

**William Marsh Rice University**  
**Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2021 and 2020**

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

### **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Board of Trustees of  
William Marsh Rice University

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of William Marsh Rice University and its subsidiaries (the "University"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related consolidated statement of activities for the year ended June 30, 2021 and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

#### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 our 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, we consider internal control relevant to the University'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 University's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the 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 financial position of William Marsh Rice University and its subsidiaries as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the changes in their net assets for the year ended June 30, 2021 and their cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



***Other Matter***

We previously audited the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related consolidated statements of activities and of cash flows for the year then ended (the consolidated statement of activities is not presented herein), and in our report dated October 23, 2020, we expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying summarized financial information as of June 30, 2020 and for the year then ended is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements from which it has been derived.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

October 29, 2021

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**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**  
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(in thousands of dollars)

	2021	2020
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,162	\$ 31,511
Accounts receivable and other assets, net	63,213	57,383
Pledges receivable, net	177,181	190,527
Investments	8,729,193	6,772,836
Property and equipment, net	1,381,836	1,372,298
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,374,585</u>	<u>\$ 8,424,555</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 153,698	\$ 136,440
Notes and bonds payable	1,140,329	1,134,476
Actuarial liability for life income agreements	154,680	125,668
Government refundable advances	2,243	3,218
Total liabilities	<u>1,450,950</u>	<u>1,399,802</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	4,021,845	3,213,202
With donor restrictions	4,901,790	3,811,551
Total net assets	<u>8,923,635</u>	<u>7,024,753</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 10,374,585</u>	<u>\$ 8,424,555</u>

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2021	2020
<b>Net Assets</b>				
Internally designated	\$ 214,647	\$ -	\$ 214,647	\$ 235,436
Restricted by donor	-	240,695	240,695	277,345
Net investment in plant	317,760	-	317,760	291,895
Endowment and designated for long-term investment	3,470,760	4,609,532	8,080,292	6,166,323
Life-income trusts	-	48,665	48,665	44,569
Student loans and other assets	18,678	2,898	21,576	9,185
Total net assets	<u>\$ 4,021,845</u>	<u>\$ 4,901,790</u>	<u>\$ 8,923,635</u>	<u>\$ 7,024,753</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

**William Marsh Rice University**  
**Consolidated Statements of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**  
**With Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>				
<b>Operating revenues</b>				
Allocation of endowment spending	\$ 315,413	\$ -	\$ 315,413	\$ 311,039
Other investment income	2,895	148	3,043	4,439
Student tuition and fees	221,252	-	221,252	206,835
Grants and contracts	166,595	-	166,595	149,066
Gifts and pledges	9,247	49,458	58,705	6,997
Gifts and trusts released from restrictions	26,541	(26,541)	-	-
Auxiliary enterprises	16,114	-	16,114	37,338
Other revenues	21,918	1,100	23,018	26,807
Total operating revenues	<u>779,975</u>	<u>24,165</u>	<u>804,140</u>	<u>742,521</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Salaries and wages	373,708	-	373,708	369,922
Benefits	84,671	-	84,671	79,394
Scholarships	35,681	-	35,681	36,928
Depreciation and amortization	73,218	-	73,218	68,048
Interest and bond costs	39,151	-	39,151	35,943
Utilities and rent	8,767	-	8,767	10,707
Other operating expenses	206,406	-	206,406	185,034
Total operating expenses	<u>821,602</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>821,602</u>	<u>785,976</u>
Net operating (loss) income	<u>(41,627)</u>	<u>24,165</u>	<u>(17,462)</u>	<u>(43,455)</u>
<b>Nonoperating changes</b>				
Gifts, grants, and pledges for property and endowment	121	67,197	67,318	53,770
Investment returns	921,052	1,274,589	2,195,641	(77,069)
Allocation of endowment spending to operations	(144,579)	(170,834)	(315,413)	(311,039)
Net assets released from restrictions	75,717	(75,717)	-	-
Change in liabilities due under life-income agreements	-	(28,965)	(28,965)	9,920
Other nonoperating changes, net	(2,041)	(196)	(2,237)	(35,158)
Net nonoperating changes	<u>850,270</u>	<u>1,066,074</u>	<u>1,916,344</u>	<u>(359,576)</u>
Total (decrease) increase in net assets	<u>808,643</u>	<u>1,090,239</u>	<u>1,898,882</u>	<u>(403,031)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>				
Beginning of year	<u>3,213,202</u>	<u>3,811,551</u>	<u>7,024,753</u>	<u>7,427,784</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 4,021,845</u>	<u>\$ 4,901,790</u>	<u>\$ 8,923,635</u>	<u>\$ 7,024,753</u>

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<i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 1,898,882	\$ (403,031)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Depreciation of property and equipment	73,218	68,048
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	763	3,524
Net realized and unrealized investment loss (gain)	(2,176,820)	127,819
Contributions restricted for long term purposes and noncash contributions	(55,592)	(64,322)
Change in fair value of commodity swap agreements	234	(11,019)
Actuarial change and income restricted for life-income agreements	24,869	(3,597)
Change in		
Accounts receivable and other assets	(5,043)	(1,560)
Pledges receivable	13,346	36,300
Accounts payable and other liabilities	16,792	(5,925)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(209,351)</u>	<u>(253,763)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	1,250,026	1,209,341
Purchases of investments	(1,024,109)	(979,062)
Purchases of property and equipment	(83,519)	(153,348)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>142,398</u>	<u>76,931</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Contributions restricted for endowment	34,069	29,738
Contributions restricted for property	21,173	34,020
Contributions restricted for trusts and other	350	563
Changes in life income agreements from income and payments to beneficiaries	(1,648)	(9,920)
Proceeds from issuance of taxable bonds	-	199,219
Proceeds from issuance of tax-exempt commercial paper	11,300	28,330
Issuance cost of taxable bonds	-	(555)
Payment of outstanding tax-exempt commercial paper	(5,665)	(43,195)
Termination payment on interest rate lock	-	(53,484)
Decrease in government refundable advances	(975)	(1,864)
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>58,604</u>	<u>182,852</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(8,349)</u>	<u>6,020</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Beginning of year	31,511	25,491
End of year	<u>\$ 23,162</u>	<u>\$ 31,511</u>
<b>Supplemental Data</b>		
Interest paid in cash	\$ 39,123	\$ 34,759
Construction in progress payments included in accounts payable	2,503	8,909

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#### **Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **1. Basis of Presentation**

William Marsh Rice University (the "University") is a Texas not-for-profit corporation that operates a private research university in Houston, Texas. The consolidated financial statements of the University have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and with the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958, Not-for-Profit Entities, which requires the University to classify its net assets into two categories according to donor-imposed restrictions: net assets without donor-imposed restrictions and net assets with donor-imposed restrictions. All material transactions between the University and its subsidiaries have been eliminated.

