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Principles, and Audit Requirements for
Federal Awards and Government
Auditing Standards and Related
Information

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute** 

June 30, 2023 and 2022

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Trustees Worcester Polytechnic Institute

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (the "University"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as of June 30, 2023, and the 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.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the University and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Other matter

The consolidated financial statements of Worcester Polytechnic Institute as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 were audited by other auditors who expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements in their report dated November 16, 2022, except with respect to Note 20 to the 2022 financial statements (not presented herein) and the opinion on the schedule of financial responsibility ratios (not presented herein), as to which the date is March 7, 2023, and with respect to the opinion on the 2022 supplemental schedule of expenditures of federal awards (as further explained in footnote 5 to the 2022 schedule of expenditures of federal awards (not presented herein), as to which the date is December 20, 2023.

Responsibilities of management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



#### Supplementary information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 taken as a whole. The financial responsibility supplemental schedule, as required by the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Final Rule: Student Assistance General Provisions, Federal Family Education Loan Program, and William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs, and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 2023 consolidated financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2023 consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures. These additional procedures included comparing and reconciling the information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2023 consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2023 consolidated 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 January 11, 2024, on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Boston, Massachusetts

Scant Thornton LLP

January 11, 2024 (except as to Note 20 to the Financial Statements and Financial Responsibility Supplemental Schedule, which is as of February 16, 2024)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# June 30, (in thousands)

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,891	\$ 9,012
Accounts receivable, net	13,715	17,232
Contributions receivable, net	28,804	26,433
Funds held under bond agreements	-	8,885
Prepaid expenses and other assets	10,005	9,637
Student loans receivable, net	16,581	16,072
Beneficial interest in trusts	16,474	16,846
Investments	704,487	640,714
Land, buildings and equipment, net	 518,519	505,979
Total assets	\$ 1,319,476	\$ 1,250,810
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 28,027	\$ 30,728
Deposits and deferred revenue	11,901	11,491
Lease liabilities	67,748	27,873
Liabilities under split-interest agreements	5,482	6,003
Funds held for others	5,381	5,601
Asset retirement obligations	1,128	1,278
Refundable government loan funds	2,527	3,601
Bonds and notes payable	396,120	395,225
Interest rate agreements	 1,875	 3,391
Total liabilities	 520,189	485,191
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	350,722	348,630
With donor restrictions		
Time or purpose	194,772	172,324
Perpetual	 253,793	 244,665
Total net assets	 799,287	765,619
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,319,476	\$ 1,250,810

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

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

# Year ended June 30, 2023 (in thousands)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating revenues			
Tuition and fees, net	\$ 201,932	\$ -	\$ 201,932
Other educational activities	2,970	-	2,970
Contributions	4,611	4,307	8,918
Contract and exchange transactions	47,047	-	47,047
Investment income on endowment and similar funds	9,654	87	9,741
Net realized gains on endowment used for operations	7,832	7,822	15,654
Other investment income	3,303	640	3,943
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	41,256	-	41,256
Other	8,067		8,067
Total revenues	326,672	12,856	339,528
Net assets released from restrictions	11,368	(11,368)	
Total revenues and other support	338,040	1,488	339,528
Operating expenses			
Instruction and department research	146,170	-	146,170
Sponsored research and other sponsored programs	53,323	-	53,323
External relations	13,555	-	13,555
Institution and academic support	68,114	-	68,114
Student services	30,563	-	30,563
Auxiliary enterprises	43,433		43,433
Total operating expenses	355,158		355,158
Change in net assets from operating activities	(17,118)	1,488	(15,630)
Nonoperating activities			
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	23,718	29,915	53,633
Net realized losses on endowment used for operations	(7,832)	(7,822)	(15,654)
Net unrealized losses on beneficial interest in trusts	( ', )	(275)	(275)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	(31)	(205)	(236)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	-	10,807	10,807
Change in value of interest rate agreements	1,023		1,023
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	16,878	32,420	49,298
Net assets released from restrictions	2,332	(2,332)	
Total change in net assets from nonoperating activities			
and releases from restrictions	19,210	30,088	49,298
Total change in net assets	2,092	31,576	33,668
Net assets			
Beginning of year	348,630	416,989	765,619
End of year	\$ 350,722	\$ 448,565	\$ 799,287

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated financial statement.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

# Year ended June 30, 2022 (in thousands)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating revenues			
Tuition and fees, net	\$ 197,960	\$ -	\$ 197,960
Other educational activities	2,317	-	2,317
Contributions	5,071	3,550	8,621
Contract and exchange transactions	41,950	-	41,950
Investment income on endowment and similar funds	4,174	89	4,263
Net realized gains on endowment used for operations	10,404	10,065	20,469
Other investment income	1,150	705	1,855
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	38,749	-	38,749
Other	12,619		12,619
Total revenues	314,394	14,409	328,803
Net assets released from restrictions	12,593	(12,593)	-
Total revenues and other support	326,987	1,816	328,803
Operating expenses			
Instruction and department research	132,387	_	132,387
Sponsored research and other sponsored programs	46,694	_	46,694
External relations	12,292	_	12,292
Institution and academic support	54,639	_	54,639
Student services	27,630	-	27,630
Auxiliary enterprises	49,053		49,053
Total operating expenses	322,695		322,695
Change in net assets from operating activities	4,292	1,816	6,108
Nonoperating activities			
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments	(18,159)	(22,878)	(41,037)
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments  Net realized losses on endowment used for operations	(10,404)	(10,065)	(20,469)
Net unrealized losses on beneficial interest in trusts	(10,404)	(2,391)	(2,391)
Change in value of split-interest agreements	204	398	602
Contributions restricted for long-term investment		15,394	15,394
Net gains on interest rate agreements	3,452		3,452
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	(24,907)	(19,542)	(44,449)
Net assets released from restriction	8,824	(8,824)	
Total change in net assets from nonoperating activities			
and releases from restrictions	(16,083)	(28,366)	(44,449)
Total change in net assets	(11,791)	(26,550)	(38,341)
Net assets			
Beginning of year	360,421	443,539	803,960
End of year	\$ 348,630	\$ 416,989	\$ 765,619

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated financial statement.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# Year ended June 30, (in thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities	\$ 33,668		
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	φ 33,000	\$	(38,341)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation, amortization, and accretion	20,897		30,060
Provision for uncollectible receivables	708		(394)
Loss on disposals of land, buildings, and equipment	117		168
Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(59,750)		36,649
Change in value of interest rate agreements	(1,643)		(4,144)
Contributions other than cash	(19)		(4,790)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(10,807)		(15,395)
Proceeds from sale of donated securities	1,272		5,084
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	3,680		(3,032)
Contributions receivable	(2,818)		(1,769)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(367)		(2,158)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(5,381)		(22,229)
Deposits and deferred revenue	410		633
Operating Lease Liabilities	39,874		13,658
Split-interest agreements	(521)		(1,196)
Funds held for others	(221)		(21)
Asset retirement obligations	(150)		(4.470)
Refundable government loan funds	(1,075)		(1,479)
Total adjustments	(15,794)		29,733
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	17,874		(8,608)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	41,766		76,748
Purchase of investments	(47,046)		(97,926)
Purchase of land, buildings, and equipment	(32,924)		(67,851)
Disbursement of loans to students	(3,309)		(3,516)
Repayment of loans from students	2,764		3,023
Net cash used in investing activities	(38,749)		(89,522)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	10,807		15,395
Realized loss on interest rate agreements	126		5
Proceeds from long-term debt	_		848
Proceeds from short-term borrowing	19,999		-
Repayment of long-term debt	(17,063)		(8,959)
Net cash provided by financing activities	13,869		7,289
NET DECREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	(7,006)		(90,841)
Cash, cash equivalents, and funds available under bond agreements			
Beginning of year	17,897		108,738
End of year	\$ 10,891	\$	17,897
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
••	\$ 12,905	\$	16,589
Contributed securities	1,272	4	4,325
Gift in kind	486		129
Purchases of buildings and equipment included in accounts payable	2,097		4,765
Leased equipment	4,957		5,747

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

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## **NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION**

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (the "University"), founded in 1865, is the nation's third oldest private technological university. Over 7,900 undergraduate and graduate students attend the University annually. The University is located in Worcester, Massachusetts and serves a diverse student body from almost every state and over 90 foreign countries.

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting with net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the University and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

## Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations include assets to be maintained permanently by the University. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the University to use all, or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes. Also included are net assets whose use is restricted by state law or subject to donor-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the University pursuant to these stipulations or that expire by the passage of time.

#### **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions**

Net assets not subject to explicit donor-imposed stipulations. Net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties.

## Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the University and its wholly owned or controlled subsidiaries described below. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

# Washburn Park, Inc. ("Washburn")

Washburn is a not-for-profit corporation that operates a University owned parking garage located in the Gateway Park area of Worcester.

## Gateway Park, LLC ("Gateway")

Gateway holds a ground lease for University owned property in the Gateway Park area of Worcester.

#### Lancaster Island, LLC ("Lancaster")

Lancaster owns land located in the Gateway Park area of Worcester and is the lessee of a parcel of land being used for student parking.

# ASSISTments Foundation, Inc. ("TAF")

TAF is a not-for-profit corporation that is a Type 1 Supporting Organization to the University that supports the ASSISTments program at the University.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

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#### Classifications

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions or by law. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (that is, the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions between the applicable classes of net assets.

#### Operating and Nonoperating Activities

In the consolidated statements of activities, the University has defined its primary activities between operating and nonoperating. Operating activities consist primarily of activities supporting the educational mission and purpose of the University. Nonoperating activities consist primarily of unspent appreciation on endowment, gains or losses on beneficial interest in trusts, change in value of split-interest agreements, net contributions for endowment and capital use, and change in value of interest rate agreements.

# Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

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. The University's significant estimates include the valuation of its investments, the estimated net realizable value of receivables for contributions, gifts, pledges, student loans, student accounts and other receivables, the estimated useful lives of buildings and equipment, and its liabilities for its asset retirement obligations, self-insured medical claims, and split-interest agreements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of reporting cash flows, the University considers all short-term highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents consist of time deposits and short-term investments with maturities at the date of purchase of ninety days or less, stated at cost, which approximates fair value. Certain balances meeting the definition of cash and cash equivalents are classified as designated cash and investments as a result of the University's intent to segregate funds from cash available for current operations.

The University's banking activity, including cash and cash equivalents not classified as investments, is maintained with one regional bank and exceeds federal insurance limits. It is the University's policy to monitor the bank's financial strength on an ongoing basis.

## **Contributions**

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period received. Contributions subject to donor-imposed stipulations that are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support. Promises to give that are scheduled to be received after the fiscal year-end are shown as increases in net assets with donor restrictions and are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions when the purpose or time restrictions are met. Promises to give subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the corpus be maintained permanently are recognized as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the gift. Contributions that are expected to be

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collected after one year are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The discount rates used range from approximately 0.5% to 3.7%. Amortization of the discount is recorded as additional contribution revenue in the applicable net asset class.

The carrying amount of contributions receivable approximates fair value as such amounts are recorded net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts and a discount to their present value. The allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is based upon management's judgment including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution, and nature of fundraising activity.

The University reports contributions of land, buildings, or equipment as without donor restrictions support unless the donor places restrictions on their use. Contributions of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as without donor restrictions support provided the long-lived assets are placed in service in the same reporting period, otherwise, the contributions are reported as net assets with donor restrictions support until the assets are acquired and placed in service and then, such amounts are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

## **Deferred Financing Costs**

Included in bonds and notes payables are deferred financing costs that are being amortized over the life of the related bonds.

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, deferred financing costs, net totaled approximately \$2,624,000 and \$2,816,000, respectively. Amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was approximately \$192,000 and \$205,000, respectively. The estimated amortization expense for deferred financing costs for the next five years is approximately \$101,000 annually.

# Beneficial Interest in Trusts

The University is the beneficiary of certain perpetual trusts and charitable remainder trusts held and administered by third-party trustees. Under the terms of these agreements, the University has the irrevocable right to its share of the income earned on the trust assets. The use of the income may be restricted by the donor. The estimated fair value of trust assets are recognized as assets and contribution revenue when reported to the University.

#### Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is a market-based measurement based on assumptions used to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As a basis for considering assumptions, the University prioritizes inputs using three levels, based on the markets in which the investments trade and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

- Level 1 Valuation is based on quoted prices for identical investments in active markets. Market price data is generally obtained from relevant exchange or dealer markets.
- Level 2 Valuation is based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, 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 similar assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Valuation is based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include investments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow

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methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

Fair values for certain investments held are based on net asset value (NAV) of such investments as determined by the respective external investment managers, including general partners, if fair values are not readily ascertainable. These valuations are based on estimates involving assumptions and valuation techniques used by the respective investment managers.

Fair value is best determined based on quoted market prices. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. Accordingly, the fair value estimates may not be realized in an immediate settlement of the investment.

Investments are comprised of the assets of the University's endowment and similar funds, and split-interest agreements. Endowment funds are subject to the restrictions of gift instruments requiring that the principal be invested in perpetuity and that only income be utilized. Funds functioning as endowment, also known as quasi-endowment funds, have been established by the Board of Trustees for the same purposes as endowment funds. However, any portion of the funds functioning as endowment may be expended with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Assets of the endowment and similar funds are pooled on a fair value basis with each individual fund subscribing to or disposing of units on the basis of the fair value per unit at the beginning of the quarterly period within which the transactions take place. Endowment income is distributed based on the number of units subscribed to at the end of each month. In addition, the University maintains separately invested funds as stipulated by donors.

Gains or losses on investments are reported in the consolidated statement of activities as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law. Investment income is recorded in net assets without donor restrictions unless its use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations.

## Land, Buildings and Equipment

Land, buildings and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or, if received as a gift, at the estimated fair value at the date of the gift. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recorded. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

Finance leases are recorded at their present value at the inception of the lease. Leases for property and equipment are amortized on the straight-line basis over the shorter period of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the equipment. Amortization expense related to leases is included in depreciation in the consolidated statement of activities.

Depreciation expense is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. Estimated useful lives are periodically reviewed and, when appropriate, changes are made prospectively. When certain events or changes in operating conditions occur, asset lives may be adjusted and an impairment assessment may be performed on the recoverability of the carrying amounts.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

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Useful lives are as follows:

Land improvements10 to 20 YearsBuildings and improvements10 to 40 YearsEquipment3 to 10 Years

## Deposits and Deferred Revenue

Deposits and deferred revenue represent revenues received in advance of services to be rendered and are primarily composed of revenue for student tuition and educational fees received in advance and advance payments on sponsored research programs.

# Split-Interest Agreements

The University's split-interest agreements with donors are included in investments and consist of charitable gift annuities, charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, and pooled income arrangements. Assets are invested by the University or third-party trustees and payments are made to beneficiaries in accordance with the respective agreements. At the end of each agreement's term, amounts are distributed to the University or other beneficiaries. Annual distributions to beneficiaries may be for a specified dollar amount or a percentage of the trust's fair value. Upon receipt, gifts requiring the University or trustee to pay donors a specified periodic amount are recorded at fair value with corresponding estimated liabilities for future amounts payable to other beneficiaries, where applicable. The liabilities associated with these gifts are adjusted during the term of these gift instruments. The University is aware of certain split-interest arrangements in which it has been named as beneficiary and has adopted a policy that until such amounts are estimable and probable, such amounts are not recognized in the financial statements. The present value of payments to beneficiaries under split-interest arrangements is calculated using discount rates in effect at the date of the gift; these rates range from approximately 0.4% to 11.2%.

# Asset Retirement Obligations

An asset retirement obligation ("ARO") is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of long-lived assets. These liabilities are initially recorded at fair value and the related asset retirement costs are capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related assets by the same amount as the liability. Asset retirement costs are subsequently depreciated over the useful lives of the related assets. Subsequent to initial recognition, the University records period-to-period changes in the ARO liability resulting from the passage of time or revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows. The University derecognizes ARO liabilities when the related obligations are settled.

## Tax-Exempt Status

The University is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and is generally exempt from income taxes pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code.

#### Sponsored Research

The University receives sponsored program funding from various governmental and corporate sources. The funding may represent a reciprocal transaction in exchange for an equivalent benefit in return, or it may be a nonreciprocal transaction in which the resources provided are for the benefit of the University, the funding organization's mission, or the public at large.

Revenues from exchange transactions are recognized as performance obligations are satisfied, which in most cases are as related costs are incurred.

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Revenues from nonexchange transactions (contributions) may be subject to conditions, in the form of both a barrier to entitlement and a refund of amounts paid. Revenues from conditional nonexchange transactions are recognized when the barrier is satisfied.

In 2023 and 2022, sponsored programs revenue earned from governmental sources total \$37,830,000 and \$34,497,000, respectively. Indirect costs recovered on federally sponsored programs are based on predetermined reimbursement rates, which are stated as a percentage and distributed based on the modified total direct costs incurred. The University negotiates its federal indirect rate with its cognizant federal agency. Indirect costs recovered on all other grants and contracts are based on rates negotiated with the respective sponsors. Funds received for sponsored research activity are subject to audit. Based upon information currently available, management believes that any liability resulting from such audits will not materially affect the financial position or operations of the University.

