,164 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2032. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**MSCBA Series 2014A bond issuance**

During January 2014, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$12,235,614 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, were used for Phase IV of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$667,799 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due on May 1, 2033. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**MSCBA Series 2014C bond issuance**

During December 2014, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$10,669,502 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for Phase V of renovations to the Hammond Campus Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. The University also executed a management agreement with MSCBA whereby MSCBA provided management services to the University for the renovations.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$596,968 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each May 1. The final principal payment is due May 1, 2034. Interest on the debt is payable May 1 and November 1 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve

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fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**DCAMM Clean Energy Investment Program**

In November 2016, the University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with DCAMM to undertake a Comprehensive Energy Performance Contracting Project (the "Project"). The Project's goal is to upgrade boilers, replace the chiller, lighting, EMS expansion and improvements, HVAC upgrades, and various energy conservation measures.

The total cost for the Project was \$9,451,868, including \$498,975 incurred in 2020. The cost of the Project was funded from Clean Energy Investment Program Funds ("CEIP Funds") in the amount of \$5,420,360, capital grants of \$3,781,536, and energy incentives from the contractor in the amount of \$249,972. CEIP Funds for the Project are to be repaid over 20 years at 3.00% interest. Annual payments of principal and interest for the Project in the amount of \$364,333 commenced on January 1, 2020. Additionally, the agreement provides for the University to fund annual maintenance costs to be paid over the first five years of the Project totaling approximately \$244,500. These maintenance costs are expected to be offset by energy savings as a result of the Project. As of June 30, 2019, Project costs of \$8,952,893 have been incurred. The Project was completed and placed into service in August 2019.

**MSCBA Series 2017A bond issuance**

During January 2017, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$4,166,418 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for renovations to the Landry Arena. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. The University also executed a management agreement with MSCBA whereby MSCBA is providing management services to the University for the renovations.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, MSCBA held debt service reserve funds in the amount of \$103,073 each year, which are included in the accompanying statements of net position at June 30, 2020 and 2019 as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents. During fiscal 2019, the remaining unexpended MSCBA bond proceeds from the Landry Arena project of \$35,394 were transferred to the Holmes Dining Commons project.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each June 30 commencing in fiscal 2018. The final principal payment is due June 30, 2037. Interest on the debt is payable June 30 and December 30 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity. Funds from the debt service reserve fund are expected to be applied to the final payment on the debt. Earnings on the balance in the debt service reserve fund are to be used to defray debt service costs.

**MSCBA Series 2019A bond issuance**

During January 2019, the University signed a financing agreement to receive \$2,623,145 from a MSCBA bond issuance. These funds, net of bond issuance costs and a debt service reserve fund, are being used for renovations to the Holmes Dining Commons and the Recreation Center. This obligation will be repaid solely by the University through dedicated student fees and operating funds. The University also executed a management agreement with MSCBA whereby MSCBA is providing management services to the University for the renovations.

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As of June 30, 2020, MSCBA held unexpended debt proceeds in the amount of \$426,564, of which \$31,189 is included in the accompanying 2020 statement of net position as current restricted cash and cash equivalents and \$395,375 is included in the accompanying 2020 statement of net position as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents. As of June 30, 2019, MSCBA held unexpended debt proceeds in the amount of \$1,783,034, of which \$636,129 is included in the accompanying 2019 statement of net position as current restricted cash and cash equivalents and \$1,146,905 is included in the accompanying 2019 statement of net position as noncurrent restricted cash and cash equivalents.

The University is required to make annual principal payments on this debt each June 30 commencing in fiscal 2020. The final principal payment is due June 30, 2039. Interest on the debt is payable June 30 and December 30 each year. Interest payments are based on an amortization schedule prepared by MSCBA with interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% over the term of the debt to maturity.

Aggregate principal and interest payments due to maturity consist of the following:

Year ending June 30:	Principal	Amortization of bond premium	Total principal	Estimated interest (1)	Total
2021	\$ 3,765,547	\$ 273,440	\$ 4,038,987	\$ 2,206,556	\$ 6,245,543
2022	3,971,365	273,440	4,244,805	2,027,084	6,271,889
2023	4,149,860	273,440	4,423,300	1,847,487	6,270,787
2024	4,486,808	273,440	4,760,248	1,664,584	6,424,832
2025	4,110,165	273,440	4,383,605	1,476,730	5,860,335
2026 - 2030	20,447,319	1,342,573	21,789,892	4,988,548	26,778,440
2031 - 2035	10,817,476	894,366	11,711,842	1,417,431	13,129,273
2036 - 2040	2,535,263	52,163	2,587,426	183,965	2,771,391
Total	<u>\$ 54,283,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,656,302</u>	<u>\$ 57,940,105</u>	<u>\$ 15,812,385</u>	<u>\$ 73,752,490</u>

(1) The interest rate in effect at June 30, 2020 of 6.506% was used to calculate the estimated interest on the MDFA Series J-3 bond included above.

**Other Interagency activity**

The oversight of various capital projects on campus is provided by MSCBA. To fund these projects, the University provides equity contributions, by advancing funds to MSCBA, which are then held by MSCBA until used for the payment of the capital project costs. During fiscal 2020, the University provided an equity contribution of \$300,000 toward the Recreation Center Project, of which \$102,837 of these funds were subsequently transferred to the Theater Project account at MSCBA for the Theater Project renovations. During fiscal 2020, funds totaling \$13,473 were transferred from the Southside Chiller, Landry Project, Recreation Center Project and Theater Project accounts at MSCBA for the Holmes Dining renovations project. During fiscal 2020, Holmes Dining funds of \$170,655 were transferred to the Theatre Project account MSCBA for the Theater Project renovations.

During fiscal 2019, the University provided an equity contribution of \$8,000 and DCAMM funds of \$511,999 toward the Recreation Center Project, of which \$4,835 of these funds was subsequently transferred to the Holmes Dining account at MSCBA for the Holmes Dining renovations project. During fiscal 2019, the University provided equity contributions of \$49,500 and \$50,000 towards the Holmes Dining Project and Parking Project, respectively. During fiscal 2019, the University provided an equity contribution of \$510,000 toward the Landry Project, of which \$101,297 of these funds was subsequently transferred to the Holmes Dining account at MSCBA for the Holmes Dining renovations project. During fiscal 2019, Theater Project funds of \$647 were transferred to the Holmes Dining account at MSCBA for the Holmes Dining renovations project.



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As of June 30, 2020, amounts held by MSCBA representing the unexpended portion of the University's contributions are as follows:

University Projects	Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
	Current	Noncurrent
Recreation Center	\$ -	\$ 71,612
Theater	167,385	150,691
	\$ 167,385	\$ 222,303

As of June 30, 2019, amounts held by MSCBA representing the unexpended portion of the University's contributions are as follows:

University Projects	Restricted cash and cash equivalents:	
	Current	Noncurrent
Holmes Dinning	\$ -	\$ 156,278
Landry	512	-
Parking	1,150	10,300
Recreation Center	182,695	244,250
Southside Chiller	13,671	-
Theater	16,000	50,349
	\$ 214,028	\$ 461,177

**MSCBA Series 2020A bond refunding**

On July 1, 2020, MSCBA closed on Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 2020A for the purpose of providing budgetary relief in fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022 to the nine State Universities including Fitchburg State University. These bonds were issued to refund/restructure debt outstanding from multiple series of bonds. The reduction of the University's fiscal year 2021 debt service assessment is approximately \$10,580,000. The reduction of the University's fiscal year 2022 debt service assessment is approximately \$5,540,000. During August 2020, MSCBA's board approved the release of funds currently held in the Debt Service Reserve Fund to pay the November 1, 2020 interest payment on behalf of the State Universities. Fitchburg State University received approximately \$2,590,000 in funds held in reserve to be applied to the November interest payment to MSCBA.

**Note 13 - Capital lease obligation**

During fiscal year 2017, the University entered into a noncancellable capital lease agreement with a financial institution in the amount of \$1,261,206 for an upgrade to its wireless network equipment. The lease has a term of five years and requires semi-annual payments of \$132,483, which commenced on March 23, 2017 and continues through September 23, 2021. The assets and capital lease obligation were recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments based upon an interest rate of 1.81% which was determined to be applicable at the inception of the lease. The capital lease obligation is secured by the related assets.

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The University's wireless network equipment held under capital lease totaled \$1,261,206 as of both June 30, 2020 and 2019. The assets under the capital lease are being depreciated over their estimated useful lives and the depreciation of these assets is included in depreciation expense. The accumulated depreciation on the leased assets amounted to \$945,904 and \$693,663 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Depreciation expense totaled \$252,241 for each of the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Interest expense incurred on the capital lease totaled \$10,525 and \$15,068 in fiscal years 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this capital lease at June 30, 2020:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 264,966
2022	132,483
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Total minimum lease payments	397,449
Less amount representing interest	(7,086)
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Present value of future minimum lease payments	390,363
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Less current portion	259,038
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Present value of long-term portion	<u>\$ 131,325</u>

**Note 14 - FSU Foundation's long-term debt**

FSU Foundation's long-term debt consists of the following at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,339,115	\$ 3,562,736
Notes payable - bank	474,686	494,807
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	3,813,801	4,057,543
Less net debt issuance costs	(14,813)	(17,217)
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	3,798,988	4,040,326
Less current portion	(254,180)	(243,950)
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	<u>\$ 3,544,808</u>	<u>\$ 3,796,376</u>

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The Foundation has a mortgage note payable in the original amount of \$550,000, dated April 16, 2008, with Fidelity Cooperative Bank. The proceeds of the note were used to acquire certain real estate properties on the Fitchburg State University campus. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Furthermore, any and all deposits held by the lender serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate was to be fixed at the Federal Home Loan Bank Ten Year Cost of Funds Rate in effect as of the first day of the final 10 years of the term of the loan plus 118 basis points. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.27% per annum for the remainder of the loan term pursuant to the provisions of a Change in Terms Agreement dated October 19, 2016. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$3,862 through October 16, 2016. Thereafter, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$2,454 commencing on November 16, 2016 with a final principal payment due in the amount of \$210,752 at the loan's maturity date of April 16, 2028. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of this mortgage note payable amounted to \$344,440 and \$358,636, respectively.

In August 2006, the Foundation Supporting Organization acquired land and a building consisting of 4,179 square feet of office space and 53,429 square feet of warehouse space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts near the University campus. The entire property has been leased to DCAMM on behalf of the University (see Note 23). The University is currently using the property for its print services, maintenance, and shipping and receiving and financial services.

The acquisition and related costs were funded with the proceeds of an offering of tax-exempt revenue bonds, Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue Bonds, FSC Foundation Supporting Organization Issue, Series 2006 (the "bonds"), dated August 1, 2006, in the amount of \$1,900,000, issued by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency ("MDFA"), pursuant to a Loan and Trust Agreement. People's United Bank, as successor in interest to Chittenden Trust Company, is the bond Trustee. MDFA assigned all of its rights, title, and interest in and to the loan and related loan documents to the bond Trustee as security for repayment of the bonds. The loan is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate and related personal property located thereon, and an assignment of leases and rents. Payment and performance of the Foundation Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The loan agreement has a term of 20 years and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (August 16, 2011, 2016 and 2021) to a fixed rate of interest equal to 80% of the bank's prime rate, but no greater than 1% or less than 1% of the interest rate in effect for the immediately preceding five-year adjustment interval. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.5% per annum on August 16, 2011 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$13,154 through August 16, 2011 and \$12,306 until August 16, 2016. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.5% per annum on August 16, 2016 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$11,739 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of August 16, 2021. The loan matures on August 16, 2026. The loan agreement requires the Foundation Supporting Organization to maintain a Debt Service Coverage Ratio, as defined, of not less than 1.10 to 1 to be measured annually at the end of its fiscal year.

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The mortgage note was issued pursuant to the Loan and Trust Agreement and related loan documents and is subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of those agreements. The loan may be prepaid in accordance with the terms of the Loan and Trust Agreement for prepayment of the bonds as more fully described in the Loan and Trust Agreement.

The loan documents contain cross default provisions with the DCAM lease.

As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable of \$779,258, less net debt issuance costs of \$14,813, amounted to \$764,445.

As of June 30, 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable of \$890,233, less net debt issuance costs of \$17,217, amounted to \$873,016.

Workers' Credit Union ("WCU") provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated February 27, 2009, in the amount of \$750,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in certain real estate owned by the Foundation Supporting Organization and an assignment of certain leases and rents. The note is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization has total cash balances of \$8,097 and \$7,527, respectively, held by the lender which serve as additional collateral for the loan.

The mortgage note had a term of 10 years, expiring on February 27, 2019, and provided for a fixed rate of interest of 5.74% per annum. The interest rate was adjusted to 4.99% per annum on June 20, 2015 pursuant to the provisions of a loan modification agreement. On February 27, 2019, pursuant to the provisions of a new loan modification agreement, the interest rate was adjusted to 5.25% per annum expiring on February 27, 2024. The note requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,517, through February 27, 2024. Commencing thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the FHLB 5 year Classic Advance plus 2.25% until the new maturity date of February 27, 2029 and monthly payments for principal and interest will be determined at that point.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of this first mortgage loan amounted to \$525,566 and \$551,397, respectively.

Rollstone Bank & Trust provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated December 22, 2014 in the amount of \$240,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate property located at 131 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The note has a term of 20 years, maturing on December 22, 2034, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.25% per annum. The loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,367 based on a 20-year principal amortization. The loan agreement requires the Foundation Supporting Organization to maintain a ratio of Cash Flow (after distributions), as defined, to the Current Maturity of Long-Term Debt plus interest, as defined, of not less than 1.0 to 1 for any fiscal year. The loan agreement also contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, capital expenditures by lease or purchase, distributions, making of advances or loans to other parties, making of investments, and sale, lease or transfer of assets, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable amounted to \$188,898 and \$198,877, respectively.

Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a note, dated June 26, 2013, in the amount of \$83,200. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest

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in the real estate property located at 340 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and an assignment of leases and rents on the property. The mortgage note has a term of 20 years, maturing on June 26, 2033, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.5% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (June 26, 2018, 2023 and 2028) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 2.75% per annum. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$376 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of June 26, 2018. The interest rate was adjusted to 5.93% per annum on June 26, 2018 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The July and August 2018 monthly installments of principal and interest remained at \$376. On August 27, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a Change in Terms Agreement with the lender in which the interest rate on the note was modified to a fixed rate of 5.20% per annum until June 26, 2023. At that time, the interest rate will be adjusted pursuant to the terms of the original note described above. All other terms, provisions and conditions of the original note agreement remain in full force and effect. Commencing with the September 2018 monthly installment of principal and interest, the monthly installments shall be \$450. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the mortgage note payable amounted to \$71,916 and \$73,461, respectively.

In October 2016, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated October 19, 2016, in the amount of \$118,000. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the real estate property located at 198 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on October 21, 2026, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.11% per annum. Commencing on November 21, 2016, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$726 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$71,599 and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the prepayment of all or a portion of the amount owed without penalty. The business loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the business loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$102,826 and \$107,154, respectively.

In January 2017, Fidelity Co-Operative Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated January 13, 2017, in the amount of \$220,000. The note is secured by a Negative Pledge Agreement on the properties located at 9 Clinton Street and 85-87 Pearl Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on January 13, 2027, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.76% per annum. Commencing on February 13, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,431 based on a 20-year principal amortization until the maturity date, at which time the remaining outstanding principal balance of \$136,868 and any accrued interest thereon is due and payable. The note provides for the payment of a prepayment penalty if the loan is paid prior to maturity. The amount of the penalty shall be a specified percentage of the amount prepaid with such percentage ranging from 5% if paid before the loan's first anniversary and decreasing by 1% per year to 1% if paid before the loan's fifth anniversary. The prepayment penalty will reset as defined above at each five-year anniversary date of the note. The loan agreement contains, among other covenants, restrictions relating to future borrowings, making of advances or loans to other parties, sale, lease or transfer of assets, and the granting of further security interests, except as provided for and as more fully described in the loan agreement. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$195,137 and \$202,616, respectively.

In November 2016, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 4, 2016, in the amount of \$280,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and an assignment of rents on the property located at 689-717 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 10 years, maturing on November 4, 2026, and thereafter is payable on demand. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.33% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at 10-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Ten Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. Commencing on January 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,401 based on a 30-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the first 117 months of each fixed rate period for the purpose of refinancing the note with another financial institution, the note provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be prepaid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$262,969 and \$268,081, respectively.

In September 2017, Webster First Federal Credit Union provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated September 22, 2017, in the amount of \$250,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the real estate properties located at 66 and 0 Day Street and 721-725 Main Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and an assignment of leases and rents on the properties. The note has a term of 15 years, maturing on October 1, 2032, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 3.75% per annum for the first 10 years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Five Year Classic Rate plus 1.5% per annum for the remaining 5 years of the loan term, but no less than a rate of 3.75% per annum. Commencing on November 1, 2017, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,825 based on a 15-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity. The note may be prepaid in whole or in part at any time without penalty.

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As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$215,293 and \$228,704, respectively.

The Foundation Supporting Organization has a note payable in the original amount of \$680,000, dated April 26, 2007, with Enterprise Bank and Trust Company. The note is secured by investments with an equivalent fair value of approximately \$2,301,000 and \$2,250,000 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. In addition, payment and performance of the Foundation Supporting Organization's obligations under the loan agreement have been guaranteed by the Foundation.

The promissory note has a term of 30 years, expiring on May 5, 2037, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 6% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals (April 26, 2012, 2017, 2022, 2027 and 2032) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five-Year Rate plus 1.15% per annum. The rate was adjusted to 2.62% per annum on April 26, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. The loan required monthly installments of principal and interest of \$4,122 through May 7, 2012 and \$2,875 until April 26, 2017. The interest rate was adjusted to 3.49% per annum on April 26, 2017 pursuant to the provisions of the loan agreement. Commencing thereafter, the monthly installments of principal and interest are \$3,115 until the next five-year interval adjustment date of April 26, 2022. The note may be prepaid at any time, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of this note payable amounted to \$474,685 and \$494,807, respectively.

In November 2018, Enterprise Bank and Trust Company provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated November 5, 2018, in the amount of \$148,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in and an assignment of leases and rents on a real estate property located at 70-78 North Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The promissory note has a term of 20 years, maturing on November 5, 2038. The note provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5% per annum for the first ten years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five-year intervals to the Daily High Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Regular Rate plus 1.95% per annum. The loan will have a minimum floor rate of 5%. Commencing on January 1, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$983 based on a 20-year principal amortization schedule. If the note is prepaid in whole or in part during the term of the loan for the purpose of refinancing the loan with another financial institution, the loan provides for a prepayment penalty equal to 3% of any principal reduction. Except for the forgoing, the note may be paid in whole or in part without penalty. The loan is cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized with any and all other loans made by the lender to the Foundation Supporting Organization.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$141,347 and \$145,829, respectively.

In June 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$312,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 164 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

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The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,752 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$305,145 and \$312,000, respectively.

In June 2019, Hometown Bank provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a commercial note, dated June 18, 2019, in the amount of \$138,400. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 174 Highland Avenue in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The commercial note has a term of 10 years, maturing on June 18, 2029, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 4.60% per annum for the first five years of the loan term. Thereafter, the interest rate will be adjusted at five year intervals (June 18, 2024) to the Federal Home Loan Bank Boston Classic Advance Five Year Rate plus 1.75% per annum. Commencing on July 18, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$777 based on a 25-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$135,359 and \$138,400, respectively.

In April 2019, Fitchburg Historical Society provided financing to the Foundation Supporting Organization in the form of a promissory note, dated April 4, 2019, in the amount of \$90,000. The note is secured by a first mortgage interest in the property and a collateral assignment of rents and leases on the real estate property located at 0 Main Street in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The commercial note has a term of 5 years, maturing on April 1, 2024, and provides for a fixed rate of interest of 5.00% per annum. Commencing on May 1, 2019, the loan requires monthly installments of principal and interest of \$1,694 based on a 5-year principal amortization schedule with a final payment of all unpaid principal and accrued interest thereon due at maturity.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019, the outstanding principal balance of the loan amounted to \$70,962 and \$87,348, respectively.



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Principal funding payments and estimated interest due to maturity consist of the following:

Year ending June 30:	Principal	Interest (1)	Total
2021	\$ 254,180	\$ 156,632	\$ 410,812
2022	264,609	146,205	410,814
2023	275,478	135,333	410,811
2024	283,198	124,219	407,417
2025	277,573	112,856	390,429
2026-2030	1,982,183	314,141	2,296,324
2031-2035	370,665	68,566	439,231
2036-2040	105,915	5,936	111,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,813,801</b>	<b>\$ 1,063,888</b>	<b>\$ 4,877,689</b>

(1) The interest rates in effect at June 30, 2020 on the first mortgage notes payable and the note payable - bank were used to calculate the estimated interest on these debt obligations.

**Note 15 - FSU Foundation lines of credit**

On August 23, 2017, the Foundation renewed, under substantially the same terms, its existing demand revolving working capital line of credit agreement with Workers' Credit Union which permits the Foundation to borrow up to \$250,000. Pursuant to the provisions of the line of credit agreement, maximum advances under the line are limited to 70% of the pledged investment collateral unless otherwise approved by the lender. The renewed line of credit provided for interest at 5.25% through September 1, 2017 and, thereafter, at The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1%. The interest rate charged to the Foundation may not exceed a rate of 18%. On January 31, 2019, the line of credit agreement was modified to change the interest rate to The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 0%. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the effective interest rate was 3.00% and 5.25%, respectively, per annum. In fiscal 2019, the line of credit was repaid in full. Accordingly, as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, there was no outstanding liability under the line of credit.

Borrowings under the line are secured by investments with an equivalent fair value of approximately \$9,916,000 and \$9,634,000, respectively at June 30, 2020 and 2019. The line is also collateralized by all funds held by the lender. At June 30, 2020, the Foundation has total cash balances of approximately \$59,000 and \$59,000, respectively, held by the lender. The Foundation may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement expires on March 25, 2022.

On August 18, 2016, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a demand unsecured revolving line of credit agreement with Rollstone Bank and Trust which permits the Foundation Supporting Organization to borrow up to \$250,000. The line of credit provides for interest at The Wall Street Journal Prime Rate less .25% (effective rates of 3.25% at June 30, 2020 and 5.25% at June 30, 2019). The line of credit agreement expired on August 18, 2017. The line of credit was extended through November 30, 2017, and again through November 30, 2018, under the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement. On November 30, 2018, the line of credit was renewed through November 30, 2019 and again through November 30, 2020. The Foundation Supporting Organization may prepay outstanding revolving loans under the agreement in whole or in part at any time without premium or penalty. The line of credit agreement contains, among other covenants, the maintenance of a debt service coverage ratio, as defined, of at least 1.00 to 1. In addition, the agreement provides that

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the line of credit be brought to a zero balance for 30 consecutive days annually during the term of the agreement. As June 30, 2020, the Foundation Supporting Organization has made payments of \$250,000 and borrowings of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. The balance outstanding as of June 30, 2020 is \$250,000. As of June 30, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization has made payments of \$150,000 and borrowings of \$250,000 under the line of credit agreement. The balance outstanding as of June 30, 2019 was \$250,000.

**Note 16 - Long-term liabilities**

Long-term liability activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2020 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2020	
				Ending balance	Current portion
Interagency payables	\$ 61,955,383	\$ -	\$ 4,015,278	\$ 57,940,105	\$ 4,038,987
Total	61,955,383	-	4,015,278	57,940,105	4,038,987
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease obligation	644,803	-	254,440	390,363	259,038
Workers' compensation	590,806	16,114	128,796	478,124	104,231
Compensated absences	5,505,350	3,574,035	3,337,642	5,741,743	3,584,425
Loan payable - federal financial assistance	1,871,966	28,884	546,479	1,354,371	-
Net pension liability	12,484,412	279,003	-	12,763,415	-
Net OPEB liability	27,318,264	-	3,257,057	24,061,207	-
Total other liabilities	48,415,601	3,898,036	7,524,414	44,789,223	3,947,694
Long-term obligations	\$ 110,370,984	\$ 3,898,036	\$ 11,539,692	\$ 102,729,328	\$ 7,986,681

Long-term liability activity of the University for the year ended June 30, 2019 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2019	
				Ending balance	Current portion
Interagency payables	\$ 62,785,668	\$ 2,623,145	\$ 3,453,430	\$ 61,955,383	\$ 3,897,109
Total	62,785,668	2,623,145	3,453,430	61,955,383	3,897,109
Other liabilities:					
Capital lease obligation	894,702	-	249,899	644,803	254,441
Workers' compensation	648,771	83,467	141,432	590,806	128,796
Compensated absences	5,341,281	3,339,202	3,175,133	5,505,350	3,337,642
Loan payable - federal financial assistance	1,845,365	49,506	22,905	1,871,966	-
Net pension liability	11,430,648	1,053,764	-	12,484,412	-
Net OPEB liability	22,232,674	5,085,590	-	27,318,264	-
Total other liabilities	42,393,441	9,611,529	3,589,369	48,415,601	3,720,879
Long-term obligations	\$ 105,179,109	\$ 12,234,674	\$ 7,042,799	\$ 110,370,984	\$ 7,617,988

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	Totals June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2019	
				Ending balance	Current portion
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,545,519	\$ -	\$ 221,217	\$ 3,324,302	\$ 233,256
Notes payable - bank	494,807	-	20,121	474,686	20,924
Long-term obligations	<u>\$ 4,040,326</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 241,338</u>	<u>\$ 3,798,988</u>	<u>\$ 254,180</u>

Long-term liability activity of FSU Foundation for the year ended June 30, 2019 included the following:

	Totals June 30, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Totals June 30, 2019	
				Ending balance	Current portion
First mortgage notes payable	\$ 3,044,446	\$ 688,400	\$ 187,327	\$ 3,545,519	\$ 223,798
Notes payable - bank	514,276	-	19,469	494,807	20,152
Long-term obligations	<u>\$ 3,558,722</u>	<u>\$ 688,400</u>	<u>\$ 206,796</u>	<u>\$ 4,040,326</u>	<u>\$ 243,950</u>

#### Note 17 - Net position

Unrestricted net position is comprised of net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations; however, they may be subject to internal restrictions. For example, unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. Certain unrestricted net position is internally designated for academic and research programs and initiatives, and graduate and continuing education programs. Designated unrestricted net position was \$16,866,925 and \$18,461,714 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Undesignated unrestricted net position was \$(28,325,313) and \$(23,985,384) at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the net investment in capital assets amount of \$125,001,606 and \$121,718,509, respectively, includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue from the installment payments associated with the dining facilities service concession arrangement. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, \$985,740 and \$1,232,174, respectively, of the balance of the deferred inflow of resources has been included, as a reduction, in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. This amount will be recognized as revenue and increase the net investment in capital assets net position over the remaining term of the arrangement.

#### Note 18 - Net position restricted by enabling legislation

Fitchburg State University Foundation, Inc.'s consolidated statements of net position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 reflect a restricted net position of \$20,972,243 and \$18,523,081, respectively. Of these amounts, \$2,357,931 for each year, are restricted by enabling legislation for the State Matching Funds Program.

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**Note 19 - Operating expenses**

The University's operating expenses for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, on a natural classification basis, are comprised of the following:

	2020	2019
Salaries		
Faculty	\$ 25,440,450	\$ 24,412,113
Exempt wages	4,698,921	4,591,378
Non-exempt wages	21,363,362	21,176,475
Benefits	17,961,852	17,941,745
Scholarships	5,616,414	3,233,205
Utilities	4,301,064	4,437,825
Supplies and other services	28,206,176	29,344,843
Depreciation	11,032,465	10,442,249
Bad debt expense	176,593	175,145
	\$ 118,797,297	\$ 115,754,978
Total operating expenses		

**Note 20 - State controlled accounts**

Certain significant costs and benefits associated with the operations of the University are appropriated, expended, controlled, and reported by the Commonwealth through non-University line items in the Commonwealth's budget. Under generally accepted accounting principles, such transactions must be recorded in the financial statements of the University. These transactions include payments by the Commonwealth for the employer's share of funding the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System and for the employer's share of health care premiums.