The 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 University's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

The consolidated financial statements of the University include the accounts of all academic and administrative departments of the University and affiliated organizations that are controlled by the University. The noncontrolling interest amount for consolidated entities not wholly owned is not considered material for separate presentation.

During fiscal 2021, the University and the Robert A. Welch Foundation (the "Welch Foundation") established The Welch Institute (the "Institute") as a strategic partnership to focus on world-leading advanced materials research. The Institute is organized and operated as a charitable organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the function of, or to carry out the purposes of the University. The Welch Foundation has made a conditional gift of up to \$100 million, payable over ten years, to support the operations of the Institute. The employees of the Institute are Rice employees and the Institute follows university policies and procedures. The University manages the daily operations of the Institute; but, does not have a controlling financial interest in the Institute. The accounts and operations of the Institute as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, were not material to the University.

##### **Net Assets Without and With Donor Restrictions**

Net assets without donor restrictions are those net assets of a not-for-profit entity that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. A donor-imposed restriction is a donor stipulation that specifies a use for a contributed asset that is more specific in purpose or time than broad limits resulting from the following: a) the nature of the not-for-profit entity; b) the environment in which it operates; and c) the purposes specified in its articles of incorporation or bylaws or comparable documents.

The classification of net assets without donor restrictions includes all revenues, gains and expenses not restricted by donors. The University reports all expenditures in this class of net

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assets, since the use of restricted contributions in accordance with donors' stipulations results in the release of the restriction.

Those net assets of a not-for-profit entity that are subject to donor imposed restrictions include contributions for which donor-imposed restrictions have not been met (primarily future capital projects; endowment appreciation; life income trusts; and pledges receivable).

#### **Measure of Operations**

The University's measure of operations as presented in the consolidated statements of activities includes the allocation of endowment spending for operations, revenue from tuition and fees (net of financial aid), grants and contracts, donor contributions for operating programs, revenue from auxiliary operations, and other revenues. Operating expenses are reported on the consolidated statements of activities by natural classification. The University's nonoperating activity within the consolidated statements of activities includes: investment returns, net of taxes and other activities related to endowment management; changes in the liability for life-income agreements; contributions related to land, buildings and equipment; and gains or losses on derivatives.

#### **Contributions**

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give and irrevocable trusts held by others under which the University is the beneficiary, are recognized as revenues in the period received or promised. Contributions restricted for the acquisition of land, buildings and equipment are reported as donor-restricted revenues. These contributions are reclassified to net assets without restriction when the assets are placed in service. Promises to give that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the corpus be maintained in perpetuity are recognized as increases in net assets with donor restrictions.

It is the University's practice to sell marketable securities received as donations upon receipt. In the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, the University classifies cash receipts from the sale of donated marketable securities in a manner that is consistent with cash donations received if the donated marketable securities are converted into cash on receipt or shortly thereafter.

Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are met. Contributions of assets other than cash are reported at their estimated fair value at the date of gift. Contributions scheduled to be received after one year are discounted using a market rate (Note 3). Amortization of the discount is recorded as contribution revenue.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The University considers all highly liquid financial instruments with an original maturity of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents, except those amounts assigned to its investment managers and unspent bond and commercial paper proceeds, which are classified as investments.

#### **Investments and Other Financial Instruments**

Investments are made within guidelines authorized by a group of individuals consisting of both trustees and nontrustees appointed by the University's Board of Trustees. The University's Board of Trustees retains overall fiduciary responsibility. Investments are initially recorded at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of donation in the case of gifts. Ownership of marketable securities is recognized as of the trade date. Marketable securities transactions that have not settled are recognized as accounts receivable or accounts payable until the settlement date.

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Endowment income is calculated net of internal and external investment management expenses, including the investment income excise tax.

Investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the 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 the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The hierarchy of valuation inputs is based on the extent to which inputs are observable in the marketplace. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from sources independent of the University and unobservable inputs reflect assumptions about how market participants would value an asset or liability based on the best information available. Valuation techniques used to measure fair value maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last is unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value.

The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used by the University for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Note 7). The three levels of inputs are as follows:

- Level 1      Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, such as exchange-traded equity securities.
  
- Level 2      Inputs other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the same term of the assets or liabilities, including corporate bonds and most Treasury securities.
  
- Level 3      Unobservable inputs, such as valuations supplied by the investment managers, that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities, including investments in certain hedge strategies and all private market strategies.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

In addition to these three valuation methodologies, as a practical expedient, the University is permitted under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") to estimate the fair value of its investments with external managers using the external managers' reported net asset value ("NAV") without further adjustment unless the University expects to sell the investment at a value other than NAV or the NAV is not calculated in accordance with GAAP.

The estimated fair value of certain alternative investments, such as private equity and other limited partnership interests, is based on valuations provided by the general partners or partnership valuation committees. These valuations consider variables such as financial performance of investments, recent sale prices of similar investments and other pertinent information. The University reviews and evaluates the data used in determining fair value, including the valuation methods, assumptions, and values provided by the investment managers. Because alternative

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investments are not readily marketable, their estimated fair value is subject to uncertainty and therefore may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. These differences could be material.

Direct investments in natural resources, specifically timberland and oil and gas, as well as real estate are primarily valued using a combination of independent appraisals and/or one or more industry standard valuation techniques (e.g., income approach, market approach, or cost approach). The income approach is primarily based on the investment's anticipated future income using one of two principal methods: the discounted cash flow method or the capitalization method. Inputs and estimates developed and utilized in the income approach may be subjective and require judgment regarding significant matters such as estimating the amount and timing of future cash flows and the selection of discount and capitalization rates that appropriately reflect market and credit risks. The market approach derives investment value through comparison to recent and relevant market transactions with similar investment characteristics. The cost approach is utilized when the cost of the investment is determined to be the best representation of fair value. This method is typically used for newly purchased or undeveloped assets. The valuation process encompasses a wide range of procedures that in the aggregate allow the University to assert as to the adequacy of the fair values reported as of the measurement date.

Derivative financial instruments are recorded in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as either an asset or liability measured at fair value as of the reporting date. Derivative financial instruments consist of energy hedge agreements. Changes in fair value of these derivatives are recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Activities as other nonoperating changes.