#### Tuition and Fee Revenue

The University recognizes revenue from student tuition and fees within the fiscal year in which educational services are provided. Institutional aid, in the form of scholarships and grants-in-aid, includes amounts funded by the endowment, research funds, and gifts, and reduces the published price of tuition for students receiving such aid. As such, institutional aid is referred to as a tuition discount and represents the difference between the stated charge for tuition and fees and the amount that is billed to the student and/or third parties making payments on behalf of the student. Institutional aid provided to students was \$127,865,000 in 2023 and \$122,801,000 in 2022.

The University offers a summer term that spans two reporting periods. Payments of tuition and housing for the summer terms are recognized as performance obligations are met. Because the academic term spans two reporting periods, a portion of the payments are deferred at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

# **Auxiliary Services Revenue**

Auxiliary services exist to furnish goods or services to students, faculty, staff, or incidentally to the general public, and charges a fee directly related to, although not necessarily equal to, the cost of the goods or services provided.

Auxiliary services revenue includes revenues from contracts with customers to provide student housing and dining facilities.

Payments for these services are due approximately one week prior to the start of the academic term for undergraduate students and on the first of each month for graduate students. Dining plans are not offered during the summer terms. Performance obligations for housing and dining services are delivered over the academic terms. Consequently, revenue from housing and dining services is recognized ratably as services are rendered.

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# **NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET**

Accounts receivable, net, consist of the following at June 30 (in thousands):

		2023				
Sponsored research Student receivables Other receivables	\$	9,784 3,326 2,059	\$	6,381 2,960 9,119		
		15,169		18,460		
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts		(1,454)		(1,228)		
	<u>\$</u>	13,715	\$	17,232		

# **NOTE 4 - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE, NET**

Unconditional promises are expected to be received in the following periods at June 30 (in thousands):

		2022		
In one year or less Between one and five years	\$	9,615 23,348	\$	7,530 22,616
Less:		32,963		30,146
Discount to present value Allowance for doubtful contributions		(1,723) (2,436)		(1,374) (2,339)
	\$	28,804	\$	26,433

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University has approximately \$115,412,000 and \$113,434,000, respectively, of conditional promises to give that are not recognized as assets in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

#### **NOTE 5 - STUDENT LOANS RECEIVABLE**

The University makes uncollateralized loans to students based on financial need. Student loans are funded through Federal government loan programs or institutional resources. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, student loans represented 1.3% and 1.3% of total assets, respectively.

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Student loans receivable consist of the following at June 30 (in thousands):

		2023							2022				
	Federal		Ins	nstitutional Total		Federal		Institutional		Total			
Student loans receivable	\$	2,333	\$	14,642	\$	16,975	\$	3,360	\$	13,071	\$	16,431	
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts Beginning of year Decrease (increases) Write-offs		- - -		(359) (35)		(359) (35)		(150) - 150		(313) (46)		(463) (46) 150	
End of year				(394)		(394)				(359)		(359)	
Student loans receivable, net	\$	2,333	\$	14,248	\$	16,581	\$	3,360	\$	12,712	\$	\$16,072	

Historically the University participated in the Federal Perkins Loan Program revolving loan program. Congress did not renew the program after September 30, 2017 and no disbursements were permitted after June 30, 2018. The University has elected to continue to collect on the loans and return the federal portion collected on an annual basis. Funds advanced by the Federal government and their share of student loan activity totals \$2,527,000 and \$3,601,000 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The following amounts were past due under student loan programs at June 30 (in thousands):

	1-60	Days	60-9	60-90 Days		+ Days	Total Past Due		
June 30, 2023	\$	5	\$	6	\$	793	\$	804	
June 30, 2022	\$	5	\$	7	\$	847	\$	859	

Allowances for doubtful accounts are established based on prior collection experience and current economic factors which, in management's judgment, could influence the ability of loan recipients to repay the amounts per the loan terms. Institutional loan balances are written off only when they are deemed to be permanently uncollectible.

# **NOTE 6 - BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUSTS**

Beneficial interest in trusts are carried at fair value using discounted present value and other similar methodologies. The following table summarizes the changes in these trusts during the years ended June 30 (in thousands):

	 2023	 2022
Fair value, beginning of year Net realized losses Distributions, net	\$ 16,846 (275) (97)	\$ 19,697 (2,391) (460)
Fair value, end of year	\$ 16,474	\$ 16,846

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**NOTE 7 - INVESTMENTS** 

Investments at June 30, 2023 are as follows (comparative totals are included for 2022) (in thousands):

		2023		2022	
	 ndowment nd Similar Funds	lit-Interest reements	 Total	Total	
Cash and cash equivalents Equity securities Fixed income securities Alternative investments Equity funds Fixed income funds Private equity funds Real estate	\$ 2,823 60,380 88,402 327,953 66,538 100,883 44,563	\$ 424 10,118 2,403	\$ 3,247 70,498 90,805 327,953 66,538 100,883 44,563	\$ 9,709 39,549 60,550 301,709 71,136 98,470 59,591	
Total investments	\$ 691,542	\$ 12,945	\$ 704,487	\$ 640,714	

Investments at June 30, 2023 are as follows (in thousands):

					2	023				
		Quoted	Signi	ficant						
	F	Prices in	Ot	her	U	nificant				
		Active	Obse	rvable		servable		NAV		
	ľ	Markets		outs		puts		Practical		
	(	Level 1)	(Lev	rel 2)	12) (Leve			Expedient		Total
Cook and cook an inclusion	Φ	2 247	ф.		φ		Φ		φ	2 247
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,247	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,247
Equity securities		70,498		-		-		-		70,498
Fixed income securities		90,805		-		-		-		90,805
Alternative investments										
Equity funds		-		-		-		327,953		327,953
Fixed income funds		-		-		-		66,538		66,538
Private equity funds		-		-		-		100,883		100,883
Real estate								44,563		44,563
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Total investments	\$	164,550	\$		\$		\$	539,937	\$	704,487

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						2022			
		Quoted	Signifi	icant					<u>.</u>
	Ρ	rices in	Oth	er	S	ignificant			
	-	Active	Obser	vable	Un	nobservabl		NAV	
	N	larkets	Inpu	ıts		e Inputs	F	Practical	
	(L	.evel 1)	_(Leve	el 2)	(	(Level 3)	_E	xpedient	 Total
			•						0.700
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	9,709	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 9,709
Equity securities		39,549		-		-		-	39,549
Fixed income securities		60,550		-		-		_	60,550
Alternative investments									
Equity funds		-		-		-		301,709	301,709
Fixed income funds		-		-		-		71,136	71,136
Private equity funds		-		-		1,087		97,383	98,470
Real estate		-				12,447		47,144	 59,591
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Total investments	\$	109,808	\$		\$	13,534	\$	517,372	\$ 640,714

Fair values of equity, fixed income and commodity securities are generally based on published fair values. The University invests in hedge funds, private equity, and real estate investments through various limited partnerships and similar vehicles. Hedge funds utilize a variety of investment strategies incorporating marketable securities and, in some cases, derivative instruments, all of which are reported at estimated fair value by the fund managers. Private equity funds consist of long-term private investments and have been valued based on estimates provided by the general partners of the investment vehicles. Investments in limited partnerships and limited liability companies (generally referred to as "limited partnerships") for which readily ascertainable fair values are not available are reported at estimated fair value as determined by management or at the investment net asset value ("NAV") as a practical expedient. Investments in limited partnerships are generally valued based upon the most recent NAV or capital account information available from the general partner of the investment limited partnership, taking into consideration, where applicable, other information determined to be a reliable indicator of fair value. These factors include rights and obligations, restrictions or illiquidity on such interest, potential claw backs, and the fair value of the limited partnership's investment portfolio or other assets and liabilities. The values assigned to investments in limited partnerships are based upon available information and do not necessarily represent amounts which might ultimately be realized. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been realized had a ready market for the investments existed and those differences could be material.

Real estate consists mainly of direct real estate holdings and investments in privately held entities. The fair values of the real estate investments in privately held entities have been valued based on the NAV provided by the fund managers of these investment vehicles. The fair values of direct real estate holdings have been prepared giving consideration to periodic independent external appraisals, as well as the income, cost and sales comparison approaches of estimating property value. The income approach estimates an income stream for a property (typically 10 years) and discounts this income plus a reversion (presumed sale) into a present value at a risk adjusted rate. A second technique is the direct capitalization analysis. Direct capitalization involves capitalizing a property's first year, or stabilized net operating income into a value estimate. Yield rates and growth assumptions utilized in both approaches are derived from market transactions as well as other financial and industry data. The cost approach estimates the replacement cost of the building less physical depreciation plus the land value. Generally, this approach provides a check on the value derived using the income approach. The sales comparison approach compares recent transactions to the appraised property. Adjustments are made for dissimilarities which typically provide a range of value. The income capitalization and sales comparison approach were used to value the direct real estate investments. The capitalization rates, sales price per acre of comparable properties, and the

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comparability adjustments are considered to be significant unobservable inputs to these valuations. These rates and adjustments vary and are based on the location, type and nature of each property, and current and anticipated market conditions. Appraisals for any direct real estate holding were prepared by independent external appraisers. Management believes the appraisals approximate fair value for real estate holdings at June 30, 2023.