The estimated amounts of funding attributable for the Commonwealth's retirement system contribution and the employer's share of health care premiums for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019, and 2018 were as follows (see State appropriations under Note 24):

	2020	2019	2018
Commonwealth's retirement system contributions	\$ 5,021,593	\$ 4,427,126	\$ 3,893,971
Employers share of health care premium	\$ 6,615,645	\$ 7,169,153	\$ 6,711,016

**Note 21 - Retirement plan**

Substantially all of the University's full-time employees are covered by the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System ("MSERS"). MSERS, a public employee retirement system ("PERS"), is a cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit plan that is administered by the Massachusetts State Retirement Board and covers substantially all non-student employees. The Commonwealth does not issue separately audited financial statements for the plan. The financial position and results of

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operations of the plan are incorporated into the Commonwealth's financial statements, a copy of which may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, One Ashburton Place, Room 901, Boston, MA 02108.

MSERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Massachusetts General Laws ("MGL") establishes uniform benefit and contribution requirements for all contributory PERS. These requirements provide for superannuation retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. For employees hired after April 1, 2012, retirement allowances are calculated on the basis of the last five years or any five consecutive years, whichever is greater in terms of compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, and group creditable service, and group classification. The authority for amending these provisions rests with the Legislature.

Members become vested after 10 years of creditable service. A superannuation retirement allowance may be received upon the completion of 20 years of creditable service or upon reaching the age of 55 with 10 years of service. Normal retirement for most employees occurs at age 65; for certain hazardous duty and public safety positions, normal retirement is at age 55. Most employees who joined the system after April 1, 2012 cannot retire prior to age 60.

The MSERS' funding policies have been established by Chapter 32 of the MGL. The Legislature has the authority to amend these policies. The annuity portion of the MSERS retirement allowance is funded by employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation. Costs of administering the plan are funded out of plan assets.

Member contributions for MSERS vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Hire date	% of compensation
Prior to 1975	5% of regular compensation
1975 to 1983	7% of regular compensation
1984 to June 30, 1996	8% of regular compensation
July 1, 1996 to present	9% of regular compensation
1979 to present	An additional 2% of regular compensation in excess of \$30,000

In addition, members of Group 1 who join the system on or after April 2, 2012 will have their withholding rate reduced to 6% after achieving 30 years of creditable service.

The University is not required to contribute from its appropriation allocation or other University funds to MSERS for employees compensated from State appropriations. For University employees covered by MSERS but compensated from a trust fund or other source, the University is required to contribute an amount determined as a percentage of compensation in accordance with a fringe benefit rate established by the State. The total amount of current funding by the State related to the University's employees during 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$5,021,593, \$4,427,126, and \$3,893,971, respectively. The total amount of funding by the University related to the University's employees compensated from a trust fund or other source during 2020, 2019, and 2018 was \$1,265,410, \$868,517, and \$862,928, respectively. Annual covered payroll was approximately 81%, 81%, and 80% of annual total payroll for the University in 2020, 2019, and 2018, respectively.

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At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University reported a liability of \$12,763,415 and \$12,484,412, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of January 1, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the State's total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The University's proportion of the net pension liability was based on an effective contribution methodology which allocates total contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner based on an employer's share of total covered payroll. At June 30, 2020, the University's proportion was 0.0872%, which was a decrease of 0.0072% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019. At June 30, 2019, the University's proportion was 0.0944% which was an increase of 0.0053% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University recognized pension expense of \$7,268,364 and \$6,845,422, respectively.

At June 30, 2020, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 946,080	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	190,382
Difference between expected and actual experience	423,876	165,995
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	604,115	814,319
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	22,534	648
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,265,411</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,262,016</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,171,344</u></u>

The \$1,265,411 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2021	\$ 423,363
2022	17,749
2023	171,704
2024	192,313
2025	<u>20,132</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>\$ 825,261</u></u>

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At June 30, 2019, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ 1,265,218	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	433,945
Difference between expected and actual experience	395,900	254,433
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	1,085,296	164,542
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	33,670	2,373
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	868,517	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,648,601</b>	<b>\$ 855,293</b>

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2019 rolled forward to June 30, 2019. This valuation used the following assumptions:

1. (a) 7.25% investment rate of return (7.35% investment rate of return for the year ended June 30, 2018), (b) 3.50% interest rate credited to the annuity savings fund and (c) 3.00% cost of living increase per year on the first \$13,000 of allowance each year.
2. Salary increases are based on analyses of past experience but range from 4.00% to 9.00% depending on group and length of service.
3. Mortality rates were as follows:
  - (i) Pre-retirement - reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females.
  - (ii) Post-retirement - reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year for females.
  - (iii) Disability - the mortality rate reflects RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016, set forward 1 year.
4. Experience studies were performed as follows:
  - (i) Dated February 27, 2014 and encompasses the period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2011, updated to reflect actual experience from 2012 through 2016 for post-retirement mortality.

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Investment assets of MSERS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT") Fund. 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 rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation		Long-term expected real rate of return	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Global equity	39.00%	39.00%	4.90%	5.00%
Core fixed income	15.00%	12.00%	1.30%	0.90%
Private equity	13.00%	12.00%	8.20%	6.60%
Portfolio completion strategies	11.00%	13.00%	3.90%	3.70%
Real estate	10.00%	10.00%	3.60%	3.80%
Value added fixed income	8.00%	10.00%	4.70%	3.80%
Timberland/natural resources	4.00%	4.00%	4.10%	3.40%
Total	100.00%	100.00%		

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability for the measurement years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 was 7.25% and 7.35%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the University's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the 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 pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rates of 7.25% and 7.35%, respectively, for the measurement years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25%, 2019, and 6.35%, 2018) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25%, 2019, and 8.35%, 2018) than the current rates:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease	Discount rate	1% increase
June 30, 2019	\$ 16,988,523	\$ 12,763,415	\$ 9,153,268
June 30, 2018	\$ 16,826,900	\$ 12,484,412	\$ 8,773,923

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Commonwealth's financial statements.

**Note 22 - Fringe benefits for current employees and post-employment obligations - pension and non-pension**

The University participates in the Commonwealth's Fringe Benefit programs, including active employee and post - employment health insurance, unemployment, pension, and workers' compensation benefits.



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Health insurance and pension costs for active employees and retirees are paid through a fringe benefit rate charged to the University by the Commonwealth.

On-behalf payments of fringe benefits for benefited employees on the Commonwealth's payroll are recognized as revenues and expenses in the University's financial statements in each of the fiscal years presented.

**Post-employment other than pensions**

In addition to providing pension benefits, under Chapter 32A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Commonwealth is required to provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees of the Commonwealth. Substantially all of the Commonwealth's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach retirement age while working for the Commonwealth. Eligible retirees are required to contribute a specified percentage of the health care/benefit costs, which are comparable to contributions required from employees.

The Commonwealth administers a single employer defined benefit Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions ("OPEB") Plan. Benefits are managed by the Group Insurance Commission ("GIC") and investments are managed by the Pension Reserves Investment Management ("PRIM") Board. The State Retirement Benefits Trust Fund ("SRBT") is set up solely to pay for OPEB benefits and the cost to administer those benefits. Management of the SRBT is vested with a board of trustees, which consists of 7 members. GIC administers benefit payments, while the Trustees are responsible for investment decisions. The SRBT is reported as an OPEB Trust Fund and does not issue a stand-alone audited financial report. The financial position and results of operations of the plan are incorporated in the Commonwealth's financial statements, a copy of which may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, One Ashburton Place, Room 901, Boston, MA 02108.

During the fiscal years ended on June 30, 2020 and 2019, the GIC provided health insurance for its members through indemnity, PPO, and HMO plans. The GIC also administered carve-outs for the pharmacy benefit and mental health and substance abuse benefits for certain of its health plans. In addition to health insurance, the GIC sponsors life insurance, long-term disability insurance (for active employees only), dental and vision coverage for employees not covered by collective bargaining, a retiree discount vision plan and retiree dental plan, and finally, a pre-tax health care spending account and dependent care assistance program (for active employees only).

Employer and employee contribution rates are set in Massachusetts General Law. The Commonwealth recognizes its share of the costs on an actuarial basis. As of June 30, 2019 and 2018 and as of the valuation date (January 1, 2019), Commonwealth participants contributed 10% to 20% of premium costs, depending on the date of hire and whether the participant is active, retiree, or survivor status.

At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University reported a liability of \$24,061,207 and \$27,318,264, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (see Note 29). The net OPEB liability was measured as of January 1, 2019, and the Commonwealth's total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The University's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on an effective contribution methodology which allocates total actual contributions amongst the employers in a consistent manner based on an employer's share of total covered payroll. At June 30, 2020, the University's proportion was 0.1315%, which was a decrease of 0.0156% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019. As of June 30, 2019, the University's proportion was 0.1471%, which was an increase of 0.0199% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

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The amount of funding by the University related to benefits other than OPEB for the years ended June 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$17,961,852, \$17,941,745 and \$15,031,796, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year charged to it through the Commonwealth's fringe benefit recovery program. The total amount of current funding by the State related to the OPEB portion of fringe benefits for the University's employees during 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$2,392,217, \$2,922,864 and \$2,713,264, respectively. The total amount of funding by the University related to the OPEB portion of fringe benefits for the University's employees compensated from a trust fund or other source during 2020, 2019 and 2018 was \$655,514, \$633,318 and \$653,339, respectively.

For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University recognized OPEB expense of \$4,523,332 and \$5,882,975, respectively (see Note 29).

At June 30, 2020, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ 18,514	\$ 3,618,187
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	11,066
Difference between expected and actual experience	964,967	30,812
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	3,316,789	2,573,670
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	58,669	-
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	655,514	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,014,453</b>	<b>\$ 6,233,735</b>

The \$655,514 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources as a result of the University's requirement to contribute to the Plan will be recognized in expense as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2021	\$ (552,898)
2022	(552,898)
2023	(463,918)
2024	(161,895)
2025	(143,187)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (1,874,796)</b>

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At June 30, 2019, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (see Note 29) related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred outflows of resources	Deferred inflows of resources
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 26,166	\$ 2,304,579
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	54,756
Difference between expected and actual experience	266,340	46,805
Changes in proportion due to internal allocation	4,267,706	-
Changes in proportion from Commonwealth	70,472	-
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>633,318</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 5,264,002</u>	 <u>\$ 2,406,140</u>

The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2019 rolled forward to June 30, 2019. This valuation used the following assumptions:

1. The following annual healthcare cost trend rates: (1) 7.5%, decreasing by 0.5% each year to 5.5% in 2023 and then decreasing 0.25% each year to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2026 for medical (8.0%, decreasing by 0.5% each year to an ultimate rate of 5.5% in 2023 for medical for the year ended June 30, 2018) and (2) 4.5% for administration costs (5.0% for the year ended June 30, 2018). Healthcare costs are offset by reimbursements for Employer Group Waiver Plans ("EGWP"), which are assumed to increase 5.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 4.5% in 2026.
2. The mortality rate was in accordance with RP 2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with scale MP-2016 from the central year, with females set forward one year.
3. Participation rates:
  - (i) 100% of all retirees who currently have health care coverage will continue with the same coverage, except that retirees under age 65 with POS/PPO coverage switch to Indemnity at age 65 and those over age 65 with POS/PPO coverage switch to HMO.
  - (ii) All current retirees, other than those indicated on the census data as not being eligible by Medicare, have Medicare coverage upon attainment of age 65, as do their spouses. All future retirees are assumed to have Medicare coverage upon attainment of age 65.
  - (iii) 85% (80% for the year ended June 30, 2018) of current and future contingent eligible participants will elect health care benefits at age 55, or current age if later.

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- (iv) Actives, upon retirement, take coverage, and are assumed to have the following coverage:

	Retirement Age	
	Under 65	Age 65 +
Indemnity	25.0%	85.0%
POS/PPO	60.0%	0.0%
HMO	15.0%	15.0%

Investment assets of the Plan are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust ("PRIT") Fund. The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return 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 rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. Best estimates of geometric rates of return for each major asset class included in the PRIT Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	Target allocation		Long-term expected real rate of return	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Global equity	39.00%	39.00%	4.90%	5.00%
Core fixed income	15.00%	12.00%	1.30%	0.90%
Private equity	13.00%	12.00%	8.20%	6.60%
Portfolio completion strategies	11.00%	13.00%	3.90%	3.70%
Real estate	10.00%	10.00%	3.60%	3.80%
Value added fixed income	8.00%	10.00%	4.70%	3.80%
Timberland/natural resources	4.00%	4.00%	4.10%	3.40%
Total	100.00%	100.00%		

The discount rates used to measure the OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 and 2018 were 3.63% and 3.92%, respectively (see Note 29). These rates were based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rates of 3.51% and 3.87%, respectively, as of the measurement dates June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively, and the expected rates of return on plan investments of 7.25% and 7.35%, respectively. The plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members. The projected "depletion date" when projected benefits are not covered by projected assets is 2029 (2025 for the year ended June 30, 2018). Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was not applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 and 2018.

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The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease	Discount rate	1% increase
June 30, 2019 (a)	\$ 28,721,305	\$ 24,061,207	\$ 20,376,695
June 30, 2018 (b)	32,472,733	27,318,264	23,229,217

(a) The discount rates as of June 30, 2019 are as follows: 3.63% (current); 2.63% (1% decrease) and 4.63% (1% increase).

(b) The discount rates as of June 30, 2018 are as follows: 3.92% (current); 2.92% (1% decrease) and 4.92% (1% increase) (see note 29).

The following presents the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the current healthcare cost trend rate as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement year ended	1% decrease (b)	Healthcare cost trend rates (a)	1% increase (c)
June 30, 2019	\$ 19,819,472	\$ 24,061,207	\$ 29,644,526
June 30, 2018	23,108,913	27,318,264	32,639,581

(a) The current healthcare cost trend rates are as follows: 7.5% (June 30, 2019) and 8.0% (June 30, 2018) for medical, and 5.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 4.5% in 2026 (June 30, 2019) and 5% (June 30, 2018) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 4.5% (June 30, 2019) and 5% (June 30, 2018) for administration costs.

(b) The healthcare cost trend rates after a 1% decrease are as follows: 6.5% (June 30, 2019) and 7.0% (June 30, 2018) for medical, 4.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 3.5% in 2026 (June 30, 2019) and 4% (June 30, 2018) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 3.5% (June 30, 2019) and 4% (June 30, 2018) for administration costs.