The University's investments are exposed to a number of risks including interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk exposure, it is possible that changes in the valuation of these investments may occur in the near term and that such changes could be material.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property used by the University is stated at cost for purchased assets and fair value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. Interest expense incurred during the period of construction of an asset for University use is capitalized until that asset is substantially completed and ready for use. The University depreciates its physical assets using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Repairs and maintenance of property and equipment are expensed as incurred. Property and equipment are removed from the records at the time of disposal. Any resulting gain or loss on disposal is recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Activities.

Works of art, historical treasures, literary works and artifacts are preserved and protected for educational, research and public exhibition purposes. Donations and purchases of such collections are recorded for financial statement purposes as property and equipment but are not depreciated.

#### **Asset Retirement Obligations**

The University recognizes asset retirement obligations ("AROs") that are conditional on a future event, such as the legal obligation to safely dispose of asbestos when a building is remodeled or demolished. The University measures conditional AROs at estimated fair value using a probability-weighted, discounted cash flow model with multiple scenarios, if applicable. The present value of weighted, discounted cash flows is calculated using credit-adjusted, risk-free rates applicable to the University in order to determine the estimated fair value of the conditional AROs.

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#### **Life Income Agreements**

Life income agreements include charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities. Charitable remainder trusts hold donated assets for which the University's subsidiary acts as trustee and periodically pays specified amounts to the designated beneficiaries. Generally, beneficiary payments are a fixed amount for annuity trusts and a fixed percentage of the fair value of the trust assets or based on income earned for other charitable remainder trusts. At a date specified in each gift instrument, usually the beneficiary's date of death, ownership of the trust assets will transfer to the University and the beneficiary payments will cease. The University also enters into gift annuity agreements, which require that the University take ownership of the assets at the date of gift with an obligation to periodically pay specified amounts to designated beneficiaries for their lifetimes. Assets held in life income trusts and those assets associated with gift annuities are included in investments at fair value. Contribution revenues are recognized at the date the trusts or gift annuities are established at the net present value calculated based on an actuarial table. Liabilities are recorded at the same time using actuarial tables and discounted according to the risk-free rate at the time of the gift. Discount rates range from 1% to 6%. The liability represents the present value of the estimated future payments to be made to the beneficiaries. The liabilities are adjusted annually for changes in the value of the assets and actuarial changes, which impact the estimates of future payments.

#### **Student Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and fees includes amounts charged for degree programs as well as nondegree executive and continuing education programs. Fees are recognized when assessed and tuition revenue is recognized over the period during which the courses are taken. The University has a need-blind admission policy for domestic undergraduate students; and the university meets all financial need of enrolled undergraduate students. Awarded financial aid is applied first to tuition and required fees (see Note 11).

#### **Grants and Contracts**

The University receives funding from both government and private sources for research and other programs conducted under grants and contracts. Nearly all revenue from these sources are nonexchange transactions. Revenue associated with nonexchange transactions is recognized as the qualified expenditures are incurred up to the award amount. A limited number of grants and contracts from private sources are considered exchange transactions and are allocated to the University on a calendar basis. Revenue associated with exchange transactions is recognized as the performance obligation is met.

Unearned income from sponsored programs is amounts received by the University under the terms of agreements that generally require the exchange of assets, rights, or privileges between the University and the sponsor. Such funds are advanced for activity that will occur in the near future, generally within the next fiscal year; and are recognized in accounts payable and other liabilities.

Most grants and contracts provide for reimbursement of both direct and indirect costs. The recovery of indirect costs, also referred to as facilities and administrative costs, is recognized based on predetermined rates negotiated with the federal government or amounts set by nonfederal sponsors.

#### **Gifts and Pledges**

Gifts and pledges (contributions) are recognized when received. Gifts of securities are recorded at their fair value at the date of contribution. Nonfinancial gifts received from donors are put into use

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and recorded by the University at fair value. Pledges consist of unconditional promises to contribute to the University over an agreed upon schedule. Pledges, trusts, and remainder interests are reported at their estimated fair values.

The University records items of collections (such as books or manuscripts) as gifts at fair value. . In general, collections are only received for educational or research purposes and are not disposed of for financial gain or otherwise encumbered in any manner.

#### **Auxiliary Enterprises**

Revenues from auxiliary operations, which include student housing, dining, transportation and parking, are recognized over the period during which the services are provided. To the extent financial aid is awarded to students in excess of their tuition and required fees, it is next applied to room and board charges (see Note 11).

#### **Other Revenues**

Other revenues primarily consist of athletics revenues and revenues related to sales of nontuition based goods and services (e.g. textbooks, conferences, consortia fees, concerts, etc.). Other revenues related to exchange contracts are recognized as the University fulfills the terms of the agreements, which generally span less than one year. Other revenue related to nonexchange contracts is recognized as received.

#### **Use of Estimates**

Financial statements prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America rely on estimates. Management makes certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### **Credit Risk**

The University maintains operating cash and other cash balances in financial institutions that from time to time may exceed federally insured limits. The University periodically assesses the financial condition of these institutions and believes that the risk of loss is minimal.

The University has evaluated the credit risk associated with financing receivables, primarily student loans, and determined that both the receivables and the related allowances are immaterial to the financial statements.

#### **Tax Status**

The University is exempt from federal income tax to the extent provided under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS issued a determination letter in January 1938 that recognized the University as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3). The IRS confirmed in 2008 that this exemption still applies.

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The University has 11 subsidiary corporations that are included in the consolidated financial statements. Two of these subsidiary corporations are exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(2), two are exempt under 501(c)(3), one is exempt under 501(c)(4), four are exempt under 501(c)(25) and two are subject to taxation. The University is classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because it is described in Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) and, as such, gifts to the University qualify for deduction as charitable contributions to the extent provided by law. The University and its subsidiary corporations that are exempt from federal income tax are required to pay federal income tax on unrelated business income. The amount of income tax expense for unrelated business income for the University and its subsidiary corporations was immaterial for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The University is part of a small group of universities that are subject to an excise tax of 1.4% on the University's net investment income and the net investment income of its subsidiary corporations. The excise tax is recognized as a reduction of the University's investment returns. The portion of the excise tax associated with the current period realized gains was \$2,527 and \$2,608 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

U.S. GAAP requires the University to evaluate its tax positions to recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the University has taken an uncertain tax position that, more likely than not, would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The University has analyzed the tax positions taken and has concluded that as of June 30, 2021, there are no significant uncertain positions taken.

#### **Recently Adopted Accounting Standards**

The University adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) in fiscal 2021. ASU 2016-02 relates to leases in order to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The impact of adoption of this standard was insignificant to the University's consolidated financial statements.