The following table summarizes the valuation methods and quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of Level 3 direct real estate holdings at June 30 not valued at NAV (in thousands):

Real Estate	•	000	0000	Valuation	Unobservable	Б
Investment		023	2022	Technique	Input	Range
Commercial real estate, Florida	\$	-	\$ -	Income capitalization	Capitalization Rate	8.0% - 14.0%
Leased land, Worcester, MA		-	5,250	Income capitalization	Capitalization Rate	3.96% - 6.1%
Parking garage, Worcester, MA		-	3,475	Income capitalization	Capitalization Rate	8.25%
Undeveloped land, Worcester, MA		-	1,740	Sales comparison	Price per acre Comparability adjustments	\$0.7M - \$1.4M -20% - 30%
Undeveloped land, Worcester, MA		-	1,600	Sales comparison	Price per acre Comparability adjustments	\$0.7M - \$1.4M -5% - + 45%
Residential real estate, US			382	Sales comparison	Price per square foot	\$365K - \$405K
	\$		\$ 12,447			

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Alternative investments consist of noncontrolling, limited marketability stock holdings and investments in limited partnerships. The fair values of investments in limited partnerships have been valued based on the NAV provided by the fund managers of these investment vehicles and reviewed by management. The following tables summarize key provisions for the University's alternative investments valued at NAV as of June 30 (in thousands):

			2023			
Asset Class	Strategy	Fair Value	Remaining Life	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Terms	Redemption Restrictions
Absolute Return - Market Neutral	Global equity and fixed income funds in market neutral categories	\$ 62,759	Up to 21 Years	\$ -	Redemption terms range from quarterly with 60 to 90 days notice to annually with 5 to 90	Lock-up provisions range from none to redemptions limited to 1/3 of the value annually.
Private Equity	Venture capital and buyout in the US and global markets	100,883	Up to 8 Years	47,070	days notice. Private equity structure with no ability to redeem.	Not redeemable
Directional Hedge	Global long/short equity funds	95,374	Up to 28 Years	-	Redemption terms range from quarterly with 60 days notice to every five years with 90 days notice.	No lock-up provisions
Public Equity	Primarily in long only equity, tracks performance or relevant index	207,368	No limit	-	Redemption terms range from 10 business days in advance of valuation date to monthly redemptions with 7 days notice.	Ranges from no additional restrictions to partial redemptions allowed but may require full redemption if capital is below \$1M.
Fixed Income	Primarily in domestic bonds, tracks performance	28,990	No limit	-	Daily redemption with a notice period ranging from 0 to 2 business days.	below \$ IIVI.
Real Estate	US real estate		Up to 4 Years		Private equity structure with no ability to	Not redeemable
		44,563		24,550	redeem.	
		\$ 539,937		\$ 76,795		

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Asset Class	Strategy	Fair Value	Remaining Life	Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Terms	Redemption Restrictions
Absolute Return - Market Neutral	Global equity and fixed income funds in market neutral categories	\$ 65,640	Up to 23 Years	\$ -	Redemption terms range from quarterly with 60 to 90 days notice to annually with 45 to 90 days notice.	Lock -up provisions range from none to redemptions limited to 1/3 of the value annually.
Private Equity	Venture capital and buyout in the US and global markets	97,383	Up to 9 Years	46,745	Private equity structure with no ability to redeem.	Not redeemable
Directional Hedge	Global long/short equity funds	101,637	Up to 29 Years	-	Redemption terms range from quarterly with 60 days notice to every five years with 90 days notice.	No lock-up provisions
Public Equity	Primarily in long only equity, tracks performance or relevant index	175,943	No limit	-	Redemption terms range from 10 business days in advance of valuation date to monthly redemptions with 7 days	Ranges from no additional restrictions to partial redemptions allowed but may require full redemption if capital is
Fixed Income	Primarily in domestic bonds, tracks performance	29,625	No limit	-	notice. Daily redemption with a notice period ranging from 0 to 2 business days.	below \$1M.
Real Estate	US real estate	47,144	Up to 4 Years	26.431	Private equity structure with no ability to	Not redeemable

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The following table summarizes the changes in the Level 3 investments carried at fair value during the years ended June 30 (in thousands):

	ate Equity Funds	Re	eal Estate	 Total
Fair value, June 30, 2021 Transfers out Net realized and unrealized losses	\$ 1,087 - -	\$	16,260 (2,150) (1,663)	\$ 17,347 (2,150) (1,663)
Fair value, June 30, 2022	1,087		12,447	13,534
Net realized and unrealized gains/(losses) Sales and settlements	 (1,087)		4,812 (17,259)	 3,725 (17,259)
Fair value, June 30, 2023	\$ 	\$		\$ 

In the consolidated statements of activities for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, net realized and unrealized gains and losses on Level 3 investments are included in nonoperating net realized and unrealized losses on investments.

# **Endowment Income and Spending**

In addition to current yield (interest, dividends, and net rental income), the University has interpreted Massachusetts state law to allow for the utilization of capital appreciation on donor-restricted endowment funds unless explicit donor stipulations specify how net appreciation must be used. Accordingly, the University segregates capital appreciation between that which can be used for current operations and that which is attributable to donor-restricted endowment funds. For financial reporting purposes, current yield and capital appreciation attributed to donor-restricted endowment funds are considered restricted until appropriated for use, and the historic dollar value of such funds is considered restricted in perpetuity.

The University has adopted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") statute. UPMIFA provides guidance for investment management; enumerates guidelines in prudent investing; and eliminates the concept of "historic dollar value" for donor-restricted endowments. Accordingly, the University has not limited appropriation of underwater funds to current yield.

The University has adopted investment and spending policies for its endowment and similar funds that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding for its programs. To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the University relies on a total return approach in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized gains) and current yield.

To achieve its long-term objectives within prudent risk parameters, the University targets a diversified asset allocation as follows:

Asset Allocation Policy	Target %
Global equity	50
Private equity / venture capital	20
Private credit	5
Flexible capital	10
Fixed income	2.5
Real assets	12.5

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The University observes a spending rule with respect to total return (interest, dividends, and appreciation) on investments of the endowment and similar funds. Under the spending rule, the University appropriated 4.6% of its endowment and similar funds' average unit fair value for the previous twelve quarters, from the beginning of the fiscal year, for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The spending rule distributions for fiscal years 2023 and 2022, respectively, were \$0.295 and \$0.293 per time weighted unit, comprised of, respectively, \$0.112 and \$0.050 of income and \$0.183 and \$0.243 of distributions from current and accumulated net gains. At June 30, 2023, there were a total of 87,820,560 units in the pooled endowment and similar funds, each having a fair value of \$7.195 of the total units. Of those units, 52,202,082 were owned by endowment funds and 35,618,478 were owned by internally designated funds, respectively. At June 30, 2022, there were a total of 86,501,700 units in the pooled endowment and similar funds, each having a fair value of \$6.813 of the total units. Of those units, 50,931,597 were owned by endowment funds and 35,570,108 were owned by internally designated funds, respectively.

A summary of the fair value per unit and the income per time-weighted unit for the pooled investments held as of June 30, 2023 and in each of the prior four years is as follows:

	ome Per -Weighted Unit	Fair \	Value Per Unit
2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018	\$ 0.112 0.500 0.031 0.039 0.059 0.061	\$	7.195 6.813 7.441 6.003 6.359 6.338

To the extent that accumulated realized and unrealized losses are in excess of accumulated gains for donor-restricted endowment funds, they are reported as decreases in net assets with donor restrictions. As a result of market declines, the fair value of certain donor-restricted endowment funds of \$7,882,000 is less than the historic dollar value of such funds of \$8,040,000 ("underwater funds") equaling approximately \$158,000 and \$900,000 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The University is under no legal obligation to fund the deficiencies.