(c) The healthcare cost trend rates after a 1% increase are as follows: 8.5% (June 30, 2019) and 9.0% (June 30, 2018) for medical, 6.0% per year until 2025, then decrease to 5.5% in 2026 (June 30, 2019) and 6% (June 30, 2018) for Employer Group Waiver Plan and 5.5% (June 30, 2019) and 6% (June 30, 2018) for administration costs.

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's changes in net OPEB liability, fiduciary net position, and employees covered by benefit terms separately identified by a) Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments, b) Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments, and c) Active employees is available in the Commonwealth's financial statements.

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**Note 23 - Lease and license agreements**

As disclosed in Note 14, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a long-term operating lease agreement with DCAMM on behalf of the University. The lease commenced on August 16, 2006 and expired on August 16, 2016. The lease provided for base rent of \$165,000 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$13,750, for the entire lease term. The University was also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with its use of the property. The lease continued in effect, after its expiration, under the same terms and conditions until March 9, 2017 when the Foundation Supporting Organization signed a new 10-year lease with the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement. The new lease agreement became effective as of August 16, 2016. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, rental income amounted to \$165,000 in each year. The rental income is reflected in revenue from sales and services of educational departments in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. The corresponding rent expense of the University is reflected in operations and maintenance of plant.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental income under the operating lease agreement at June 30, 2020:

2021		\$	165,000
2022			165,000
2023			165,000
2024			165,000
2025			165,000
Later years			185,625
		\$	1,010,625

On August 6, 2008, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party for 2,350 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on November 1, 2008 and shall expire on October 31, 2018. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University as office and classroom space for its Center for Professional Studies. The lease provided for a base annual rent of \$17,625 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable in monthly installments of \$1,469. Beginning with the fourth year of the lease there will be a 7.5% increase at the commencement of each three-year period of the lease term, including the continuous period of any extensions thereof. On November 1, 2011, the base annual rent increased to \$18,947 for the next three-year period of the lease term payable in monthly installments of \$1,579. On July 1, 2014, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into an amended operating lease agreement with the unrelated third party adding 20 parking spaces for use in conjunction with the above mentioned office space and extending the lease term through June 30, 2019. The amended lease provides for a base annual rent of \$28,495 for each of the first three years of the lease term, payable biannually in installments of \$14,247. On July 1, 2017, the annual rent on the lease shall increase by 7.5% to \$30,632 (biannual installments of \$15,316). On July 1, 2019, the Foundation Supporting Organization extended the lease agreement for another three year term which provides for a base annual rent of \$30,632 and will increase 2% annually. The Foundation Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Foundation Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time with the payment of two months' base rent as a termination charge. The Foundation Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment

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of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, rent expense amounted to \$30,632 in each year.

The future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2020 are \$31,245 and \$31,870 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and 2022, respectively.

On February 1, 2013, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a 10-year operating lease agreement with the above noted unrelated third party for an additional 1,424 square feet of office space located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The lease commenced on February 1, 2013 and shall expire on January 31, 2023. The space is being used by Fitchburg State University for additional office and classroom space. The lease provides for a base annual rent of \$5,696 payable in monthly installments of \$475. Effective July 1, 2017, the lease agreement was amended to extend the term of the lease until June 30, 2023 and modify the lease payment provisions to be in biannual installments of \$2,848. The Foundation Supporting Organization may extend the initial term of the lease, under the same terms and conditions, for successive periods of one year, provided it is not then in default of the lease terms and it gives proper notice. The Foundation Supporting Organization may cancel the lease at any time after February 1, 2014 with the payment of two months base rent as a termination charge. The Foundation Supporting Organization is also responsible for the payment of normal operating, maintenance and repair costs associated with the use of the property. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, rent expense amounted to \$5,696 in each year.

The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments under this operating lease agreement at June 30, 2020:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 5,696
2022	5,696
2023	<u>5,696</u>
	<u>\$ 17,088</u>

The Foundation Supporting Organization and the University are parties to License Agreements whereby the Foundation Supporting Organization granted to the University irrevocable and exclusive licenses to occupy, manage, maintain and operate certain property owned by the Foundation Supporting Organization. The License Agreements provide for initial terms of one year and automatic annual renewals thereafter. The License Agreements provide for annual license fees payable, in arrears, in four equal quarterly installments. All costs to operate and maintain the property, including any capital improvements made thereto, shall be borne by the University. The License Agreements may be terminated by either party upon the expiration of the initial term of the agreements and any subsequent renewal term with the giving of proper notice. In addition, the University may terminate the agreements at any time with the giving of proper notice. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, license fee income for the Foundation Supporting Organization amounted to \$545,661 and \$205,427, respectively. The license fee income is reflected in revenue from sales and services of educational departments in the accompanying statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position. The corresponding license fee expense of the University is reflected in operations and maintenance of plant.

On June 22, 2018, the Foundation Supporting Organization entered into a 3-year operating lease agreement with an unrelated third party to lease a minor portion of a building acquired in fiscal year

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2018. The lease agreement provides for monthly lease payments of \$1,600 commencing on July 1, 2018. For the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, rental income amounted to \$21,255 and \$16,614, respectively. The future minimum rental income under this operating lease agreement is \$19,200 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

**Note 24 - Management Accounting and Reporting System**

Section 15C of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws requires Commonwealth Colleges and Universities to report activity of campus based funds to the Comptroller of the Commonwealth on the Commonwealth's Statewide Accounting System, Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System ("MMARS") on the statutory basis of accounting. The statutory basis of accounting is a modified accrual basis of accounting and differs from the information included in these financial statements. The amounts reported on MMARS meet the guidelines of the Comptroller's Guide for Higher Education Audited Financial Statements.

**State appropriations**

The University's State appropriations are comprised of the following for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019:

	2020	2019
Gross State appropriations	\$ 34,644,875	\$ 36,545,708
Add: Fringe benefits for benefited employees on the Commonwealth payroll	11,637,238	11,596,279
Less: Day school tuition remitted to the Commonwealth and included in tuition and fee revenue	(875,599)	(788,853)
Net State appropriations	\$ 45,406,514	\$ 47,353,134

\$44,088,228 and \$43,794,742 represent appropriations for maintenance and payroll and other noncapital appropriations during 2020 and 2019, respectively, and \$1,318,286 and \$3,558,392 represent appropriations for capital improvements for 2020 and 2019, respectively. These amounts are presented separately in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Day school tuition receipts and transfers have been recorded in an agency fund during the year and had no material balance outstanding at June 30, 2020 and 2019.

**Note 25 - Risk management**

The University is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Commonwealth is self-insured. In addition, the University maintains commercial insurance coverage for certain of those risks. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses for the covered risks. The separate insurance policies maintained by the University consist of Director and Officer's liability, automobile liability, and a foreign package policy. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. The costs of settled claims have not exceeded policy coverage in any of the past three years.



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The University also participates in the Commonwealth's self-insured programs for employee workers' compensation, health care and other insurance. The Commonwealth assesses the costs of workers' compensation and unemployment insurance to the University based on the University's actual experience (see Note 7). The Commonwealth manages workers' compensation as part of its general operations. No separate fund for workers' compensation is provided for in Massachusetts General Laws. The Commonwealth assesses the costs of health care insurance to the University through a fringe benefit rate and the liability for such coverage is borne by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth's Group Insurance Commission manages health insurance and other benefits for the Commonwealth's active and retired employees (see Note 22).

Massachusetts General Laws limit the risk assumed by the Commonwealth for claims of personal injury or property damages to \$100,000 per occurrence, in most circumstances.

**Note 26 - Commitments and contingencies**

Pending or threatened lawsuits against governmental agencies arise in the ordinary course of operations. In the opinion of the University's administration, the ultimate resolution of any legal actions at this date will not result in a material loss to the University since most of any obligation is expected to be paid from state appropriated funds.

The University receives significant financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. Expenditure of funds under these programs require compliance with the grant agreements and are subject to audit by representatives of these federal and state agencies. Any disallowed expenditures resulting from such audits become a liability of the University. In the opinion of management, such liabilities, if any, are not expected to materially affect the financial condition of the University.

The University participates in the Massachusetts College Savings Prepaid Tuition Program. This program allows participants to pay in advance (against a bond) for future tuition at the cost of tuition at the time of the bond purchase, increased by changes in the Consumer Price Index plus 2%. The University is obligated to accept as payment of tuition the amount determined by this program without regard to the standard tuition rate in effect at the time of the individual's enrollment at the University. The effect of this program cannot be determined as it is contingent on future tuition increases and the bond purchasers who attend the University.

The University can perform capital projects that are funded and controlled by another State agency. These projects would be paid from funds appropriated and under the control of DCAMM. The Projects generally consist of renovations and improvements and have been recorded in the respective accounts.

**Note 27 - McKay Agreement**

The University has an agreement with the City of Fitchburg, whereby the City can use the McKay building to provide elementary education to local residents on a year to year basis. The University receives quarterly payments from the City to reimburse the University for its share of payroll and related operating expenses (the "McKay School expenditures"). Reimbursements received for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$810,487 and \$860,487, respectively. These reimbursements are included in the Sales and Services of Educational Departments revenue amount and the McKay School expenditures are included in the appropriate categories under Operating Expenses in the accompanying statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

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**Note 28 - Civic Center**

In August 2006, the University and the City of Fitchburg entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in which the University would assume responsibility for the operations, management and maintenance of the George R. Wallace, Jr. Civic Center and the Alice G. Wallace Planetarium (collectively, the "Civic Center"). The Civic Center includes two skating rinks and the adjoining planetarium. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAMM on behalf of the University entered into a lease agreement for the Civic Center with the City of Fitchburg and the Board of Trustees of the Civic Center. The lease commenced on October 1, 2007 and is for a term of 99 years. The lease provided for an initial nominal rent payment and is otherwise a net lease. Pursuant to the terms of the lease, the University has complete authority, at its sole discretion, to do all such acts and deeds as it deems reasonably necessary to manage, maintain and operate the Civic Center for the permitted uses specified in the lease agreement. The University is responsible for payment, from net revenues generated by its operation of the Civic Center, of all costs associated with the maintenance and operation of the Civic Center, and certain other payments as specified in the lease agreement. DCAMM, at the instruction of the University and with 60 days prior written notice, may terminate the lease in the event that the University, in its sole discretion, determines that continuation of the lease is not in the interest of the University.

During fiscal 2007, the University commenced initial management, maintenance and operations activities at the Civic Center in anticipation of the lease agreement being executed. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Legislature appropriated an aggregate amount of \$2,500,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Civic Center. During fiscal 2008, the University made repairs and upgrades to the Civic Center for an aggregate cost of \$2,477,381. The University engaged the services of a professional management company, Facilities Management Corporation ("FMC"), to assist with management, maintenance and operations activities of the ice-skating rink program at the Civic Center. The initial management contract expired on December 31, 2008.

On February 1, 2009, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through DCAMM on behalf of the University entered into a sublease agreement with FMC for a term of 25 years commencing on the date of the agreement. The sublease agreement is a net lease and, accordingly, FMC is responsible for all costs associated with the operations, management, and maintenance of the sublease premises as well as repairs and required capital improvements. The sublease premises consist of the facilities and related equipment associated with the operation of a public ice-skating rink program. The planetarium is not part of the sublease premises and it is not currently operational. FMC is also responsible for certain other payments for and on behalf of the University related to obligations in existence at the date the University initially assumed management of the Civic Center. During the term of the sublease agreement, FMC is required to pay the University monthly percentage rent based upon the actual gross revenues from its operations, as defined. During each of the first 10 years of the sublease term, no percentage rent is required.

Thereafter, for each of the years 11 through 25, percentage rent at the rate of 1% of actual gross revenues shall be due and payable on a monthly basis. However, in no event shall the aggregate amount of percentage rent paid by FMC during the sublease term be less than \$107,155. For fiscal 2020 and 2019, the percentage rent incurred by FMC was not material to the financial statements.

The University, officials of the City of Fitchburg, and the Board of Trustees of the Civic Center believe that their collective efforts will return the Civic Center to a vibrant place where the citizenries of the City of Fitchburg and its surrounding cities and towns can enjoy athletic, educational and cultural activities.

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**Note 29 - Restatement**

Subsequent to having issued the June 30, 2019 financial statements on November 5, 2019, the University was informed by the Commonwealth of an error in the net OPEB liability allocated to the University. The error in the net OPEB liability allocated by the Commonwealth to the University resulted in misstatement in the University's net OPEB liability and related accounts as of June 30, 2019 as had been originally reported. Accordingly, the University has restated its financial statements to correct these errors as shown in the tables below:

	2019 (as previously reported on November 5, 2019)	2019 (as restated)	Effect of change
<b>Statement of Net Position:</b>			
Deferred outflows - OPEB	\$ 5,237,836	\$ 5,264,002	\$ 26,166
Net OPEB liability	21,928,435	27,318,264	5,389,829
Deferred inflows - OPEB	6,838,918	2,406,140	(4,432,778)
Unrestricted net position	(4,592,785)	(5,523,670)	(930,885)
Total net position	126,208,900	125,278,015	(930,885)

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses  
and Changes in Net Position:**

Institutional support	12,701,295	13,632,180	930,885
Increase (decrease) in net position	2,820,766	1,889,881	(930,885)

	2019 (as previously reported on November 5, 2019)	2019 (as restated)	Effect of change
<b>Statement of Cash Flows:</b>			
<b>Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>			
Operating loss	\$ (43,999,286)	\$ (44,930,171)	\$ (930,885)
Change in net OPEB liability	762,591	1,693,476	930,885

Additionally, in conjunction with the recalculation the current discount rate as of June 30, 2019 was decreased by 0.03% to 3.92%.

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**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share**  
**of the Net Pension Liability and Schedule of University Contributions**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
University's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0872%	0.0944%	0.0891%	0.0912%	0.0878%	0.0684%	0.0695%
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 12,763,415	\$ 12,484,412	\$ 11,430,648	\$ 12,580,841	\$ 9,995,092	\$ 5,078,817	\$ 6,192,668
University's covered payroll	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274	\$ 37,167,634	\$ 35,389,121	\$ 33,794,553
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	30.51%	30.78%	30.28%	33.63%	26.89%	14.35%	18.32%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.28%	67.91%	67.21%	63.48%	67.87%	76.32%	70.31%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 6,287,003	\$ 5,295,643	\$ 4,756,899	\$ 3,977,525	\$ 3,799,572	\$ 3,946,690	\$ 2,912,032
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ (6,287,003)	\$ (5,295,643)	\$ (4,756,899)	\$ (3,977,525)	\$ (3,799,572)	\$ (3,946,690)	\$ (2,912,032)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University's covered payroll	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274	\$ 37,167,634	\$ 35,389,121	\$ 33,794,553
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.03%	13.06%	12.60%	10.63%	10.22%	11.15%	8.62%

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Pension**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Note 1 - Changes in Pension Plan Benefit Terms and Assumptions**

**FY2019 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Changes in the investment rate of return

MSERS changed its discount rate to 7.25% from 7.35%.