#### **Other Reporting Matters**

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) was reported in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern."

In March 2020, a national emergency concerning COVID-19 was declared in the United States. The U.S. and local governments implemented enhanced screenings, travel restrictions and quarantine and social distancing requirements in connection with the COVID-19 outbreak. At that time, the University suspended in-person classes and moved the curriculum online, asked students to return home (with few exceptions), and requested University faculty and staff to work remotely where possible. Auxiliary and other revenues were impacted as partial refunds were made in line with the period of closure.

The University's emergency response, planning, and decision-making process, which began early in calendar year 2020, is on-going, continues to evolve with changing circumstances, and remains focused on the University's top priorities of health and safety, academic continuity (teaching, research and learning), and faculty, staff and student recruitment and retention.

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On campus classes resumed, in conjunction with online classes for those who could not or did not want to attend on campus, for the academic year 2020 - 2021. Some University personnel returned to campus while others continued to work remotely. All students, faculty and staff who elected to be on campus were tested regularly for the COVID-19 virus.

Although difficult to quantify, the greatest financial impact from the pandemic has been lost revenues from student housing and dining plans, parking, and athletic and other events. There have also been significant additional out-of-pocket expenses related to COVID-19. The additional expenses have primarily been for testing for faculty, staff and students, the purchase and installation of facilities for allowing classes to be held while maintaining social distancing, personal protective equipment and additional cleaning supplies.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is complex and evolving, the University cannot reasonably estimate the duration and severity of this pandemic, which could have an adverse impact on the University's operating results, financial position and cash flows. The University is taking prudent measures to mitigate the financial impact of COVID-19 in order to realize assets and satisfy liabilities in the normal course of business. Since the beginning of the pandemic the University has incurred \$24,210 and \$36 of out-of-pocket expenses for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. These expenses have been or are in the process of being submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") under its Public Assistance Program for reimbursement. The University can provide no assurances as to the timing or amount, if any, of any reimbursement from FEMA. Accordingly, no amounts related to the reimbursement will be recorded until the earlier of cash received or a grant notification from FEMA.

The University received awards under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Act, a portion of which was to be used for the direct benefit of students and a portion of which could be used by the University for expenses or lost revenue related to the pandemic. The amount recognized was \$10,113 and \$3,575 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**2. Liquidity and Availability**

Financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditures, such as operating and capital expenses, are summarized as follows at June 30:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 23,162	\$ 31,511
Accounts receivable	49,367	41,986
Pledges receivable, due within one year	96,550	54,911
Short-term working capital investment <sup>(1)</sup>	227,691	177,860
Investments approved for appropriation in subsequent year <sup>(2)</sup>	329,262	308,013
Total financial assets available within one year	<u>726,032</u>	<u>614,281</u>
Unissued commercial paper <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>72,545</u>	<u>78,180</u>
Total financial assets and liquidity resources available within one year	<u>\$ 798,577</u>	<u>\$ 692,461</u>

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- (1) The University manages liquidity by structuring financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. The University invests cash in excess of operational requirements in short-term investments.
- (2) Each spring the Board of Trustees appropriates the amount of investments that can be used in the subsequent fiscal year. These funds are available beginning July 1 of each subsequent fiscal year.
- (3) As described in Note 10, the University has a commercial paper program. With Board of Trustees approval, taxable commercial paper could be used to manage unanticipated liquidity needs. The Board has approved a total commercial paper authority of \$100 million.

As reflected in Note 7, the University held \$2,014,759 and \$1,795,786 in investment assets at June 30, 2021 and 2020 respectively that were measured using Level 1 and 2 fair value inputs. Although these assets are generally liquid within the near term, they are only considered available for general expenditure to the extent they are designated as short term working capital investments or approved for distribution during the annual budget process under the University's endowment distribution policy described in Note 6. Investments approved for distribution in the subsequent year are calculated based on a board-approved spending rate. The University also has the ability to make additional one-time appropriations from funds functioning as endowment without donor restrictions, subject to Board approval and to the extent that there are sufficient liquid investment assets.

**3. Accounts Receivable and Other Assets**

Accounts receivable and other assets of the University at June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Unsettled investment sales and receivables	\$ 6,816	\$ 6,013
Investment income receivable	923	1,195
Student loans receivable, net of allowance of \$580 in 2021 and \$580 in 2020	3,655	4,680
Inventory, prepaid expenses, and other assets	10,191	10,717
Sponsored programs receivable, net of allowance of \$0 in 2021 and \$375 in 2020	27,310	23,719
Swap agreements	1,151	1,385
Other accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,288 in 2021 and \$2,913 in 2020	<u>13,167</u>	<u>9,674</u>
Total accounts receivable and other assets, net	<u>\$ 63,213</u>	<u>\$ 57,383</u>

**4. Pledges Receivable**

Unconditional promises to give are included in the consolidated financial statements as pledges receivable and revenue of the appropriate net asset category. Multi-year pledges are recorded after discounting to the present value of expected future cash flows. Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2021 and 2020 are expected to be realized in the following periods:

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	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
In one year or less	\$ 96,550	\$ 54,911
Between one year and five years	52,889	97,811
More than five years	<u>54,041</u>	<u>68,532</u>
Gross pledges receivable	203,480	221,254
Less:		
Discount to net present value	(14,090)	(17,453)
Allowance for uncollectible pledges	<u>(12,209)</u>	<u>(13,274)</u>
Net pledges receivable	<u>\$ 177,181</u>	<u>\$ 190,527</u>

Pledges receivable at June 30, 2021 and 2020 had the following restrictions:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Long-term investment	\$ 46,810	\$ 30,145
Buildings	59,063	66,266
Support of University programs and activities	<u>97,607</u>	<u>124,843</u>
Gross pledges receivable	203,480	221,254
Less:		
Discount to net present value	(14,090)	(17,453)
Allowance for uncollectible pledges	<u>(12,209)</u>	<u>(13,274)</u>
Net pledges receivable	<u>\$ 177,181</u>	<u>\$ 190,527</u>

Rates ranging from 1% to 6% are used to discount pledges. A reserve rate of 6% was used for the allowance for uncollectible pledges as of June 30, 2021 and 2020. The reserve rate is reviewed annually to ensure adequate provision for uncollectible amounts. Periodically unconditional promises to give are reviewed for collectability. As a result, the allowance for uncollectible pledges may be adjusted and some pledges may be adjusted or cancelled. Such changes will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements as they occur.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the University had conditional pledge commitments of \$400 and \$30,130 respectively for program initiatives and capital projects. Conditional pledges are not reported in the consolidated financial statements.