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# **Endowment and Similar Funds**

The endowment and similar funds' net asset composition as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the changes for the years then ended are as follows (in thousands):

	2023					
	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions			Total
Donor restricted Quasi-endowment	\$	- 245,845	\$	382,920	\$	382,920 245,845
		245,845		382,920		628,765
Balance, June 30, 2022		232,329		354,778		587,107
Investment return Contributions Appropriated for expenditure		29,403 1,683 (17,570)		29,676 6,288 (7,822)		59,079 7,971 (25,392)
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$	245,845	\$	382,920	\$	628,765
				2022		
		nout Donor estrictions		ith Donor estrictions		Total
Donor restricted Quasi-endowment	\$	232,329	\$	354,778	\$	354,778 232,329
		232,329		354,778		587,107
Balance, June 30, 2021		252,373		378,543		630,916
Investment return Contributions Appropriated for expenditure		(9,323) 3,942 (14,663)		(22,628) 8,928 (10,065)		(31,951) 12,870 (24,728)
Balance, June 30, 2022	\$	232,329	\$	354,778	\$	587,107

# Split-Interest Agreements

Investments include the following split-interest agreements at June 30 (in thousands):

	2023		2022		
Charitable remainder trusts Charitable gift annuities Pooled income funds	\$	\$ 6,418 5,705 822		7,211 6,170 978	
	\$	12,945	\$	14,359	

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# NOTE 8 - LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Land, buildings and equipment, net, consist of the following at June 30 (in thousands):

	 2023		2022
Land and land improvements Buildings and improvements Equipment Long-term lease assets	\$ 43,575 683,292 150,744 34,769	\$	32,056 651,358 144,211 35,130
	912,380		862,755
Less: accumulated depreciation	(401,422)		(369,682)
Construction-in-progress	 7,561		12,906
	\$ 518,519	\$	505,979

Depreciation expense charged to operations was approximately \$31,693,000 and \$31,514,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Net interest cost capitalized was \$0 and \$3,070,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## **NOTE 9 - LEASES**

The University is a lessee or lessor of real estate and office space, as well as equipment. The University determines whether a contract is a lease at inception of the contract. When evaluating contracts for embedded leases, the University exercises judgement to determine if there is an explicit or implicit identified asset in the contract and if the University controls the use of that asset. Embedded leases are immaterial to the consolidated financial statements.

Certain real estate leases have renewal options and the lease term includes options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the University will exercise that option.

Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease assets and liabilities are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The majority of the University's leases do not have a readily determinable implicit discount rate and in those cases the University uses its incremental borrowing rate to calculate the present value of lease payments. As a practical expedient, the University has made an accounting policy election for all asset classes not to separate lease components from nonlease components in the event that the agreement contains both. The University includes both lease and nonlease components for purposes of calculating the right-of-use asset and related lease liability. For finance leases, interest expense on the lease liability is recognized using the effective interest method and amortization of the right-to-use asset is recognized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the lease term.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the University entered into a 40-year operating agreement with a third party to manage and upgrade the existing powerplant. This long-term utility agreement includes an upfront \$45 million payment and an exclusive right to sell to the University electricity, steam/hot water, and chilled water. Through this 40-year agreement the University agreed to sell certain utility assets to a newly formed entity, WPI Utility P3, LLC at a price of \$14,103,600 and to grant them the right to operate the utility systems for the duration of the agreement at a price of \$30,896,400.

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The University assessed the transaction as a sale leaseback transaction under Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 842 and concluded that ultimately the transaction did not meet the definition of a sale. Therefore, the University did not follow sale leaseback accounting. Instead, the University continued to recognize the fixed assets with their net book value of approximately \$2.6 million and continued depreciating them over their useful lives. Separately, the University recognized the cash received of \$45 million as an operating lease liability for the future payments to be made.

The table below presents certain information related to the lease costs for leases.

		2022		
Finance lease cost				
Amortization of leased assets	\$	334	\$	334
Interest on lease liabilities		548		95
Operating lease cost		4,503		3,098
Short-term and variable lease costs		4,828		3,044
Total lease cost	\$	10,211	\$	6,571

Supplemental financial position information related to operating and finance leases as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	Classification on the Statement of Financial Position	 2023
Assets Operating lease assets Finance lease assets	Land, buildings and equipment, net Land, buildings and equipment, net	\$ 20,004 1,504
Total lease assets		21,508
Liabilities Lease liabilities Finance leases	Operating lease liabilities Operating lease liabilities	 21,476 46,272
Total lease liabilities		\$ 67,748
Weighted-average remaining lease term Operating leases Finance leases Weighted-average discount rate		5.1 years 85.6 years
Operating leases Finance leases		3.13% 3.24%

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The table below presents supplemental cash flow information related to leases:

		2023
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities Operating cash flows for operating leases Operating cash flows for finance leases	\$	4,503 1,524
	\$	4,957
Future minimum lease payments under operating leases at June 30, 2023 is as follows:		
Year Ending June 30,	Am	ount Due
2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Thereafter	\$	7,158 7,005 6,684 6,509 5,569 57,345
Less: imputed interest		(22,522)
Total lease liabilities	\$	67,748

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# **NOTE 10 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE**

Bonds and notes payable consist of the following (in thousands) at June 30:

Down and Definition	Maturity	Interest	Original	nount Due ithin One	Balance,		Balance,
Purpose and Definition	Date	Rate %	Issue	 Year	June 30, 2023	Jun	e 30, 2022
Bonds payable							
MDFA 2008 Series A (1)	9/1/2035	Variable	\$ 54,815	\$ 2,440	\$ 31,345	\$	33,730
MDFA 2014 Series (1)	9/1/2029	2.5-3.1	2,782	212	3,090		3,295
MDFA 2016 Series (2)	9/1/2052	3.0-5.0	49,030	-	43,149		48,042
Worcester Polytechnic							
Institute 2016 Series (1)	9/1/2056	4.338	56,905	-	56,905		56,905
MDFA 2017A Series (3)	9/1/2047	3.0-5.0	14,435	250	14,440		14,955
MDFA 2017B Series (4)	9/1/2045	5.0	52,990	-	54,736		60,436
MDFA 2019 Series (5)	9/1/2059	4.0-5.0	113,640	-	133,315		133,963
MDFA 2022 Series (1)	6/30/2042	2.2	42,540	1,050	41,557		42,540
Uncollateralized notes							
TD Bank	7/1/2023	Various	7,122	-	-		3,977
Capital lease obligations Other short-term financing	Various	Various	-	92	205		195
obligations	Various	Various	-	 20,000	20,000		3
				24,044	398,743		398,041
Less: deferred financing costs, net of					(0.000)		(0.0.10)
amortization				 	(2,623)		(2,816)
Total bonds and notes payable				\$ 24,044	\$ 396,120	\$	395,225

- (1) The bonds, issued at par with no discount or premium, represent a general obligation of the University.
- <sup>(2)</sup> The bonds represent a general obligation of the University. The balance at June 30, 2023 includes a premium of approximately \$4,364,000.
- The bonds represent a general obligation of the University. The balance at June 30, 2023 includes a premium of approximately \$2,005,000.
- The bonds represent a general obligation of the University. The balance at June 30, 2023 includes a premium of approximately \$6,491,000.
- The bonds represent a general obligation of the University The balance at June 30, 2023 includes a premium of approximately \$19,770,000.

In compliance with the University's various bond indentures, funds held under bond agreements at June 30, 2022 included investments of approximately \$8,885,000 for construction and debt service reserves.

Scheduled aggregate principal repayments on bonds and notes payable for each of the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows (in thousands):

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

# June 30, 2023 and 2022

Year Ending June 30,	Ar	nount Due
2024 2025 2026 2027 2028	\$	24,044 3,808 3,847 4,007 4,103 326,304
Thereafter		320,304
Total cash payments		366,113
Premium		32,630
	\$	398,743

In June 2022, the University refunded \$42,540,000 in the form of MDFA Revenue Bond Series 2022, formerly Series 2012 Bonds. The original proceeds from the issue were used to finance the development, construction, furnishing, and equipping of an approximately 250-bed-apartment-style residence hall and other renovations, repairs, and improvements to campus facilities. The 2022 bonds are fixed rate bonds payable in annual installments with principal payments ranging from \$983,000 to \$19,012,000 beginning June 30, 2023, and a fixed interest rate of 2.22%. The final maturity is June 30, 2042.