**FY2018 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Changes in the investment rate of return

MSERS changed its discount rate to 7.35% from 7.50%.

Change in mortality

The following mortality assumption changes were made in the January 1, 2018 Actuarial Valuation:

- Disabled members - would reflect the same assumptions as for superannuation retirees, but with an age set forward of one year.

**FY2017 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes in benefit terms

Chapter 79 of the Acts of 2014 established an early retirement incentive ("ERI") program for certain employees of the highway division of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation whose positions have been eliminated due to the automation of toll collections. Most members retiring under the ERI program had a date retirement of October 28, 2016. 112 members took the ERI and retired during FY2017. As a result, the total pension liability of MSERS increased by approximately \$10 million as of June 30, 2017.

Changes in assumptions:

Change in mortality

- Pre-retirement - was changed to RP-2014 Blue Collar Employees table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 set forward 1 year for females from RP-2000 Employees table projected generationally with scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct).
- Post-retirement - was changed to RP-2014 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale MP-2016 set forward 1 year for females from RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2009 (gender distinct).
- Disabled members - is assumed to be in accordance with the RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table projected generationally with Scale BB and a base year of 2015 (gender distinct), and is unchanged from the prior valuation.

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Pension**  
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**Note 2 - Other information**

This schedule is intended to present 10 years of data. Additional years will be presented when available.

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**Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share  
of the Net OPEB Liability and Schedule of University Contributions  
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
University's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.1315%	0.1471%	0.1272%	0.1181%
University's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 25,861,235	\$ 29,068,920	\$ 23,499,661	\$ 23,406,837
Less: University's proportionate share of Plan fiduciary net position	1,800,028	1,750,656	1,266,987	1,022,638
University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 24,061,207	\$ 27,318,264	\$ 22,232,674	\$ 22,384,199
University's covered payroll	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274
University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	57.52%	67.35%	58.90%	59.84%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	6.96%	6.01%	5.39%	4.37%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Contractually required contribution	\$ 3,047,731	\$ 3,556,181	\$ 3,366,603	\$ 2,989,514
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ (3,047,731)	\$ (3,556,181)	\$ (3,366,603)	\$ (2,989,514)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
University's covered payroll	\$ 41,831,191	\$ 40,564,017	\$ 37,747,018	\$ 37,408,274
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	7.29%	8.77%	8.92%	7.99%

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Note 1 - Changes in OPEB plan benefit terms and assumptions**

**FY2019 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in base OPEB rates for medical and prescriptions

Annually, a recalibration of the underlying healthcare costs is preformed using healthcare cost experience from the GIC and developing new per person annual costs under the different health plan options. The expectation is that the new rates will be equal to the prior year rates plus one year of healthcare trend (medical inflation).

Change in trend of future costs

The healthcare trend rate decreased from 8.0% in FY2018 to 7.5% in FY2019, which impacts the high cost excise tax.

Change in medical plan election rates

The pre age 65 medical plan election percentages were updated to better reflect plan experience.

Change in future retirees' plan participant rates

Plan participation rate for future retirees was changed from 80% to 85% to better reflect recent plan experience plan experience.

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was decreased to 3.63% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.51%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74.

**FY2018 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in base OPEB rates for medical and prescriptions

Annually, a recalibration of the underlying healthcare costs is preformed using healthcare cost experience from the GIC and developing new per person annual costs under the different health plan options. The expectation is that the new rates will be equal to the prior year rates plus one year of healthcare trend (medical inflation).

Change in trend of future costs

The healthcare trend rate decreased from 8.5% in FY2017 to 8.0% in FY2018, which impacts the high cost excise tax.

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**Notes to Required Supplementary Information - OPEB  
June 30, 2020**

Change in mortality

The following mortality assumption changes were made in the January 1, 2018 Actuarial Valuation:

- Disabled members – would reflect the same assumptions as for superannuation retirees, but with an age set forward of one year.

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was increased to 3.92% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.87%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74.

**FY2017 Changes in Actuarial Assumptions**

Changes of assumptions:

Change in discount rate

The discount rate was increased to 3.63% (based on a blend of the Bond Buyer Index rate (3.58%) as of the measurement date and the expected rate of return on assets) as required by GASB Statement No. 74. The June 30, 2016 discount rate was calculated to be 2.88%.

**Note 2 - Other information**

This schedule is intended to present 10 years of data. Additional years will be presented when available.

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**Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Activity**  
**June 30, 2020**

The University's Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund non-classified Statements of Net Position at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Statements of Net Position

	<u>Residence Hall Fund</u>	<u>Residence Hall Damage Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments	\$ 532,742	\$ 252,300
Prepaid expenses	5,038	-
Accounts receivable, net	114,173	5,364
	<u>651,953</u>	<u>257,664</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		
	651,953	257,664
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	67,215	-
Deposits	371,150	-
Salaries payable	95,981	-
Compensated absences	120,588	-
Deferred rental income	1,750	-
	<u>656,684</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		
	656,684	-
<b>Net position</b>	<u>\$ (4,731)</u>	<u>\$ 257,664</u>

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**Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Activity**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

The University's Residence Hall Fund and Residence Hall Damage Fund Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (presented in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Expenditure Classification plan) for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Residence Hall Fund	Residence Hall Damage Fund
<b>Revenues</b>		
Student fees	\$ 7,276,234	\$ -
Interest	36,204	5,230
Investment income	17,997	2,600
Commissions	32,516	-
Rentals	57,809	-
Room damage assessments	-	490
Miscellaneous	21,741	-
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7,442,501</b>	<b>8,320</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Regular employee compensation	1,210,432	-
Regular employee related expenses	7,041	-
Special employee/contract services	158,131	-
Pension and insurance	466,193	-
Facility operating supplies and related expenses	65,169	-
Administrative expenses	7,029	-
Energy and space rental	968,414	-
Operational services	11,242	-
Equipment purchases	16,665	-
Equipment lease - purchase, lease, rent, repair	10,610	-
Purchased client services and programs	1,836	-
Construction and improvements	484,940	-
Benefit program	75,196	-
Loans and special payments	7,755,748	-
Other - bad debt expense (recovery)	34,936	2,739
Information technology expenses	42,630	-
Miscellaneous	99	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>11,316,311</b>	<b>2,739</b>
<b>Transfers (in)/out</b>		
Covid-19 - Grant INCOME- HEERF	(1,955,462)	-
Covid-19 -Refund - OTHR	(2,820)	-
Interdepartmental rental expense	16,809	-
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>(1,941,473)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total expenses and transfers</b>	<b>9,374,838</b>	<b>2,739</b>
Increase (decrease) in net position	(1,932,337)	5,581
Net position - beginning of year	1,927,606	252,083
<b>Net position - end of year</b>	<b>\$ (4,731)</b>	<b>\$ 257,664</b>

The above Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position do not include an allocation of the current year charge for workers' compensation as estimated by the Commonwealth's actuarial review. It is not practical to allocate any such amount to any specific trust fund.

**Supplementary Information and Reports  
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information  
Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fitchburg State University's basic financial statements, and our report thereon dated December 21, 2020, which included an emphasis of matter paragraph as indicated on page 3, expressed unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the 2020 financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"), and is not a required part of the 2020 financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2020 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements or to the 2020 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2020 financial statements as a whole.

Boston, Massachusetts  
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**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Federal Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Passed through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
<u>Student Financial Assistance Cluster</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007	\$ -	\$ 245,710
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033	-	205,164
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	-	1,106,069
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	-	6,640,115
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	-	26,322,625
Total U.S. Department of Education		-	34,519,683
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Nursing Student Loans	93.364	-	248,302
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		-	248,302
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster		-	34,767,985
<u>TRIO Cluster</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
TRIO - Student Support Services	84.042A	-	293,567
TRIO - Upward Bound	84.047A	-	376,335
TRIO - Upward Bound Math and Science	84.047M	-	301,653
Total U.S. Department of Education		-	971,555
Total TRIO Cluster		-	971,555
<u>COVID-19 CARES Act - HEERF</u>			
U.S. Department of Education			
COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Student Aid Portion	84.425E	-	1,945,800
COVID-19 Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Institutional Portion	84.425F	-	1,955,462
Total U.S. Department of Education		-	3,901,262
Total COVID-19 CARES Act - HEERF		-	3,901,262
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Education		-	39,392,500
Total Expenditures - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		-	248,302
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards		\$ -	\$ 39,640,802

See Independent Auditor's Report on Supplementary Information Required by the Uniform Guidance on Page 105 and Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.



**Fitchburg State University**  
**(a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**June 30, 2020**

**Note 1 - Basis of presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards ("SEFA" or "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Fitchburg State University (the "University"), under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the University, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the University.

**Note 2 - Summary of significant accounting policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Fitchburg State University has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Note 3 - Matching costs**

Matching costs, i.e., the nonfederal share of certain program costs, are not included in the accompanying Schedule.

**Note 4 - Relationship to federal financial reports**

The regulations and guidelines governing the preparation of federal financial reports vary by federal agency and among programs administered by the same agency. Accordingly, the amounts reported in the federal financial reports do not necessarily agree with the amounts reported in the accompanying Schedule.

**Note 5 - Federal Direct Student Loans ("FDL")**

The Schedule includes FDL ("CFDA 84.268") which are made directly by the U.S. Department of Education to individual students.

**Note 6 - Federal Perkins Loan Program**

The Federal Perkins Loan Program ("CFDA 84.038") is administered by Fitchburg State University. Fiscal year 2020 activity included loan funds disbursed of \$0. The outstanding liability to the federal government under this loan program at June 30, 2020 totaled \$1,106,069.

**Note 7 - Nursing Student Loans**

The Nursing Student Loan Program ("CFDA 93.364") is administered by Fitchburg State University. Fiscal year 2020 activity included loan funds disbursed of \$0. The outstanding liability to the federal government under this loan program at June 30, 2020 totaled \$248,302.

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and  
on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Fitchburg State University (the "University") (a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2020, which included an emphasis of matter paragraph as indicated on page 3.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as basis for designing 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Boston, Massachusetts  
December 21, 2020

PRELIMINARY DRAFT -  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program  
and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees  
Fitchburg State University

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Fitchburg State University's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Fitchburg State University's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Fitchburg State University's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

*Management's Responsibility*

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

*Auditor's Responsibility*

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

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

*Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

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

## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Boston, Massachusetts

**REPORT DATE**

**Fitchburg State University  
(a department of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts)**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting

- Material weakness(es) identified?       yes       no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       yes       none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?       yes       no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified?       yes       no
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified?       yes       none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?       yes       no

Identification of major federal programs:

Agency	Title	CFDA #
<u>Student Financial Assistance Cluster:</u>		
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Work-Study Program	84.033
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063
U.S. Department of Education	Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Nursing Student Loans	93.364
<u>HEERF Education Stabilization Fund under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act</u>		
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Student Aid Portion	84.425E
U.S. Department of Education	COVID-19 - Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Institutional Portion	84.425F

**Fitchburg State University**  
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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Dollar threshold used to distinguish  
between type A and B programs

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

yes  no

**Section II - Findings - Audit of Financial Statements**

None reported.

**Section III - Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Programs Audit**

None reported.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT -  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# Cover Sheet

## FY2021 Audit - VOTE (10-21/22)

<b>Section:</b>	II. Finance and Administration
<b>Item:</b>	B. FY2021 Audit - VOTE (10-21/22)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Vote
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	VOTE FY2021 Audit 11-9-21.pdf



**Fitchburg State University  
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>TO: Board of Trustees</b>	<b>DATE:</b> November 9, 2021
<b>FROM: The President</b>	<b>REQUEST NUMBER:</b>  10/21-22
<b>SUBJECT: FY2021 Audit</b>	

It is requested that the Board of Trustees accept the FY2021 audit as recommended by the Finance Committee.

## Cover Sheet

The current dashboard will be discussed.