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**5. Investment Returns**

The following table presents investment income and net gains (losses) for the year ended June 30, 2021 by net asset classification, with summarized information for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Investment Income	\$ 9,325	\$ 12,539	\$ 21,864	\$ 55,189
Net (losses) gains on investments	914,622	1,262,198	2,176,820	(127,819)
Total investment returns	923,947	1,274,737	2,198,684	(72,630)
Less: Earned on operating funds	(2,895)	(148)	(3,043)	(4,439)
Losses (gains) on life income annuities	-	(35,652)	(35,652)	6,020
Total returns for endowment and board designated funds	921,052	1,238,937	2,159,989	(71,049)
Less: Allocated for endowment and board designated funds spending	(144,579)	(170,834)	(315,413)	(311,039)
Endowment and board designated funds (decrease) / increase	\$ 776,473	\$ 1,068,103	\$ 1,844,576	\$ (382,088)

Return on investments is presented net of investment management fees. Certain investments report net returns without specific identification of management fees.

**6. Endowments**

Within investments the University has approximately 2,000 individual donor-restricted endowment funds and approximately 200 funds that are not donor-restricted for either purpose or time, but have been designated by the Board of Trustees for operational or capital purposes and are managed as endowment funds. In addition to being invested and managed alongside the endowment funds, they also receive a yearly allotment for spending generically referred to as the endowment spending allocation. The net assets associated with each are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

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The following table presents net assets for endowment and funds functioning as endowment by purpose based on the nature of the restriction(s) given by the donor or the designation provided by the Board for the year ended June 30, 2021, with summarized information for the year ended June 30, 2020.

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Faculty chairs and academic department support	\$ 387,862	\$ 2,238,450	\$ 2,626,312	\$ 1,988,472
Discretionary	13,545	-	13,545	10,398
Library	5,439	55,998	61,437	46,201
Operation and maintenance of plant	339,204	56,622	395,826	291,736
Research	38,549	130,909	169,458	115,339
Scholarships and fellowships	61,503	1,081,846	1,143,349	842,529
Student services	2,773	204,710	207,483	153,756
Miscellaneous	153,585	-	153,585	114,939
Undesignated	2,468,300	840,997	3,309,297	2,602,953
Total endowment and board designated funds	3,470,760	4,609,532	8,080,292	6,166,323
Pledges restricted for long-term investment, net of discount and allowance	-	(43,580)	(43,580)	(26,783)
Endowment and board designated funds, excluding pledges	\$ 3,470,760	\$ 4,565,952	\$ 8,036,712	\$ 6,139,540

These are intended to be broad categories that contain a wide array of individual funds with varying degrees of specificity as to how the endowment earnings allocation is to be used. Funds functioning as endowment are established by the Board and are generally specified for a general purpose. Most of the earnings allocation is used for general support of operations; however, management is able to use those funds as it determines best and sometimes uses the funds to launch or help sustain strategic initiatives. Undesignated funds are funds that can be used for general operations and are not limited to how the funds are used. This category also contains some recent endowment gifts that are limited to use; however the donor has not yet finalized the spending stipulations.

In accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), the University considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund;
2. The purposes of the University and the donor restricted endowment fund;
3. General economic conditions;
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation;

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5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;
6. Other resources of the University; and
7. The investment policies of the University.

#### **Endowment Investment Policies**

The University has adopted endowment investment policies that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain and, if possible, enhance the purchasing power of endowment assets. The University has a diversified approach to management of the endowment investment portfolio. By diversifying among asset classes and rebalancing toward policy target allocations, the University strives to manage and maintain the risk profile implied by policy targets.

To achieve its long-term return objectives, the University relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized gains) and current yield (interest and dividends). The University's diversified asset allocation places greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk and liquidity constraints. The long term investment objectives of the endowment are to attain an average annual real total return in excess of endowment spending and to outperform various strategic policy and comparable industry universe benchmarks over the long term.

#### **Endowment Spending Allocation and Relationship of Spending Policy to Investment Objectives**

The Board of Trustees of the University approves the appropriation of endowment funds for expenditure. In establishing a distribution policy, the Board of Trustees considered a number of factors, including the expected long-term investment rate of return on the endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the University expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment assets to grow, consistent with its intention to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets while providing a relatively predictable and stable (in real terms) stream of earnings for current use. Under the University's endowment earnings distribution policy, endowment returns on donor-restricted endowments, net of operating distributions, remain in the investment pool as net assets with donor-restrictions and endowment returns on board-designated endowment funds remain in the investment pool as net assets without donor-restrictions.

#### **Endowment Funds With Deficits**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the value of the initial and subsequent donor gift amounts creating a deficit. These deficits generally result when unfavorable market fluctuations occur shortly after the investment of newly established endowments.

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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2021, with summarized information for the year ended June 30, 2020, were as follows:

	2021			2020
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
<b>Endowment net assets at beginning of year</b>	\$ 2,688,789	\$ 3,477,534	\$ 6,166,323	\$ 6,506,177
Investment returns				
Investment income	6,430	14,686	21,116	53,168
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	914,622	1,224,251	2,138,873	(124,217)
Total investment returns	921,052	1,238,937	2,159,989	(71,049)
Contributions	13	50,585	50,598	34,638
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(144,579)	(170,834)	(315,413)	(311,039)
Other changes				
Transfers to board designated endowment funds	5,485	-	5,485	4,995
Donor designation	-	1,458	1,458	983
Other transfers	-	11,852	11,852	1,618
Change in endowment net assets	781,971	1,131,998	1,913,969	(339,854)
<b>Endowment net assets at end of year</b>	\$ 3,470,760	\$ 4,609,532	\$ 8,080,292	\$ 6,166,323

**7. Financial Instruments**

The following tables present the financial instruments carried at fair value on the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, by category, in accordance with the valuation hierarchy defined in Note 1. Certain alternative investments, such as hedge funds, that do not have readily determinable fair values, are shown at investee-reported net asset value (NAV):

	2021				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV	Total
<b>Investments</b>					
Short term investments and fixed income securities					
Short term investments	\$ 301,333	\$ 399,519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,852
Investment grade U.S. bonds	-	333,153	-	-	333,153
Equity securities	699,178	-	-	-	699,178
Equity funds	-	-	-	1,208,357	1,208,357
Limited partnerships and other funds					
Private equity and venture capital	-	-	-	2,253,593	2,253,593
Hedge	-	-	-	1,155,074	1,155,074
Real estate	-	-	-	478,262	478,262
Energy and natural resources	-	-	-	657,654	657,654
Real assets, oil and gas, and other	78,785	-	961,388	-	1,040,173
Life income agreements	202,582	209	106	-	202,897
Total investments at fair value	\$ 1,281,878	\$ 732,881	\$ 961,494	\$ 5,752,940	\$ 8,729,193
Swaps receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,151	\$ -	\$ 1,151