The University also has a \$50,000,000 bank revolving line of credit. The line of credit bears interest at an adjusted SOFR rate plus 1.25% per month on outstanding amounts. The balance outstanding was \$20,000,000 and \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Related interest expense was \$49,000 and \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

# **NOTE 11 - INTEREST RATE AGREEMENTS**

The University has entered into several interest rate swap agreements used to economically hedge the interest rate risk associated with certain of its variable rate debt obligations. The following summarizes the terms for each of these agreements as of June 30 (dollars in thousands):

			D	es 2008 A eutsche ank AG		Barclays ank PLC
Trade/effective date				v. 3, 2008	No	v. 3, 2008
Initial notional amount			\$	14,100	\$	34,200
Termination date			Od	ct.1, 2033	Se	pt.1, 2035
Rate paid by University				4.650%		3.71%
			7	71% of		
Rate paid by Counterparty			on	e-month	;	SOFR +
			l	LIBOR	1	1.448 bps
Fair Value Liability	L	evel 1	L	evel 2		Total
June 30, 2023	\$	831	\$	1,044	\$	1,875
June 30, 2022	\$	1,346	\$	2,045	\$	3,391

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2023 and 2022

The net unrealized loss and gain that was recognized for the interest rate swap agreements for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was approximately a gain of \$1,023,000 and \$3,452,000, respectively, and has been recorded in as changes in value of interest rate agreements on the accompanying consolidated statements of activities. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the fair value liability for interest rate swap agreements totaled \$1,875,000 and \$3,391,000, respectively.

The interest rate swap agreements contain provisions requiring collateral postings should the fair value liability of the University exceed certain amounts based on the University's long-term credit ratings. The collateral posting provision for the agreement with Deutsche Bank AG is triggered should the fair value liability exceed \$40 million and the University's long-term credit rating remains at A1/A+. Barclays Bank PLC is triggered should the combined fair value liability exceed \$40 million and the University's long-term credit rating declines to A2/A. At its current ratings level of A2/A, a combined fair value liability in excess of \$40 million will trigger a posting requirement for the Barclays Bank PLC agreements. The current combined debt and swap liability is \$33 million. The provisions with both counterparties provide that the liability threshold increases if the University's long-term credit ratings decline. At June 30, 2023, the University is not required to post collateral to its counterparties.

#### **NOTE 12 - RETIREMENT PLAN**

The University participates in a defined contribution retirement plan for substantially all of its employees. Employees may elect to invest in various accounts with the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America ("TIAA"), Fidelity Investments, or a combination of both. Contributions were approximately \$10,495,000 and \$9,895,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Contributions are based upon a percentage of the employees' compensation.

#### **NOTE 13 - FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Expenses are presented by functional classification. Each functional classification includes all expenses related to the underlying operations by natural classification. The costs of operation and maintenance of plant, depreciation, and interest expense have been allocated across all functional expense categories to reflect the full cost of those activities.

Costs are allocated using the following methods: Expense for the depreciation, administration, supervision, operation, maintenance, preservation, and protection of the institution's physical plant are allocated based on square footage. Interest expense is allocated based on usage of debt-financed space.

The following summarizes the allocation of functional expenses as of June 30 (dollars in thousands):

				2023					
	 nstruction d Research	onsored esearch	Student Services	uxiliary terprises	_	External Relations	A	itution and cademic Support	 Total
Wages and benefits Operating	\$ 103,939	\$ 25,033	\$ 11,606	\$ 842	\$	10,564	\$	38,493	\$ 190,477
expenses Depreciation Interest	28,294 9,112	22,651 4,598	11,142 5,182	31,347 7,499		2,856 117		24,169 4,997	120,459 31,505
expense	 4,825	 1,041	 2,633	 3,745		18		455	 12,717
	\$ 146,170	\$ 53,323	\$ 30,563	\$ 43,433	\$	13,555	\$	68,114	\$ 355,158

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2023 and 2022

				2022					
	 nstruction d Research	onsored esearch	Student Services	uxiliary terprises	_	elations	A	itution and cademic Support	 Total
Wages and benefits Operating	\$ 103,155	\$ 22,306	\$ 12,252	\$ 6,220	\$	9,873	\$	37,351	\$ 191,157
expenses Depreciation	20,232 7,507	20,728 3,596	8,014 4,637	26,150 7,835		2,301 114		14,335 4,440	91,760 28,129
Interest expense	 1,494	 61	 2,727	 8,848		4		(1,485)	 11,649
	\$ 132,387	\$ 46,694	\$ 27,630	\$ 49,053	\$	12,292	\$	54,639	\$ 322,695

External relations expenditures include approximately \$8,237,000 and \$7,651,000 of fundraising expenses for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

# NOTE 14 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The following summarizes the financial assets available to meet the University's general expenditures, as of June 30, 2023:

	Resources Available at 6/30/23	App the	resources ropriated by Board and allable in FY 2024	 sources not able Within 12 Months	Total
Financial assets available within 12 months					
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, net	\$ 10,891 13.715	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 10,891 13,715
Forecasted payout on board	13,713		-	-	13,713
designated endowments	-		16,878	-	16,878
Investments not subject to donor restrictions or board designations	 -		10,621	 	 10,621
Total financial assets available within 12 months	24,606		27,499	_	52,105
Financial assets not available for expenditures within 12 months Cash, cash equivalents and	_,,				,
investments Contributions not due within one	-		-	704,487	704,487
Vear	28,804		_	_	28,804
Student loan receivables, net	-		-	16,581	16,581
Liquidity resources					
Bank line of credit (less balance outstanding as of June 30, 2023)	 30,000			 -	 30,000
Total financial assets and other liquidity resources	\$ 83,410	\$	27,499	\$ 721,068	\$ 831,977

The University regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. When reviewing available resources required to meet its expenditures over a 12-month period, the University considers all expenditures related to its ongoing activities.

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

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2023 and 2022

Included in financial assets not available for expenditure at June 30, 2023, the University had \$244,135,000 of board-designated endowments that, with the board's approval, could be made available for expenditures.

Of the University's investments, 58% are redeemable within 30 days, 22% may be redeemed either at future specified redemption dates or currently by incurring a penalty, and 20% are in real estate, private equites, and other private investments. Constraints that limit the University's ability to withdraw capital after such investments are made may limit the amount available for withdrawal at a given redemption date which could limit the University's ability to respond quickly to changes in market conditions.

# **NOTE 15 - NET ASSETS**

Net assets consist of the following at June 30 (in thousands):

	Without Donor estrictions	 /ith Donor estrictions	Total
Endowment funds Long-term investment (quasi - endowment) Original principal Unspent income and appreciation	\$ 245,845 -	\$ - 249,221	\$ 245,845 249,221
Scholarship support Faculty support Program support	 - - -	 94,512 19,575 21,322	 94,512 19,575 21,322
Total endowment funds	245,845	384,630	630,475
Split-interest agreements and perpetual trusts Student loan funds Gifts and other unexpended revenues	1,414 14,225	22,224 4,423	23,638 18,648
Acquisition of building and equipment Instruction, research and institutional support Undesignated	 - - 89,238	1,100 36,188 -	 1,100 36,188 89,238
	\$ 350,722	\$ 448,565	\$ 799,287
	Without Donor estrictions	 /ith Donor estrictions	 Total
Endowment funds Long-term investment (quasi - endowment) Original principal Unspent income and appreciation	\$ 232,329	\$ - 240,136	\$ 232,329 240,136
Scholarship support Faculty support Program support	 - - -	 80,253 16,166 18,223	 80,253 16,166 18,233
Total endowment funds	232,329	354,778	587,107
Split-interest agreements and perpetual trusts Student loan funds Gifts and other unexpended revenues	1,240 13,862	23,647 4,341	24,887 18,203
Acquisition of building and equipment Instruction, research and institutional support Undesignated	 - - 101,199	 3,134 31,089 -	 3,134 31,089 101,199
	\$ 348,630	\$ 416,989	\$ 765,619

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2023 and 2022

#### **NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTIES**

The Alumni Association of Worcester Polytechnic Institute ("Alumni Association"), a separate 501(c)(3) organization, invests the majority of its funds in the University's endowment. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, funds held for others in the consolidated statements of financial position include Alumni Association assets of \$2,956,000 and \$2,986,000, respectively.

#### **NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### **Construction Contracts**

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University had contracted for various renovations and construction projects across campus totaling approximately \$14,927,000 and \$18,150,000,respectively.

#### Investments

The University is obligated under certain limited partnership agreements and other alternative investment arrangements to advance additional funding periodically up to specified levels. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University had unfunded commitments of approximately \$76,795,000 and \$73,176,000, respectively, that can be called through fiscal year 2030. These commitments will be funded from the University's existing cash and investments.

#### Guarantees

The University has guaranteed commercial loans with an outstanding amount of approximately \$3,807,000 to six fraternities. These loans are collateralized by real property owned by the fraternities.

#### **Uncertain Tax Positions**

The University is generally exempt from federal and state income taxes. Management annually reviews for uncertain tax positions along with any related interest and penalties and believes that the University has no uncertain tax positions that would have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, upon the University's consolidated statement of financial position or the related consolidated statements of activities or cash flows.

## Sponsored Research

The University's sponsored research program and indirect cost recovery are subject to audit by the respective sponsoring federal agency as provided for in federally sponsored research regulations. Management believes that any such audit will not have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, upon the University's consolidated statement of financial position or the related consolidated statements of activities or cash flows.