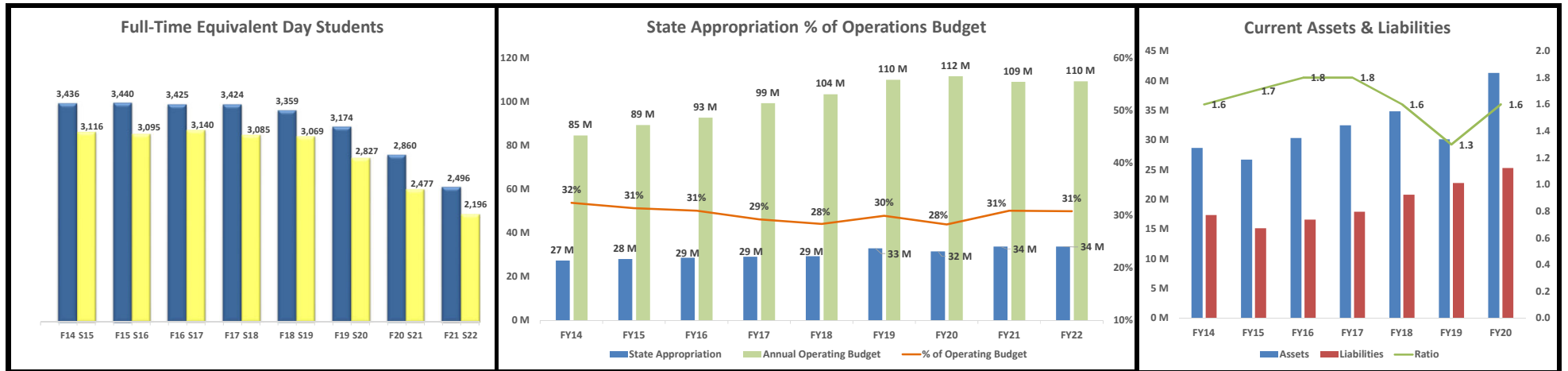
<b>Section:</b>	III. Dashboard
<b>Item:</b>	A. The current dashboard will be discussed.
<b>Purpose:</b>	FYI
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	FY22-Master Data Sheet-Dashboard-BoT 11 2.pdf

### Board of Trustees Finance Dashboard

Semester	Fiscal Year	Full Time Equivalent Day Students	Full Time Faculty	Full Time Staff	Day Student/ Faculty Ratio	Student/ Staff Ratio	Cost Annual Day Student (In-State)	Average Annual Aid for Day Commuter Student	Average Annual Net Price for Day Commuter Student Receiving Aid	Cost Annual Student Boarding	Budgeted Excess Cost per Student (unfunded component funded with reserves)	State Appropriation	Annual Operating Budget	State Appropriation % of Operating Budget	Current Ratio	Composite Financial Index	Balance of Unrestricted Cash & Investments	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	Ratio
Fall 14	FY15	3,436	183	332	15 to 1	10 to 1	\$ 9,260	\$ 4,111	\$ 5,149	\$ 9,020	\$ 892	28.1 M	89.4 M	31.4%	1.6:1	1.6	19.1 M	28.7 M	17.4 M	1.6
Fall 15	FY16	3,440	189	340	14 to 1	10 to 1	\$ 9,934	\$ 4,138	\$ 5,797	\$ 9,210	\$ 739	28.7 M	92.8 M	30.9%	1.8:1	1.8	19.0 M	26.7 M	15.2 M	1.7
Fall 16	FY17	3,425	204	311	14 to 1	11 to 1	\$ 10,135	\$ 4,494	\$ 5,641	\$ 10,260	\$ 830	29.1 M	99.4 M	29.3%	1.8:1	1.7	21.5 M	30.3 M	16.6 M	1.8
Fall 17	FY18	3,424	203	309	14 to 1	11 to 1	\$ 10,175	\$ 4,549	\$ 5,626	\$ 10,632	\$ 457	29.4 M	103.5 M	28.4%	1.8:1	1.9	23.5 M	32.5 M	18.0 M	1.8
Fall 18	FY19	3,359	200	336	14 to 1	10 to 1	\$ 10,405	\$ 4,892	\$ 5,483	\$ 10,922	\$ 494	33.0 M	110.2 M	29.9%	1.7:1	1.8	24.7 M	34.9 M	20.8 M	1.6
Fall 19	FY20	3,174	206	346	13 to 1	9 to 1	\$ 10,555	\$ 5,009	\$ 5,336	\$ 11,293	\$ 798	31.6 M	111.8 M	28.3%	1.3:1	0.9	20.1 M	30.1 M	22.8 M	1.3
Fall 20	FY21	2,860	200	341	14 to 1	8 to 1	\$ 10,565	\$ 5,244	\$ 5,154	\$ 11,062	\$ 1,045	33.8 M	109.3 M	30.9%	1.6:1	3.3	21.4 M	41.3 M	25.3 M	1.6
Fall 21	FY22	2,496	200	342	13 to 1	7 to 1	\$ 10,673	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 11,572	\$ 1,245	33.8 M	109.5 M	30.8%						

**Legend:**  
 Column 3: Institutional Research & Planning; All Fall Day-School Students FTE (\*Spring 22 data internal calculation)  
 Column 4/5: Provided by Human Resources/Payroll (FTE)  
 Column 6: Common Data Set, Instructional Faculty  
 Column 9/10: Provided by Financial Aid - internal calculation based on aid applications and "free money" awards  
 Column 12: Actual Net Loss and Budgeted (FY22) / FTE

**Legend:**  
 Column 13: 7100-0100 State Appropriation  
 Column 14: Cash Operating Actuals and Budgeted  
 Column 16/17: Fitchburg State Financial Statement; The ratio is calculated by dividing the change in total net assets for the period by the beginning net assets for the period.  
 Column 18: Fitchburg State Financial Statement, Notes to Financial Statement - Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments



## Cover Sheet

### Act on President's recommendation for faculty sabbatical requests - VOTE (11-21/22)

**Section:** IV. Sabbatical Requests  
**Item:** A. Act on President's recommendation for faculty sabbatical requests - VOTE (11-21/22)  
**Purpose:** Vote  
**Submitted by:**  
**Related Material:** Memo to Board sabbatical recommendations 22-23.pdf  
Sabbatical Write ups .pdf  
VOTE Sabbaticals 2021.pdf



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**Richard S. Lapidus, Ph.D.**

PRESIDENT

**MEMO**

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Richard S. Lapidus, President

RE: Sabbatical Leave Requests AY2022-2023

DATE: November 9, 2021

In accordance with the agreement between the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Association, I am recommending approval of sabbatical leaves for the 2022-2023 academic year. Such leaves are granted on the basis of academic quality of the proposal, as well as other criteria. Prior to my review requests were initially reviewed by department chairs and Dr. Cathy Canney, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**Fall Semester 2022 —09/01/22-01/11/23**

Christine Shane

Margaret Hoey

Robert Harris

Charles Roberts

Jeffrey Warmouth

Teresa Thomas

Denise Sargent

Diego Ubiera

Deborah Stone

Behavioral Sciences

Biology/Chemistry

Communications Media

Communications Media

Communications Media

Economics, History, and Political Science

Education

English Studies

Nursing

**Spring Semester 2023—01/12/23-05/31/23**

Dennis Awasabisah

Renee Scapparone

Britton Snyder

Natasha Kurtonina

Ozge Ozay

Aruna Krishnamurthy

Frank Mabee

Katharine Covino-Poutasse (*pre-approved deferral*)

Lindsay Parisi

Petri Flint

Connie Strittmatter

Deborah Benes

Michael Hove (*pre-approved deferral*)

Lena Ficco

Daneen Deptula

Biology/Chemistry

Business Administration

Communications Media

Computer Science

Economics, History, and Political Science

English Studies

English Studies

English Studies

Exercise and Sports Science

Humanities

Library

Nursing

Psychological Science

Psychological Science

Psychological Science

**Full Year—09/01/22-05/31/23**Adem Elveren (*pre-approved deferral*)

Economics, History, and Political Science

Please find a brief description of each proposal below:

## **Fall 2022**

### **Christine Shane**

### **Behavioral Sciences**

In 2004, Dr. Shane was asked by Drs. Harris and Maloney to write a chapter on the ADA for undergraduate human service students enrolled in state and community colleges. The chapter appeared as "Americans with Disabilities: Advocacy, Law and Human Services." in Harris, H., and Maloney D., Eds. Human Services: Contemporary Issues and Trends, 3rd Edition, Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2004. This chapter continues to be part of the curricula for HMSV 1100, Introduction to Human Services and HMSV 3300, Building Community Supports for Persons with Disabilities. Congress passed the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 to overturn two Supreme Court decisions that limit the application of the ADA definitions and narrowed the definition of disability, therefore, diminished the rights of individuals with disabilities. The Amendment Act expanded the definition of disability to include additional chronic illnesses, physical, and mental disabilities. During Dr. Shane's sabbatical, she will expand and update the chapter to include: •An update on the historical overview of societal treatment of disabilities with focus on returning veterans of the Afghan and Iraqi wars. •To expand and refine the medical and social technologies associated with disability and rehabilitation. •To trace the social and legal events that led to the ADA Amendment Act of 2008 •To provide additional case law and social policy implications regarding the ADA and Amendment Act as they continue to evolve.

### **Margaret Hoey**

### **Biology/Chemistry**

The primary goal of Dr. Hoey's sabbatical will be the course redesign Decoding Your Genome (formerly Human Genetics). The intent is to update content, develop an online version of the course, and embed General Education learning outcomes and assessments throughout the course. Overall, the redesign will clarify and modify course learning outcomes, map course content directly to outcomes and assessments, and develop General Education assessment components that may be used by the campus for assessment of the Gen Ed curriculum. A secondary goal of the sabbatical is to continue with her scholarly activity by working on the DNase II project. Dr. Hoey will rejoin the DNase II research group (Drs. Ron Krieser and Lisa Grimm) as an active participant in the project. This research group is focused on the functional evolution of the deoxyribonuclease II (DNase II) gene family. The long-term goal of the DNase II project is to determine the functional evolution of the DNase II gene family throughout the vertebrates in order to contribute to our understanding of the connection between changes at the DNA level and their impact on the evolution of phenotype. In particular, the exploration of the impact of gene loss on phenotype.

### **Robert Harris**

### **Communications Media**

Dr. Harris's primary focus of his sabbatical involves a filmmaking project he undertook in 1983, documenting the nascent New York City Hip Hop culture of graffiti artists, rappers, and dancers. Two films were produced, but never satisfactorily recognized nor distributed. Now, with the collaboration of his colleague from FSU's History Dept., Dr. Katherine Jewell, and a colleague from U-Mass Boston, Dr. Pacey Foster, he plans to place all the original video materials, along with the finished works, into one or more archives dedicated to the study of Hip Hop Culture. In addition to preparing the archive and study programs to accompany the materials, and negotiating with such archives as the Cornell (University) Hip-Hop Collection, and the Universal Hip Hop Museum (Bronx, NY), Dr. Harris will be seeking a distributor for the films, editing new short films from the newly digitized original materials, and seeking to film contemporary interviews with some of the original participants. Project 2 will be to produce a posthumous edit of his longtime friend and collaborator Shigeko Kubota's multi-chaptered Video Diaries. This project, the planning and execution of which has been postponed by Covid19, involves 4 ½ hours of video that he shot in 1975 with Shigeko while she was hospitalized. Ms. Kubota died in 2015. Her "Broken Diary" project is complete but for the Hospital chapter. Dr. Harris is working with the Shigeko Kubota Video Art Foundation, who have commissioned him to complete this work.

**Charles Roberts****Communications Media**

Dr. Roberts' sabbatical will focus on Film Restoration, Archiving and Distribution Production Work of the City of Fitchburg. The film reels are unique "day in the life" film documents from November of 1941, just on the eve of America's entry into WWII. These films were shot and spliced together during the week of Armistice Day, and as such feature military parades, as well as a tour of the city's leadership, "ordinary" people, schools, and the public and private infrastructure of a small manufacturing city anticipating war. Finishing the restoration will involve months of meticulous restoration work, given the original film source. The film was shot on reversal film and some of the film is deeply over- or under-exposed, requiring creative grading solutions to dig detail out of thin frames of film. The edit contains original splicing that is over 80 years old as of this December, and it is in relatively rough shape in places given the cavalier handling during its original screening run in local theaters and the unknown nature of its storage during the ensuing decades prior to re-discovery and return to the light of day. Dr. Roberts will work with the Fitchburg Historical Society, the Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library, and other partners to develop a permanent storage and server solution to make sure that the footage remains available and relevant to anyone wishing to access it. He will also be spending a portion of the sabbatical doing Previsualization and Initial Production work for a short single-channel video art production featuring some of the content, exploring the narrative relationship between location, architecture, time, and a sense of continuity and "place."

**Jeff Warmouth****Communications Media**

Dr. Warmouth's sabbatical has two primary goals: Boston Sculptors Gallery and a second solo exhibition at Boston Sculptors Gallery scheduled for Oct-Nov 2022. He plans to spend the first part of his Fall 2022 Sabbatical, beginning July 2022, completing artwork and preparations for the exhibition. Dr. Warmouth will spend the later part of his sabbatical leveling up with Unreal Engine to explore Programming for Unreal Engine and incorporate into the Game Programming course, or another new course; Virtual Production. This work will be valuable to Game Design as well as the Film Video concentration in Communications Media. MetaHuman Creator--this is Unreal Engine's system for creating virtual humans that developers can animate and place into virtual worlds.

**Teresa Thomas****Economics, History, and Political Science**

Dr. Thomas's sabbatical will accomplish two goals: First, to finish preparation of her book manuscript, *The Flight of the Nile Mosaic: The Impact of Strategic Bombing on Palestrina and Rome Italy in the Second World War*. This would be defined as completion of the final three chapters and conclusion, along with revision of the first half into a publishable manuscript. Second, to research the Hamilton Woolen Mill Strike of 1934 in Southbridge, Massachusetts and prepare a conference paper with plans to present to the New England Historical Association or other academic conference. Thus, the primary goal for the sabbatical is to complete the *Flight of the Nile Mosaic* manuscript suitable for submission for consideration by a publisher. The secondary goal is to complete a paper on the Hamilton Woolen Mill Strike to submit as a conference presentation, and eventually, for possible publication. Dr. Thomas's sabbatical should result in the further development of materials with direct application to classroom teaching and should appeal to a variety of students.

**Denise Sargent****Education**

During Dr. Sargent's sabbatical, she will revisit the research project started before assuming the Chair of Education role in 2018. This qualitative research project consisted of interviewing, observing, and analyzing documents from four teacher candidates in their practicum. Preliminary findings of this research indicated that the supervising practitioner, who is the teacher of the classroom where they have been placed, has a very strong influence not only on the candidates' pedagogy but on their behavior through language, speech, and interactions with students. Teacher candidate learning "at its best is not merely about the acquisition of knowledge and skills, but the formation and mediation of teacher professional identity." (Mockler, 2013 p. 42) As a teacher educator, understanding the role and impact of the supervising practitioner as a key element in the formation of teacher identity is vital in developing effective teachers. This project will include reconnecting with the four participants of her original study. Dr. Sargent will interview them and examine

where they are presently as well as re-evaluate their teacher identity and the factors that shaped their pedagogy, beliefs, and identity formation. Secondly, she will review the literature and write up the results of this work and submit this work for publication and a presentation at New England Education Research Organization's (NEERO) annual conference in April 2023.

### **Diego Ubiera**

### **English Studies**

Dr. Ubiera will work on his full-length manuscript during sabbatical. The working title of the manuscript is *Contrapunteo Dominicano: An Intellectual History of the Counter-Plantation in Nineteenth-Century Hispaniola*. His work examines the relationship between race, slavery, and nationhood in the nineteenth-century Atlantic through the writings of the Dominican nineteenth-century intellectual, Pedro F. Bonó (1828-1906). His manuscript marks this gap in the field and uncovers the significance of an understudied intellectual for re-examining key questions in nineteenth-century Atlantic World historiography. This work will trace a nineteenth-century tradition of "counterhegemonic liberals" - to use Florencia Mallon's term - in nineteenth-century Dominican and Haitian discourse. Dr. Ubiera will complete chapter drafts in order to submit it to publishers for review and has been in contact with Rutgers University Press as a potential publisher.