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	2020				Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV	
<b>Investments</b>					
Short term investments and fixed income securities					
Short term investments	\$ 267,017	\$ 509,437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 776,454
Investment grade U.S. bonds	-	333,669	-	-	333,669
Equity securities	468,205	-	-	-	468,205
Equity funds	-	-	-	954,517	954,517
Limited partnerships and other funds					
Private equity and venture capital	-	-	-	1,261,516	1,261,516
Hedge	-	-	-	1,067,158	1,067,158
Real estate	-	-	-	440,766	440,766
Energy and natural resources	-	-	-	439,753	439,753
Real assets, oil and gas, and other	47,728	-	813,234	-	860,962
Life income agreements	169,556	174	106	-	169,836
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 952,506</u>	<u>\$ 843,280</u>	<u>\$ 813,340</u>	<u>\$ 4,163,710</u>	<u>\$ 6,772,836</u>
Swaps receivable (payable)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,385</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,385</u>

Life income agreement assets consist primarily of mutual funds, with some directly held assets in real estate, oil and gas, and bonds. Life income investments included in Level 1 are cash and cash equivalents and mutual funds investing in equities, real estate funds and fixed income securities. Life income investments included in Level 2 are directly held bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. Life income investments included in Level 3 are directly held interests in real estate, oil and gas, and other investments. The life income agreement investments are managed by an external manager.

The following tables present the changes in amounts included in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position for financial instruments classified by the University within Level 3.

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**Investments**

	<b>Real Assets, Oil and Gas, and Other</b>	<b>Life Income Agreements</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fair value July 1, 2020</b>	\$ 813,234	\$ 106	\$ 813,340
Unrealized gains	96,184	-	96,184
Capital calls/purchases	49,697	-	49,697
Other	2,273	-	2,273
<b>Fair value June 30, 2021</b>	<u>\$ 961,388</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 961,494</u>

	<b>Real Assets, Oil and Gas, and Other</b>	<b>Life Income Agreements</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Fair value July 1, 2019</b>	\$ 765,327	\$ 71	\$ 765,398
Unrealized losses	(23,529)	-	(23,529)
Capital calls/purchases	73,115	35	73,150
Other	(1,679)	-	(1,679)
<b>Fair value June 30, 2020</b>	<u>\$ 813,234</u>	<u>\$ 106</u>	<u>\$ 813,340</u>

The following table presents a summary of Level 3 valuation techniques and quantitative information utilized in determining the value of real assets, oil and gas, and other investments, where no practical expedient to using the external managers' reported NAV exists.

Asset type	Fair Value		Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	2021 Rates	2020 Rates
	2021	2020				
Real estate	\$ 598,876	\$ 513,107	Discounted cash flow, sales	Discount rate	5.0%-8.5%	5.5%-8.5%
Timber	89,300	88,000	Income approach, cost, sales	Discount rate	5%-7%	5%-7%
Oil and gas	124,773	84,100	Discounted cash flow, net asset	Discount rate	7%-45%	8%-45%
Directly held private stock	62,845	46,432	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
Other	85,594	81,595	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies
	<u>\$ 961,388</u>	<u>\$ 813,234</u>				

The University recognizes transfers between levels as of the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 in 2021 and 2020.

Hedge funds held by the University may be subject to restrictions that limit (i) the University's ability to redeem/withdraw capital from such funds during a specified period of time subsequent to the University's investment of capital (lockups) and/or (ii) the amount of capital that investors may redeem/withdraw as of given redemption/withdrawal dates (side pockets). Capital available for redemption/withdrawal may also be subject to redemption/withdrawal charges and may or may not include capital attributable to the University's participation in illiquid investments. These funds generally limit redemptions to monthly, quarterly, semiannually, annually or longer, at NAV, and require between 30 and 90 days prior written notice, limiting the University's ability to respond

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quickly to changes in market conditions. The value of hedge funds classified at NAV included investment lockups that will expire over the next 6 to 33 months of \$539,635 and \$439,898 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and side pockets of \$110,316 and \$67,536 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, that had indeterminate redemption periods. Certain of the University's non-hedge fund investments restrict the ability to withdraw, which limits the University's ability to respond quickly to changes in market conditions. These investments are therefore illiquid.

**Swap Agreements**

	2021	2020
<b>Fair value July 1</b>	\$ 1,385	\$ (14,440)
Net realized and unrealized losses	(234)	(37,659)
Termination of interest rate lock agreement	-	53,484
<b>Fair value June 30</b>	<u>\$ 1,151</u>	<u>\$ 1,385</u>

The University entered into an agreement to hedge a portion of the cost of electricity that took effect on December 1, 2020 and extends through December 1, 2021. The estimated fair value of the arrangement was an asset of \$1,151 and \$1,385 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The change in value is reported as other nonoperating change on the Consolidated Statements of Activities.

Effective December 14, 2018, the University entered into a treasury interest rate lock agreement for a notional amount of \$100,000 at 3.2455% with a maturity date of December 15, 2020. The estimated fair value of this arrangement was a liability of \$15,690 at June 30, 2019. It was settled in April of 2020. The change in value is reported as other nonoperating change in the 2020 Consolidated Statement of Activities.

**8. Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment at June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	Estimated Useful Lives (Years)	2021	2020
Land	-	\$ 40,470	\$ 40,470
Buildings and improvements	20-50	1,894,580	1,793,104
Equipment, furniture and library books	2-20	485,319	476,404
Art	-	13,512	12,331
Construction in progress	-	43,652	87,671
Less: Accumulated depreciation	-	<u>(1,095,697)</u>	<u>(1,037,682)</u>
Total property and equipment, net		<u>\$ 1,381,836</u>	<u>\$ 1,372,298</u>

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**9. Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities**

Accounts payable and other liabilities at June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Unsettled investment purchases and advances	\$ 6,677	\$ 6,211
Vendor accounts payable	19,600	26,926
Accrued payroll and employee benefits	26,595	21,151
Sponsored programs unearned income	69,212	61,819
Other unearned income	2,516	4,054
Asset retirement obligations	3,603	3,901
Accrued interest payable	4,925	4,806
Other liabilities	20,570	7,572
	<u>20,570</u>	<u>7,572</u>
Total accounts payable and other liabilities	<u>\$ 153,698</u>	<u>\$ 136,440</u>