## Self-insured Medical Claims

The University is self-insured for medical claims and is a member of a captive insurer providing stop-loss insurance to cover plan expenses in excess of certain limits. Management believes insurance claims that have occurred as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 but not yet reported or paid have been adequately reserved.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

June 30, 2023 and 2022

# Other Commitments and Contingencies

In May 2009, the University entered into a payment in lieu of taxes ("PILOT") agreement with the City of Worcester. The 25 year agreement provides for the University to pay approximately \$450,000 annually in voluntary payments, increasing 2.5% annually. The agreement calls for the City of Worcester to use these amounts to support the operations of the Worcester Public Library and for the implementation of the master plan to renovate Institute Park. In April 2015, the PILOT agreement was amended to increase the voluntary payment by an additional \$130,000 annually, also increasing 2.5% annually.

The University is also involved in various legal actions arising in the normal course of its activities. Although the ultimate outcome is not determinable at this time, management, after taking into consideration advice of legal counsel believes that the resolution of these pending matters will not have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, upon the University's consolidated statements of financial position, or the related consolidated statements of activities, or cash flows.

## **NOTE 18 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for the period after June 30, 2023 through January 11, 2024, the date the consolidated financial statements were issued, and determined that there have been no subsequent events that would require recognition in the consolidated financial statements or disclosure in the notes of the consolidated financial statements.

## NOTE 19 - SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY RATIOS

As disclosed in the accompanying supplemental schedule, the U.S. Department of Education finalized borrower defense rules that require the inclusion of a supplemental schedule to the audited consolidated financial statements that contains all financial elements needed to calculate the composite score ratios with a cross reference to the financial statement line, or notes disclosure, that contains the element. The required financial elements as of June 30, 2023 not already included in a previous footnote are outlined below.

Financial element (in thousands)	 Amount
Property, plant, and equipment, net (includes construction in progress	
and capital leases)	\$ 518,519
Property, plant, and equipment, net - pre-implementation (including capital leases)	228,859
Property, plant, and equipment, net - post-implementation without original debt	
(including capital leases)	282,099
Related-party receivables	13,843
Long-term debt for long-term purposes pre-implementation	221,248
Property, plant, and equipment- post-implementation without original debt	
(including capital leases)	158,447
Note payable and line of credit for construction in progress	16,425
Term endowments with donor restrictions	238,999
Life income funds with donor restrictions	14,794
Non-operating and net investment gain / (loss)	(24,741)
Investment return appropriated for spending	7,832
Non-operating revenue and other gains / (loss)	(19,210)

# FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

# For the year ended June 30, 2023

Financial Statement Reference	Financial Element		nount ousands)
Primary Reserve Ratio			
Expendable Net Assets:			
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets without donor restrictions	<b>;</b>	\$ 350,722
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets with donor restrictions		448,565
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Secured and unsecured related party receivable	13,843	ŕ
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Unsecured related party receivables	,	13,843
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Property, plant, and equipment, net (includes construction in progress and capital leases)	518,519	
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Property, plant, and equipment, pre-implementation (including capital leases)		228,859
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Property, plant, and equipment, post-implementation without original debt (including capital leases)		282,099
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 8	Construction in Process		7,561
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 9	Lease right-of-use asset, net	21,508	,
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 9	Lease right-of-use asset, post-implementation	,	21,508
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position- Bonds and mortgages payable, net	Long-term debt- for long term purposes	396,120	2.,000
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Long-term debt- for long term purposes, pre-implementation	330, 120	221,248
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Long-term debt- for long term purposes, post-implementation		158,447
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Note payable and line of credit for construction in progress		16,425
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 9	Lease liabilities	67.748	10,423
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 9	Lease liabilities, post-implementation	07,740	67,748
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Term endowments with donor restrictions		238,999
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Life income funds with donor restrictions		14,794
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets with donor restrictions: restricted in perpetuity		253,793
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets with donor restrictions: Other than for purpose or	timo	253,793 194,772
Consolidated Statement of Financial Fosition	Total Expendable Net Assets:	unie	423,095
Total Expenses and Losses:	Total Expelluable Net Assets.		423,033
Consolidated Statement of Activities- Total Expenses	Total expenses without donor restrictions		355,157
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Non-operating and net investment loss		333, 137
Note to the consolidated i manoial statements-Note 15	Total Expenses and Losses:		355,157
Equity Ratio	Total Expenses and Eosses.		
Modified Net Assets:			
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets without donor restrictions		350,722
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Net assets with donor restrictions		448,565
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Unsecured related party receivables		13,843
Note to the consolidated i manoial statements-Note 15	Total Modified Net Assets:		813,130
Modified Assets:	Total mounica Net Assets.		010,100
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position	Total assets		1,319,476
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Secured and unsecured related party receivables		13,843
The to the deficient and a maniful obtaining the following	Total Modified Assets:		1,333,319
Net Income Ratio			
Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:			
Consolidated Statement of Activities	Change in net assets without donor restrictions:  Total Change in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:		2,092 <b>2,092</b>
Total Revenues and Gains:			
Consolidated Statement of Activities- Total Revenue and			
Other Support	Total operating revenue and other additions (gains)		326,672
Note to the Consolidated Financial Statements- Note 19	Non-operating revenue and other gains		24,741
	Total Revenues and Gains:		351,413

The accompanying notes to the financial responsibility supplemental schedule should be read in conjunction with this schedule.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

June 30, 2023

## **NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The proceeding schedule of financial responsibility ratios (the "Schedule") of the University provides financial information required by the U.S. Department of Education to calculate the primary reserve ratio, equity ratio, net income ratio and the composite score as defined in Subpart L of 34 CFR 668 for the fiscal year-ended June 30, 2023. The financial information in the Schedule has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America consistent with the consolidated financial statements. The Schedule is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Department of Education and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements.

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# For the year ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures	Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients
STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CLUSTER				
U.S. Department of Education  Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants  William D. Ford Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program  Work Study Program  Pell Grant Program	84.007 84.268 84.033		\$ 463,192 28,012,537 528,729 2,638,875	\$ - - -
Pell Grant Program Perkins Loan Program	84.063		2,638,875	-
Outstanding Loans as of July 1, 2022 Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster	84.038		3,359,890 <b>35,003,223</b>	
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER				
Department of Agriculture Agricultural Statistics Reports	10.950		31,226	_
Environmental Quality Incentives Program	10.912		282,529	93,070
Pass-Through Program National Institute of Food and Agriculture (from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University) Total Department of Agriculture	10.310	241112A / 2020-67021-39133	10,361 324,116	93,070
<u>Department of Commerce</u> National Institute for Standards and Technology				
Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards  Total National Institute for Standards and Technology	11.609		39,277 39,277	4,292 4,292
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pass-Through Program			·	·
Climate and Atmospheric Research from University of Puerto Rico)	11.431		6,121	-
Total National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration			6,121	
Total Department of Commerce			45,398	4,292
Department of Defense Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency				
Research and Technology Development Pass-Through Program	12.910		370,531	-
Defense Research (from Intrinsix Corporation) Total Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency	12.RD	W31P4Q-21-C-0004	5,651 <b>376,182</b>	
Department of the Air Force				
Air Force Defense Research Sciences Program Military Medical Research and Development	12.800 12.420		466,766 41,779	146,312
Pass-Through Programs Research and Development (from ALAE Solutions, LLC)	12.RD	AFX234-DCSO2 / FA8649-23-P-0482	63,833	
Air Force Defense Research Sciences Program (from BioMADE)	12.800	E-PC01-A-02-0092 / FA8650-21-2-5028	10,884	
Research and Development (from MIT Lincoln Laboratory)	12.RD	7000555164 / FA8702-15-D-0001	18,268	-
Research and Development (from MIT Lincoln Laboratory) Air Force Defense Research Sciences Program (from National	12.RD	7000524600 / FA8702-15-D-0001	214,002	-
Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining) Research and Development (from Research	12.800	FA8650-20-2-5700	47,141	16,368
Foundation of SUNY) Air Force Defense Research Sciences Program (from	12.RD	FA8650-15-2-522	28,621	-
University of Massachusetts Lowell)  Total Department of the Air Force	12.800	S51330000037894 / FA9550-18-1-0491	67,743 959,037	162,680
Department of the Army				
Basic Scientific Research Direct Programs	12.431 12.RD		4,987,194 503,735	2,423,274 107,256
Pass-Through Programs	12.ND		505,755	107,230
Basic, Applied, and Advanced Research in Science and Engineering from Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute)	12.630	T0137 / W911NF-17-3-003	67,806	_
Army Research from Colorado State University)	12.RD	G-27001-03 / W912HQ19C0049	93,637	-
Basic Scientific Research (from Northeastern University)	12.431	555080-78054 / W911NF2220001	733,279	-
Basic Scientific Research (from Northeastern University) Basic Scientific Research (from Northeastern University)	12.431 12.431	555092-78058 / W911NF2220001 555093-78055 / W911QX23D0002	136,284 48,494	-
Basic Scientific Research (from PPG Industries, Inc.)	12.431	EPO-00225544 / W911NF-17-2-0227	6,117	
Basic Scientific Research (from SEMI)	12.431	FT19-21-215 / W911NF-19-2-0345	651,164	242,944
Research on Chemical and Biological Defense from University of Massachusetts Lowell) Total Department of the Army	12.360	S5131047977MN31 / W911QY2020005	68,362 <b>7,296,072</b>	2,773,474
Department of the Navy				
Basic and Applied Scientific Research Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities Program	12.300 12.225		101,764 86,087	-
Pass-Through Programs Navy Research from Raytheon BBN Technologies)	12.RD	PO4201846507 / N66001-18-C-4507	(3,653)	•
Basic and Applied Scientific Research from University				-
of Wisconsin-Madison) Total Department of the Navy	12.300	0000001322 / N00014-21-1-2492	(2,812) 181,386	<del></del>
Washington Headquarters Services				
Pass-Through Program Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities Program				
Passed from VRC Metal Systems, LLC Total Washington Headquarters Services	12.225	59.01 / HQ0034-15-2-0007	59,691 <b>59,691</b>	
Total Department of Defense			8,872,368	2,936,154