### **Deborah Stone**

### **Nursing**

The Chief Quality & Compliance Officer of Community Health Connections, Inc., Lisa Ellis, has asked for assistance in developing educational programs to identify, treat, and refer victims of human trafficking. She has identified the need for several educational programs targeting clinical staff, non-clinical staff, and the community at large. Community Health Connections (CHC) provides a wide variety of health services to diverse populations including our own students at Fitchburg State University. Dr. Stone will address another important community service, which includes those provided to the homeless population. By developing educational programs about Human Trafficking, we can help staff (clinical and non-clinical) to identify potential victims and provide resources and referrals as needed to stop or break the cycle of abuse. This project aligns well with the university's mission to foster lifelong learning and civic and global responsibility. The CHC is a valuable resource to our community providing many specialty services to a diverse community who may not otherwise have access to healthcare at all. Objectives: **1.** Develop an educational program for various levels of staff (provider/clinical persons, front desk, billing, and facilities personnel, and the community at large) **2.** Identify the resources available in North Central Massachusetts for victims of Human Trafficking.

## **SPRING 2023**

### **Dennis Awasabisah**

### **Biology/Chemistry**

Dr. Awasabisah has supervised several students in various independent study and introductory research studies. In particular, he and his students have worked on his "Synthetic heme-moodel complexes" project, which is geared at determining the role of heme in the development of malaria. They also studied the role heme plays in activating quinoline-based antimalarial drugs activity through several synthetic procedures. During his sabbatical, Dr. Awasabisah plans to repeat some of the experiments the students conducted during their previous studies, re-collect the data, and check for reproducibility. The objective is to obtain high-quality data and eventually publish the work in a chemistry journal. He will use his sabbatical to generate new research data, organize the data, and determine their validity. In addition, he will strengthen his research collaboration with Dr. Douglas Powell at the University of Oklahoma who does X-ray crystal structure analyses for his research. He plans to generate some crystal samples during the study, which will be shipped to Dr. Powell for analysis. In addition, he plans to design new experimental procedures for this project and extend the study to artemisinin-based antimalarials. The goal is to make the research more attractive to students. This will eventually help in Fitchburg State's retention efforts since faculty-student research collaboration fosters a sense of belongingness among students, and helps in overall student retention.



**Renee Scapparone****Business Administration**

Dr. Scapparone's sabbatical will continue her research in identifying barriers that women entrepreneurs continue to face and how they are able to overcome such challenges. For the purpose of this proposed program of study and research, she will seek how the phenomenon of successful women entrepreneurs has changed in recent years and whether or not the barriers and challenges remain the same today. The objective of the research is to develop a course for women entrepreneurs as part of the department's newly-added Entrepreneurship concentration.

**Britton Snyder****Communications Media**

During Dr. Snyder's sabbatical, he plans to create an independent game project as well as further his scholarship in oil painting. The value to the university for these projects is that they would allow him to publish and interact with the professional game development community. The value of the oil painting practice to the university is that he gains recognition and interest enough to help maintain and grow networks in the commercial game industry. The skill cross-over that exists between game development art and fine art has been the cornerstone of Dr. Snyder's scholarship and the source of the great majority of his professional contact.

- He will complete an independent game with potential for future publication.
- Develop new connections in the game industry through collaboration on this project or other projects.
- Continue to expand his oil painting practice either through the galleries he works with and/or possible new representation with shows and publication featuring his work.

**Natasha Kurtonina****Computer Science**

Dr. Kurtonina's sabbatical research interests lie in two areas: 1. Logical Models for Quantum Machine Learning. This is a research project that presupposes updating teaching materials for several CS classes. 2. Incorporating Computer Science History in Programming and Theory of Computation classes. She will write tutorials on the history of computational ideas for several CS classes. The project lies within the scope of Epistemic Logic, and the research focuses on logical models of knowledge and computational information processing in Quantum Machine Learning with special attention to semantic and complexity analysis. In particular, she will study how different models of logic inference in Quantum Machine Learning can be represented in Epistemic Logic. Results will be presented in Logic journal papers and international conferences. The Second Project is Incorporating Computer Science History in Programming and Theory of Computation classes. Creating teaching materials on the history of the computational ideas discussed in CS classes. She will write corresponding tutorials for the following classes: •Programming Languages •Systems Programming •Design and Analysis of Algorithms and •Theory of Computation. At the completion of her sabbatical objectives, Dr. Kurtonina will obtain better knowledge of most recent developments in Machine Learning, Quantum Computing, Quantum Machine Learning, Modern Algorithms and Game Theory; and complete research projects that will be documented and published.

**Ozge Ozay****Economics, History, and Political Science**

Dr. Ozay has been working on research projects focusing on the impacts of the U.S. macroeconomic trends on existing structural inequities within the U.S. labor market. In her sabbatical project, she will continue this trend by exploring the consequences of structural changes in the U.S. economy on the employment and wages of women. There have only been a few studies connecting the diffusion of brawn-saving technologies and women's comparative advantage in tasks that are more intensive in communication and interpersonal skills to the rise of women's employment in service industries. To close this gap in the literature, she will first need to construct a panel data for 60 industries in the U.S. for the period 1990-2019. The dataset will include the technology indicators such as investment in different capital types such as software, information, communication technology, and R&D, as well as individual characteristics of workers in these industries. This would mean matching datasets that use different definitions of economic variables from the Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Aruna Krishnamurthy****English Studies**

Dr. Krishnamurthy plans to complete her ongoing project of examining the vernacular novel in twentieth-century India. Her study looks at the early-to-mid-20th century vernacular novel as a confluence of at least three influences: the novel/prose genre, working within the vernacular idiom to articulate radical/progressive and/or nationalist ideologies. The project will be of interest to the following constituencies: 1. Modernist studies 2. World literature/South Asian studies 3. Studies of the novel 4. Studies of radical/progressive literature. The Anthem Press has asked Dr. Krishnamurthy to submit a book proposal to them ASAP based on her project description she plans to submit in Spring 22. The project will also help her develop her teaching of South Asian Literature, World Novel and World Literature courses that she offers currently at FSU at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. An in-depth examination of a parallel tradition of the well-established genre of the novel, and expanding the scope and content of world literature, will serve English majors and other students across campus and enhance the teaching of multicultural perspectives.

**Frank Mabee****English Studies**

During Dr. Mabee's sabbatical leave, he will continue research and begin a writing project that includes an annotated bibliography, a literature review, and a publishable article or book chapter on the intersections between literature and game studies. He will develop a new course for the Literature track in English Studies that expands the curriculum to include the study of games. This new course would examine how novels and games may work from the same intellectual property and tell the same stories, but in different ways because of their medium. This Game Narrative Design course could boost enrollments for English Studies and possibly attract Games Design students to minor in English. Many game design students have already expressed interest in (and taken) his literature and writing courses. A course that specifically focuses on game design would continue to forge strong and meaningful connections between the humanities and the professional programs.

**Katherine Covino-Poutasse****English Studies**

Pre-approved deferral from Spring 2022

**Lindsay Parisi****Exercise and Sports Science**

During Dr. Parisi's sabbatical, she will work on completing a study on a 10-week rotator cuff strengthening program's impact on shooting accuracy in police officers. It is important that officers perform at their highest level when shooting, and rotator cuff strength may play a role in that performance; however, there is limited research in that area. The purpose of this study is to examine the effect of a 10-week rotator cuff strengthening program on shooting accuracy. Through this research project, they will identify whether or not police departments and other law enforcement personnel should update their fitness programming and requirements in order to improve the shooting performance of their officers. Officers hitting their intended target will increase the safety of themselves, and those around them. The results of this research may be applicable to individuals serving in the armed forces as well. This research is being conducted with another EXSS faculty member and members of the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) of Massachusetts. Dr. Parisi will also commence data collection on her project to determine which factors most closely predict performance in a simulated fireground task. This research is important because it will help them fill in the gaps of previous researchers and provide evidence for firefighters about whether performance on the fireground is determined by experience to a greater, equal, or lesser extent than physical fitness. Presentations will be prepared for fire departments in one of the following topic areas: General Nutrition, Nutrition for Firefighters/How to Cook Healthy Meals While on the Job, Physical Fitness: Where We Have Been and Where We are Going, Fitness Programs with Limited Equipment.

**Petri Flint****Humanities**

Mr. Flint's primary professional goal for this sabbatical is to continue developing a body of artwork related to his long-held interest in large-scale landscape painting that walks a line between representation and abstraction. While these more immersive, large-scale pieces are central to his artistic practice, he also plans

to make a related series of smaller and mid-sized works, because there are fewer exhibition opportunities and appropriate spaces for the large works, and his objective is to emerge from the sabbatical with a flexible body of work that could be exhibited in a range of contexts, in solo shows as well as group exhibitions. The experience of having to move some of his teaching materials in drawing and painting to online formats during the Covid year of 2020-21 led Mr. Flint to create some quick video demonstrations on the fly so that students could get introduced to artistic techniques and principles outside of a classroom context. He plans to update some of the individual demos with more polished videos, and to expand on the series of videos to encompass more topics and techniques.

### **Connie Strittmatter**

### **Library**

Ms. Strittmatter's sabbatical project goals are: **1.** to develop knowledge and skills In Digital Humanities and Scholarship. **a.** Knowledge: Increase her understanding of Digital Humanities and its intersectionality between the Library, Humanities, and Technology **b.** Skills: Develop expertise in several DH software related to text analysis, mapping, and visualization **2.** To survey mid-size state university libraries about their Digital Humanities Initiatives. At the end of her sabbatical she is expected to have produced the following: **Goal 1:** To develop knowledge and skills in Digital Humanities and Scholarship: •Digital Humanities guide outlining openly available software for text analysis, visualization, mapping, as well as resources discussing digital humanities. •Tutorials demonstrating how to use a specific software for text analysis, visualization, and mapping (software will be open source [free to users] so that it supports the Board of Higher Education equity agenda. Preference will be given to software that is used within the Digital Media Innovation major). •Development of a training program for library staff who want to do work within the Digital Humanities •Outline and plan for her own digital humanities project. **Goal 2:** To survey mid-size state university libraries about their Digital Humanities Initiatives--near final draft of an article about mid-size state academic libraries participation in Digital Humanities work.

### **Deborah Benes**

### **Nursing**

During Dr. Benes's sabbatical, she will develop study abroad opportunities for nursing students providing them the opportunity to develop a holistic picture of clients they may care for in a variety of settings including wellness, disease prevention, chronic disease management, hospice palliative care, and restorative care. Due to the rigidity of the nursing curriculum, the ability for nursing students to go abroad is currently limited to 1-2 week faculty-led opportunities without falling an academic year behind in course work. One goal of this sabbatical will be to work on a redesign of the new curriculum to include either a summer or semester abroad opportunity. Costa Rica provides nursing students with an excellent opportunity to learn about a healthcare delivery system that focuses on wellness and disease prevention from a community-based perspective. Course work that focuses on nutrition, alternative therapies, language, and culture will enhance their approach to care they provide for their clients. The second goal is to attend The Turrialba Nursing Spanish Program. This is a 4-week, 20-hr/week program with the goal to develop or improve a nurse's Spanish language abilities in the workplace. <https://www.isls.com/schools/nursing.php>. Learning Medical Spanish will help Dr. Benes to achieve two outcomes. First, as a community researcher, the ability to speak Spanish will greatly enhance her ability to conduct research in Spanish-speaking communities. Second, it will be beneficial for students to have a bilingual faculty member in the department of nursing and during study abroad opportunities.

### **Michael Hove**

### **Psychological Science**

Pre-approved deferral from Spring 2022

### **Lena Ficco**

### **Psychological Science**

Dr. Ficco's primary goal for sabbatical leave is to revise and resubmit for publication a manuscript from her dissertation studies, completed in 2015, which explored hormonal contraceptive effects on learning and memory. Specific revisions include: updating the Introduction and discussion with mention of any relevant publications released after 2015; incorporating the new data analyses into the results and discussion sections; reworking the tone of the manuscript for a researcher-centered audience; and reformatted to the

new-intended journal's style requirements. Ethinyl estradiol, a common exogenous hormone in hormonal contraceptives, has the potential to enhance estrogen-sensitive spatial learning, such as navigation abilities under certain conditions (Mordecal, Rubin, & Maki, 2008; Zurkovsky, Serio, & Korol, 2011); however, contraceptive ethinyl estradiol is always combined with a progestin and findings from nonhuman animal research suggest this combination is detrimental to cognitive functioning (Baudry et al., 2013; Korol, 2004). As such, the cognitive effects and safety of hormonal contraceptive medications remain insufficiently tested and documented. Dr. Ficco's findings indicate a potentially protective cognitive effect of specific hormonal contraceptives; however, these are preliminary findings that need to be replicated. Publication of her findings could potentially facilitate and expedite related research projects in a small, but growing community of scholars invested in researching topics relevant to the well-being of femalized individuals who, historically, have been systematically excluded from medical and basic research, and whose health has suffered as a result of this exclusion.

**Daneen Deptula**

**Psychological Science**

During Dr. Deptula's sabbatical, she plans to further her research in the area of cyber victimization bystander intentions. Specifically, what are the factors that may increase one's likelihood to intervene in a positive way when other people are being bullied online? The sabbatical project will consist of compiling an updated literature review, analyzing the data, and preparing the research for dissemination. As part of the sabbatical plan, she will devote some time to strengthening/refreshing her statistical skills by completing at least one online course: Mixture Modeling and Latent Class Analysis; Multilevel Modeling; Measuring Causal Effects in the Social Sciences. This research will help to drive and develop the next phase of her research program. Just as undergraduate students were involved in earlier stages in this project, Dr. Deptula anticipates that there would be opportunities for students to participate in this next phase as well. Preliminary analyses have suggested that gender may be an important variable in the assessment of "blame," in that female victims were more likely than male victims to be blamed in cyber victimization scenarios. However, this analysis was not based on a standardized gender-based scenario and would need further investigation. Undergraduate students enrolled in PSY 4810 could earn psychology major capstone credit by helping to rewrite the scenarios, evaluate survey questions, collect data, and enter data. This would provide students with applied hands-on research learning opportunities, which is directly applicable to their professional development (Strategic Plan Goal 1.2).