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**10. Notes and Bonds Payable**

Notes and bonds payable at June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	2021	2020
Taxable bonds, Series 2020, maturing 2050, with an average coupon of 2.598% per annum payable semiannually	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Taxable bonds, Series 2017, maturing 2045 through 2047 with an average coupon of 3.567% per annum payable semiannually	102,915	102,915
Taxable bonds, Series 2015, maturing 2045 and 2055, with an average coupon of 3.686% per annum payable semiannually	680,000	680,000
Taxable bonds, Series 2013, maturing 2061 through 2063, with an average coupon of 4.626% per annum payable semiannually	113,985	113,985
Tax-exempt revenue bonds, Series 2010B, maturing 2031 through 2048, with an average coupon of .01% per annum payable monthly	<u>23,045</u>	<u>23,045</u>
Total bond liability	1,119,945	1,119,945
Tax-exempt commercial paper notes, Series A, with interest ranging from 0.07% to 0.12% at June 30, 2021 and from 0.20% to 1.45% at June 30, 2020 per annum payable upon maturity	27,455	21,820
Net of deferred financing costs, premiums and discounts on bond issuances	<u>(7,071)</u>	<u>(7,289)</u>
Total notes and bonds payable	<u>\$ 1,140,329</u>	<u>\$ 1,134,476</u>

The University incurred interest expense and bond costs, net of interest earned, of approximately \$38,257 and \$35,473 in 2021 and 2020, respectively. Interest expense of \$39,151 and \$35,943 was charged to operations in 2021 and 2020, respectively. Interest expense of \$254 and \$440 was capitalized in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

**Taxable Bonds**  
**Series 2020**

On March 13, 2020, the University issued taxable bonds at par value of \$200,000 with an underwriters discount of \$781 and issuance costs of \$555. Both will be amortized over the term of the bond issue. Interest payments on the bonds are payable semiannually. The bonds mature May 15, 2050 with mandatory sinking fund redemption payments required in each of the five years leading up to the maturity date.

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The proceeds from these bonds were used to settle a treasury interest rate lock agreement for \$53,484, refinance capital projects that had used commercial paper for bridge financing between debt issuances, and to fund long-term capital projects.

Unspent bond proceeds of \$72,980 and \$88,566 at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively were invested in a short-term investment fund.

#### **Series 2017**

On November 17, 2017, the University issued taxable bonds with a par value of \$102,915 with an underwriters discount of \$473 and issuance costs of \$468. Both will be amortized over the term of the bond issue. Interest payments on the bonds are payable semiannually. The bonds mature November 15, 2047 with mandatory sinking fund redemption payments required in each of the three years leading up to the maturity date.

Proceeds from these bonds were used to advance refund the Series 2010A revenue bonds of \$94,485 by irrevocably placing assets with a trustee to pay principal and other associated costs on the obligations. The total set aside was \$101,974.

#### **Series 2015**

On April 22, 2015, the University issued taxable bonds with a par value of \$700,000 with an underwriters discount of \$4,045 and issuance costs of \$662. Both will be amortized over the term of the bond issue. Interest payments on the bonds are payable semiannually. In May 2016 \$20,000 matured and was repaid. The remaining bonds mature in the amount of \$340,000 due on May 15, 2045 and \$340,000 due on May 15, 2055. Mandatory sinking fund redemption payments are required in each of four years leading up to the maturity dates.

#### **Series 2013**

On June 26, 2013, the University issued \$113,985 of taxable bonds at par value. Interest payments on the bonds are payable semiannually beginning November 15, 2013. Principal payments start May 15, 2061 and continue annually until their maturity on May 15, 2063.

The proceeds of the bonds were used to refund all of the Series 2008A revenue bonds of \$100,000, refund a portion of the outstanding commercial paper notes of \$13,000, and pay the costs of issuance of the bonds of \$985.

#### **Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds**

##### **Series 2010B**

On June 2, 2010, the University issued Series 2010B revenue bonds through the City of Houston Higher Education Finance Corporation. The revenue bonds, with a face value of \$39,765, were issued as variable rate demand bonds ("VRDBs"), which are subject to optional and mandatory tender. The University is not required to obtain or maintain a liquidity facility for the bonds.

In the event that the University receives notice of any optional tender on the bonds, or if these bonds become subject to mandatory tender, the purchase price of the bonds will be paid from the remarketing of such bonds. However, if the remarketing proceeds are insufficient, the University is obligated to purchase the bonds tendered at 100% of par value on the tender date.

Interest payments are payable monthly. Principal payments begin May 15, 2041 and continue annually until their maturity date on May 15, 2048.

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Principal maturities for notes and bonds payable as of June 30, 2021, excluding commercial paper and unamortized discounts and premiums, were as follows:

2022	\$	-
2023		-
2024		-
2025		-
Thereafter		<u>1,119,945</u>
	\$	<u>1,119,945</u>

**Commercial Paper Notes**

The University has a tax-exempt commercial paper program that provides for borrowings in the form of individual notes up to an aggregate of \$100,000. The notes bear a fixed rate of interest, established on the borrowing date, over their individual terms, not to exceed 270 days.

The University also established a taxable commercial paper program in May 2015 that provides for borrowings in the form of individual notes up to an aggregate of \$100,000. The notes bear a fixed rate of interest, established on the borrowing date, over their individual terms, not to exceed 270 days.

The University Board of Trustees has limited management's use of commercial paper to a maximum of \$100,000 between both programs.

The outstanding balance under the tax-exempt facility was \$27,455 with an average interest rate of 0.10% and an average maturity of 60 days at June 30, 2021.

The outstanding balance under the tax-exempt facility was \$21,820 with an average interest rate of 0.73% and an average maturity of 9 days at June 30, 2020.

There were no outstanding balances under the taxable facility at either June 30, 2021 or 2020.

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**11. Student Financial Aid**

Student tuition and fees revenues, based on published rates, of \$375,708 and \$346,795 in 2021 and 2020, respectively, are presented in the consolidated financial statements net of scholarship and fellowship awards of \$154,456 and \$139,960, respectively. Auxiliary enterprises revenue was reduced by scholarship awards applied to room and board charges of \$10,454 and \$9,417 in 2021 and 2020, respectively. On a per student basis, scholarship and fellowship awards in excess of the above amounts are reported as expense. Financial aid provided to students in all forms was as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Scholarships and fellowship awards applied to tuition and fees	\$ 154,456	\$ 139,960
Scholarships applied to room and board charges	10,454	9,417
Scholarships and fellowships awarded in excess of the above amounts	<u>35,681</u>	<u>36,928</u>
Total financial aid provided to students	<u>\$ 200,591</u>	<u>\$ 186,305</u>

**12. Grants and Contracts**

The major components of grants and contracts revenue for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Government</b>		
Direct	\$ 91,669	\$ 80,386
Indirect	<u>24,751</u>	<u>23,404</u>
Total government	<u>116,420</u>	<u>103,790</u>
<b>Foundation, industrial, and other</b>		
Direct	46,193	40,749
Indirect	<u>3,982</u>	<u>4,527</u>
Total foundation, industrial, and other	<u>50,175</u>	<u>45,276</u>
Total grants and contracts	<u>\$ 166,595</u>	<u>\$ 149,066</u>

Grant and Contract awards for which the contractual performance obligations have not yet been met totaled \$15,231 and \$12,524 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. Awards which are contractually authorized by the sponsor, but for which costs have not yet been incurred, totaled \$174,880 and \$175,206 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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**13. Functional Expenses**

Expenses of the University by major functional category for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 were as follows:

Natural Expense	Instruction and University Research	Sponsored Research	Student Services and Scholarship	Other Programs	Programs Subtotal	Management	Fundraising	Other Support	Support Subtotal	Total
Salaries and wages	\$ 200,696	\$ 56,440	\$ 42,644	\$ 9,456	\$ 309,236	\$ 25,352	\$ 9,679	\$ 29,441	\$ 64,472	\$ 373,708
Benefits	45,790	12,863	9,159	2,897	70,709	3,756	1,378	8,828	13,962	84,671
Scholarships	-	31,218	4,463	-	35,681	-	-	-	-	35,681
Depreciation and amortization	15,054	6,629	9,184	7,708	38,575	986	464	33,193	34,643	73,218
Interest and bond costs	17,900	7,024	54	-	24,978	730	326	13,117	14,173	39,151
Utilities and rent	359	22	96	16	493	679	6	7,589	8,274	8,767
Other operating expenses	82,364	59,366	55,204	22,010	218,944	1,825	2,255	(16,618)	(12,538)	206,406
Total 2021	\$ 362,163	\$ 173,562	\$ 120,804	\$ 42,087	\$ 698,616	\$ 33,328	\$ 14,108	\$ 75,550	\$ 122,986	\$ 821,602

Natural Expense	Instruction and University Research	Sponsored Research	Student Services and Scholarship	Other Programs	Programs Subtotal	Management	Fundraising	Other Support	Support Subtotal	Total
Salaries and wages	195,821	54,936	45,150	10,359	306,266	23,800	9,513	30,343	63,656	369,922
Benefits	42,683	11,974	9,841	2,258	66,756	4,725	1,889	6,024	12,638	79,394
Scholarships	-	26,143	10,686	27	36,856	62	9	1	72	36,928
Depreciation and amortization	13,822	6,087	8,433	7,785	36,127	745	421	30,755	31,921	68,048
Interest and bond costs	15,851	6,213	51	-	22,115	693	300	12,835	13,828	35,943
Utilities and rent	499	165	127	11	802	736	76	9,093	9,905	10,707
Other operating expenses	66,777	52,316	52,755	17,587	189,435	2,155	3,083	(9,639)	(4,401)	185,034
Total 2020	\$ 335,453	\$ 157,834	\$ 127,043	\$ 38,027	\$ 658,357	\$ 32,916	\$ 15,291	\$ 79,412	\$ 127,619	\$ 785,976

Expenses are presented by functional classification similar to the way the University views its mission. Each functional area is presented with the natural expenses underlying the function. Natural expenses attributable to more than one functional expense category are allocated using reasonable cost allocation techniques. Depreciation, utilities and rent, and operation and maintenance expenses are allocated directly and/or based on square footage of facilities associated with the function. Interest expense is allocated based on the functional category which benefited from the proceeds of the underlying debt.

The major category included in Other Programs is the library at \$35,844 and \$31,537 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively and the major activity in Other Support is auxiliaries at \$70,025 and \$70,006 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The negative amount in Other operating expenses in the Other Support program represents interdepartmental charges to other functions at the University. Typical charges include certain charges for facility work orders, internal charges for housing and dining, delivery services, and similar items.

**14. Related Party Transactions**

Members of the University's Board of Trustees and senior management may, from time to time, be associated, either directly or through interlocking board memberships, with entities doing business with the University. The University employs a conflict of interest policy that requires any such associations to be disclosed in writing on an annual basis and updated as appropriate during the year. When such associations exist, measures are taken to mitigate any actual or perceived conflict, including recusal of the board or senior management member from any decisions involving the entity doing business with the University. The transactions with entities associated with trustees or senior management are not considered to be significant and may include investment

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management, common membership in investment partnerships or other investment vehicles, or the purchase of goods or services.

#### **15. Retirement Plans**

Substantially all employees are eligible to participate in a defined contribution retirement plan, which is administered by a third party. The plan operates in accordance with Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. University contributions are made to this plan. In addition, employees may elect to participate in plans created under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. The contributions of the University and its employees can be applied to a range of investments. The University's contributions to the plan of \$27,531 and \$27,632 were recorded as expense in the appropriate functional categories in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### **16. Commitments and Contingencies**

A number of suits and claims are pending against the University. While final outcomes cannot be determined at this time, management believes, after consultation with its legal counsel, that the uninsured liability, if any, resulting from these suits and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the University's financial position, operations, or cash flows.

The University receives funding from federal government agencies for research and other programs conducted under government grants and contracts. The costs recovered by the University in support of sponsored programs are subject to audit and adjustment.

In connection with its private equity investment program (Note 4), the University is obligated under certain limited partnership agreements to advance additional funding up to levels specified in each agreement upon the request of the general partner. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, for private equity and market alternative investments, the University had unfunded commitments of approximately \$1,192,000 and \$1,219,000, respectively, which are expected to be called primarily over the next five to seven years.

Additionally, the University was committed under contracts at June 30, 2021 and 2020 for capital construction and improvements and major maintenance of approximately \$51,330 and \$82,325, respectively, to be financed primarily from gifts and net assets designated for long-term investments, and from debt to the extent other resources are not available. Other purchasing commitments of approximately \$15,182 and \$15,443 were also outstanding at June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### **17. Subsequent Events**

The University evaluated subsequent events from July 1, 2021 to October 29, 2021, the date these consolidated financial statements were issued, for events that occurred after the financial position date that could have a material impact on the University's consolidated financial statements or require disclosure.

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