**FULL 2022/2023**

**Adem Elveren**

**Economics, History, and Political Science**

Pre-approved deferral from AY 2020/2021

Fitchburg State University  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

TO: <b>Board of Trustees</b>	DATE: November 9, 2021
FROM: The President	REQUEST NUMBER: 11-21/22
SUBJECT: Sabbatical Requests	

It is requested that the Board of Trustees of Fitchburg State University grant the following faculty sabbatical leaves for the academic year 2022-2023:

**Fall Semester 2022 —09/01/22-01/11/23**

Christine Shane  
Margaret Hoey  
Robert Harris  
Charles Roberts  
Jeffrey Warmouth  
Teresa Thomas  
Denise Sargent  
Diego Ubiera  
Deborah Stone

Behavioral Sciences  
Biology/Chemistry  
Communications Media  
Communications Media  
Communications Media  
Economics, History, and Political Science  
Education  
English Studies  
Nursing

**Spring Semester 2023—01/12/23-05/31/23**

Dennis Awasabisah  
Renee Scapparone  
Britton Snyder  
Natasha Kurtonina  
Ozge Ozay  
Aruna Krishnamurthy  
Frank Mabee  
Katharine Covino-Poutasse (*pre-approved deferral*)  
Lindsay Parisi  
Petri Flint  
Connie Strittmatter  
Deborah Benes  
Michael Hove (*pre-approved deferral*)  
Lena Ficco  
Daneen Deptula

Biology/Chemistry  
Business Administration  
Communications Media  
Computer Science  
Economics, History, and Political Science  
English Studies  
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English Studies  
Exercise and Sports Science  
Humanities  
Library  
Nursing  
Psychological Science  
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**Full Year—09/01/22-05/31/23**

Adem Elveren (*pre-approved deferral*)

Economics, History, and Political Science

# Cover Sheet

## Personnel Actions (N03-21-22)

**Section:** V. Notifications  
**Item:** A. Personnel Actions (N03-21-22)  
**Purpose:** FYI  
**Submitted by:**  
**Related Material:** BOT Notifications 11092021.pdf

**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**NOTIFICATIONS**

<b>TO:</b> Board of Trustees	<b>DATE:</b> November 9, 2021
<b>FROM:</b> The President	<b>NOTIFICATION NUMBER:</b> N03-21/22
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Personnel Actions	

**New Hire**

James Page, Ed.D. Effective: 1/13/22 End: 5/31/23	Assistant Professor Business Administration	\$70,000.00
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Vatsal Prakash, MS Effective: 11/1/21	Staff Assistant, Systems Analyst Technology	\$65,000.00
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Anthony Trodella, BS Effective: 11/15/21	Director of Admissions Admissions	\$105,000.00
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**Salary Adjustment**

Nicole Salerno Effective: 10/10/21	Staff Assistant International Education	From: \$48,450.00 To: \$49,950.00
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**Promotion**

Gretchen Mayhew Effective: 10/24/21	From: Associate Director To: Senior Associate Director Admissions	From: \$62,935.836 To: \$74,935.84
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# Cover Sheet

## Financial Statements (N04-21/22)

<b>Section:</b>	V. Notifications
<b>Item:</b>	B. Financial Statements (N04-21/22)
<b>Purpose:</b>	FYI
<b>Submitted by:</b>	
<b>Related Material:</b>	Financial Statement.pdf Notification Letterhead.pdf Statement of Net Assets.pdf



**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Student tuition and fees	\$ 24,646,374	\$ 25,048,043	\$ 25,267,258
Waivers and exemptions	(140,271)	(81,552)	-
<b>Net student tuition and fees</b>	<b>24,506,103</b>	<b>24,966,491</b>	<b>25,267,258</b>
Federal grants and contracts	1,434,891	436,710	541,281
State and local grants and contracts	428,758	89,266	351,590
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	37,665	34,059	176,114
Sales and services of educational departments	250,433	30,685	361,457
Auxiliary enterprises:			
Residential life (net of scholarship allowances)	4,549,526	4,449,372	5,681,765
Resident Life - Dining	1,648,731	1,551,059	2,302,643
Administrative overhead	56,242	23,073	20,198
Fundraising	965	1,283	30,471
Commissions	61,293	26,684	34,492
Miscellaneous	31,788	16,468	2,359
Nursing and Perkins	859	1,189	932
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>33,007,254</b>	<b>31,626,339</b>	<b>34,770,560</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
<b>Salaries:</b>			
Faculty	4,492,963	4,800,372	4,721,389
Exempt wages	842,349	939,195	956,410
Non-exempt wages	4,224,113	4,269,995	4,411,181
Benefits	3,626,703	3,749,064	3,517,750
<b>Other Operating Expenses:</b>			
Employee related travel	28,017	21,109	65,582
Administrative expense	955,504	767,516	661,205
Facility operational supplies	481,559	520,062	357,621
Utilities	690,974	583,633	432,156
Consultant services	765,927	312,275	325,719
Operational services	1,736,539	1,086,902	1,523,672
Equipment purchases	166,406	81,866	60,931
Equipment maintenance and repairs	107,195	41,316	98,014
Purchased client services-program	20,894	1,560	24,100
Construction and building improvement	97,693	208,574	265,356
Grants and Subsidies	20,400	-	17,500
Scholarships	527,568	252,649	538,667
Loans & special payments	14,627	8,629	120,791
IT expenditures	2,668,880	1,995,290	2,210,241
Depreciation	2,832,744	2,738,285	2,586,226
Bad debt	(9,969)	(17,554)	(5,518)
Auxiliary enterprises:			
Residential Life - Dining Hall	316,479	352,612	445,774
Residential life-Housing	612,321	490,593	4,224,727
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>25,219,886</b>	<b>23,203,943</b>	<b>27,559,494</b>
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>7,787,368</b>	<b>8,422,396</b>	<b>7,211,066</b>

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**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues(Expenses)</b>			
State appropriations	9,384,436	9,038,582	8,885,350
Investment income (net of investment expenses)	161,659	190,568	156,682
Unrealized gain/(loss)	(357,189)	580,897	(30,175)
Interest on capital debt	<u>(1,510,000)</u>	<u>(444,025)</u>	<u>(676,188)</u>
<b>Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<u>7,678,906</u>	<u>9,366,022</u>	<u>8,335,669</u>
<b>Income (loss) before Capital and Endowment Additions</b>	15,466,274	17,788,418	15,546,735
Capital appropriations	245,904	-	-
Capital grants and gifts	<u>63,229</u>	<u>63,120</u>	<u>63,229</u>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>	15,775,407	17,851,538	15,609,964
<b>Net Assets - beginning of period</b>	<u>119,954,872</u>	<u>143,027,118</u>	<u>141,335,278</u>
<b>Net Assets - end of period</b>	<u>\$ 135,730,279</u>	<u>\$ 160,878,656</u>	<u>\$ 156,945,242</u>

**Account Description**

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**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Board of Trustees**

**NOTIFICATIONS**

<b>TO:</b> Board of Trustees	<b>DATE:</b> November 9, 2021
<b>FROM:</b> The President	<b>NOTIFICATION NUMBER:</b> N04-21/22
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Financial Report	

**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS**  
**September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019**

**ASSETS**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 28,067,988	\$ 21,242,890	\$ 20,716,650
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted	10,076,902	8,775,034	6,263,148
Accounts receivable, net	24,029,254	20,475,476	22,848,643
Loans receivable, net-current portion	3,018	1,437	2,210
Prepaid expenses-current portion	<u>124,921</u>	<u>122,827</u>	<u>173,798</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>62,302,083</u>	<u>50,617,664</u>	<u>50,004,449</u>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	12,262,393	8,524,289	7,500,560
Investments	20,334,090	17,889,643	16,866,399
Endowment investments	1,062,113	928,824	898,714
Other assets	1,547	680	16,273
Loans receivable, net	1,002,348	1,216,402	1,433,440
Prepaid expenses	52,157	7,617	19,577
Capital assets, net	<u>183,403,273</u>	<u>180,239,776</u>	<u>181,805,348</u>
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<u>218,117,921</u>	<u>208,807,231</u>	<u>208,540,311</u>
 <b>Total Assets</b>	 280,420,004	 259,424,895	 258,544,760
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred outflows - Pensions	<u>13,188,133</u>	<u>8,276,468</u>	<u>8,886,437</u>
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 293,608,137</u>	<u>\$ 267,701,363</u>	<u>\$ 267,431,197</u>

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**FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS**  
**September 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019**

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,805,373	3,187,052	2,483,548
Accounts payable-construction	88,663	196,035	207,732
Salaries and benefits payable	1,369,233	1,451,178	861,106
Accrued workers compensation-current portion	131,181	104,231	128,796
Accrued faculty payroll	3,538,872	3,946,780	3,630,006
Compensated absences-current portion	3,226,735	3,627,143	3,225,080
Deferred revenue-current portion	3,373,260	3,148,365	3,219,177
Capital lease-current portion	133,501	130,000	125,000
Deposits-current portion	358,700	350,300	291,400
Other liabilities	1,625,037	1,181,906	1,339,412
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>17,650,555</u>	<u>17,322,990</u>	<u>15,511,257</u>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities</b>			
HEFA bond payable	951,716	1,300,000	2,001,094
MSCBA bonds payable	50,655,738	51,053,108	54,062,967
DCAMM payable	5,010,863	5,218,637	5,420,360
Accrued workers compensation	957,244	373,893	462,010
Compensated absences	2,062,995	2,223,088	2,061,936
Deferred revenue	10,686,461	4,051,327	704,081
Capital lease	-	131,412	393,156
Due to federal loan programs-Perkins	944,047	1,111,245	1,488,723
Due to federal loan programs-Nursing	175,928	248,183	388,018
Net OPEB Liability	25,852,605	24,061,207	21,928,435
Unfunded pension liability	20,091,153	12,763,415	12,484,412
<b>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</b>	<u>117,388,750</u>	<u>102,535,515</u>	<u>101,395,192</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>135,039,305</u>	<u>119,858,505</u>	<u>116,906,449</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred inflows - concessions	505,836	758,863	1,011,672
Deferred inflows - OPEB	6,269,569	6,233,735	6,838,918
Deferred inflows - pensions	779,813	1,171,344	855,293
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>7,555,218</u>	<u>8,163,942</u>	<u>8,705,883</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	129,391,116	124,880,620	122,528,568
<b>Restricted for:</b>			
Non-expendable			
Scholarships & fellowships	524,130	506,025	524,130
Expendable			
Scholarships & fellowships	475,671	415,103	464,415
Loans	168,697	198,248	262,385
Capital projects	1,048,812	717,348	1,038,713
Debt service	12,320,158	9,053,870	8,949,187
Other	158,440	99,661	116,624
Unrestricted	6,926,592	3,808,039	7,934,845
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>151,013,616</u>	<u>139,678,914</u>	<u>141,818,867</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 293,608,139</u>	<u>\$ 267,701,361</u>	<u>\$ 267,431,199</u>

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## FITCHBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

# Prof works to preserve college radio

## Picked by Library of Congress for task force

### Submitted Article

**FITCHBURG** » Fitchburg State University Professor Katherine Jewell has been selected by the Library of Congress to join

a digital humanities program tasked with preserving college and community radio recordings, according to an announcement from  
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the university.

Jewell, a member of the university's Economics, History and Political Science Department, was appointed co-chair of the College and Community Radio division of the Radio Preservation Task Force of the Library of Congress National Recording Preservation Board last year. Her new responsibilities will see her joining the curatorial team of its recently launched Sound Submissions program, through which community and private collectors will be encouraged to share digitized recordings and associated metadata for the permanent digital archive at the Library of Congress.

The history of college radio has been a research topic for several years for Jewell, who has two books



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on the topic in development. One of them confronts the richness of sources of radio history as well as their scarcity and endangered status.

"Many recordings of college and community radio reside in private collec-

tions, often on tapes stored in attics or basements," Jewell said. "This project looks beyond the research topic of my book and aims to preserve these sources for future researchers and ensure the diversity of the nation's archival holdings and cultural history."

Through the Sound Submissions program, collection holders preserve their digital files while retaining the original, physical media. Digital recordings are maintained by the Library's National Audio-Visual Con-

servation Center in Culpeper, Virginia, and library users can listen to recordings onsite at the NAVCC's Recorded Sound Research Center in Washington, D.C.

Sound Submissions addresses the crucial need for long-term digital preservation solutions for sound materials while expanding and diversifying the range of cultural and political representation in national collections. Through this initiative, the Radio Preservation Task Force and Library of Congress aim to promote preservation and public knowledge and appreciation of national audio heritage, ensuring recordings are successfully preserved and accessible to current and future generations.

"As an affiliated scholar with this program, Fitchburg State becomes part of an extended network of scholars, archivists, and institutions dedicated to the work of preserving the nation's cultural history and recorded sound," Jewell said. "As a state institution dedicated to community engagement, Fitchburg State is uniquely positioned to coordinate such collection, curation, and scholarly work."



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# University welcomes journalist

## Maria Hinojosa will close out Latinx/a/o Heritage Month

### Submitted Article

**FITCHBURG** » Fitchburg State University will welcome award-winning journalist and entrepreneur Maria Hinojosa to close its celebration of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month at 7 p.m.

Friday, according to an announcement from the university.

Hinojosa will present “At the Root of Things: Breaking the Invisibility of Latinos/as/xs in Our Society” at the main lounge in

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Hammond Hall, 160 Pearl St. The university choir will also perform at the event, which can be joined online at <https://meet.google.com/eoc-iozr-ids> or livestreamed at <https://tinyurl.com/3c9ha9e8>. To join by phone, dial +1 720-500-4707 and enter PIN: 291 855 943#.

The event is free and open to the public, but face masks are required inside campus buildings and guests will be asked to attest to being free of COVID symptoms.

Hinojosa is the anchor and executive producer of Latino USA on National Public Radio, and the founder, president and CEO of Futuro Media Group. Maria Hinojosa’s appearance is made possible in part through the generous support of the Newman Center Trust.



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Award-winning journalist and entrepreneur Maria Hinojosa will help close the Fitchburg State University celebration of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month at 7 p.m. Friday.

The university’s observance of Latinx/a/o Heritage Month includes a series of events and programs organized around the theme “Be proud of your past, Embrace the future.”

Learn more about the month’s programming at <https://tinyurl.com/3myms6kn>.