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards should be read in conjunction with this schedule.

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# For the year ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures	Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients
Department of Education				
Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need	84.200		74,492	-
Education Research, Development and Dissemination	84.305		1,545,583	866,925
Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund	84.411		1,620,523	1,087,068
Pass-Through Programs Education Research, Development and Dissemination				
(from American Institute for Research)	84.305	0440300001 / R305A170243	(38,646)	_
Education Research, Development and Dissemination	01.000	011000000171100071110210	(00,010)	
(from Regents of University of Michigan)	84.305	SUBK00013829 / R305D210031	44,800	-
Education Research, Development and Dissemination				
(from Regents of University of Michigan)	84.305	SUBK00013834 / R305D210029	37,230	-
Education Research, Development and Dissemination	04.205	HTA04 000425 / P205P040020	04.070	
(from University of Texas at Austin) Education Research, Development and Dissemination	84.305	UTA21-000135 / R305D210036	84,972	-
(from WestEd)	84.305	S-15883 / R305A170641	35,986	_
Education Research, Development and Dissemination			,	
(from WestEd)	84.305	S-00019408 / R305R220012	29,121	-
Education Innovation and Research				
(from The Assistments Foundation) Total Department of Education	84.411	22-003 / S411B210024	45,137 3,479,198	1,953,993
Department of Energy				
Conservation Research and Development	81.086		1,186,804	352,877
Fossil Energy Research and Development	81.089		286,937	146,670
Renewable Energy Research and Development	81.087		525,737	330,628
Pass-Through Programs				
Research and Development (from Argonne National Laboratory)	81.RD	9F-60039 / DE-AC02-06CH11357	43,084	-
Research and Development (from Argonne National Laboratory) Nuclear Energy Research, Development and Demonstration	81.RD	9F-60088 / DE-AC02-06CH11357	157,979	-
(from Boston University)	81.121	4500003785 / DE-NE0008937	30,312	
Research and Development (from BWXT Pantex, LLC.)	81.RD	PTX01-000090910 / DE-NA0001942	39,908	-
Research and Development (from Leidos)	81.RD	P010255093 / 89243318CFE000003	69,489	-
Renewable Energy Research and Development (from Phinix LLC)	81.087	20-01-RR-4010-01 / DE-EE0007897	107,701	-
Fossil Energy Research and Development (from Saint-Gobain				
Ceramics and Plastics, Inc.)	81.089	DE-FE0031972-001 / DE-FE0031972	74,198	-
Research and Development (from Terves, LLC)	81.RD	WPI-2021-01 / DE-AC02-07CH11358	23,343	-
Conservation Research and Development (from The United States Advanced Battery Consortium LLC)	81.086	19-2240-ABC / DE-EE0006250	253,258	146,268
Conservation Research and Development (from The United States	01.000	19-2240-ABC / DE-EE0000230	200,200	140,200
Advanced Battery Consortium LLC)	81.086	21-2266-ABC / DE-EE0006250	470,480	254,673
Total Department of Energy			3,269,230	1,231,116
Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health Aging Research Allergy and Infectious Diseases Research	93.866 93.855		46,597 842,555	163,649
Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research	93.846		47,437	-
Biomedical Research and Research Training (B, M)	93.859		1,356,715	420,624
Cancer Biology Research	93.396		7,509	
Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research (B) Cardiovascular Diseases Research	93.394 93.837		393,777 90,626	260,544 21,435
Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research	93.865		232,882	21,433
Discovery and Applied Research for Technological Innovations	30.000		202,002	
to Improve Human Health Extramural Research Programs in the Neurosciences	93.286		372,601	54,627
and Neurological Disorders	93.853		118,553	_
Medical Library Assistance	93.879		234,934	110,915
Mental Health Research Grants	93.242		12,440	-
Research and Training in Complementary and Integrative Health	93.213		4,065	-
Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders	93.173		323,120	7,350
Trans-NIH Research Support Pass-Through Programs	93.310		275,253	45,879
Allergy and Infectious Diseases Research (from Bowdoin College)	93.855	2018_005 / R15Al090633	2,224	_
Discovery and Applied Research for Technological Innovations to		_		
Improve Human Health (from Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc.) Allergy and Infectious Diseases Research (from Joan & Sanford I.	93.286	125787 / 1R01EB030539-01	297,114	-
Weill Medical College of Cornell University) Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research	93.855	200543-4 / P01Al143575	60,503	-
(from Johns Hopkins University) Child Health and Human Development Extramural Research	93.394	2004982698 / 2R01CA134675-11	72,283	-
(from Liberating Technologies, Inc.) Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders	93.865	SUB-WPI-90BISA0046-01 / 90NISA0046-01-00	1,816	-
(from Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary) Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders	93.173	531040 / R01DC016079	95,433	-
(from Massachusetts General Hospital) Allergy and Infectious Diseases Research	93.173	241254 / 1R01DC020891-01	49,844	-
(from Pennsylvania State University)	93.855	S003042-DHHS / R21Al166006	34,722	-
Biomedical Research and Research Training (from Teachley, LLC)	93.859	R44GM146483	46,475	-
Cardiovascular Diseases Research (from UNandUP, LLC)	93.837	R43HL158306	3,137	-
Cardiovascular Diseases Research (from University of Connecticut)	93.837	414853 / R34HL145439	54,410	-
Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases Extramural Research (from University of Massachusetts Amherst)	93.847	017272-9073 / R01DK133717	94,177	
Mental Health Research Grants (from University of				-
Massachusetts Medical School) Mental Health Research Grants (from University of	93.242	WA01018431 / 1-R34-MH123578-01	63,994	-
Massachusetts Medical School) Mental Health Research Grants (from University of	93.242	WA01055190 / R01MH118220	47,902	-
Massachusetts Medical School) Nursing Research (from University of	93.242	WA01327515 / R34MH130934	61,915	-
Massachusetts Medical School)	93.361	WA01260134 / R21NR020231	48,347	-

The accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards should be read in conjunction with this schedule.

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# For the year ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures	Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients
Biomedical Research and Research Training (from University of				
Massachusetts Medical School) Biomedical Research and Research Training (from University of	93.859	WA01326637 / R01GM135919	55,342	-
Massachusetts Medical School) Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	SUB00000228 / R01GM101056	19,640	-
(from University of Vermont) Total National Institutes of Health	93.859	AWD00000494SUB00000237 / R35GM141743	37,913 5,506,255	1,085,023
Total Department of Health and Human Services			5,506,255	1,085,023
Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Pass-Through Program Assistance to Firefighters Grant				
(from University of California Los Angeles - UCLA) Total Federal Emergency Management Agency	97.044	0205 G LB628 / EMW-2021-FP-00199	11,687 11,687	
Department of Justice				
National Institute of Justice Research, Evaluation, and Development Project Grants Total Department of Justice	16.560		155,860 <b>155,860</b>	
Environmental Protection Agency				
Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research/Training/Fellowships	66.511		135,974	
Science To Achieve Results (STAR) Research Program	66.509		123,442	
Total Environmental Protection Agency			259,416	
National Aeronautics and Space Administration Science	43.001		306,507	-
Space Technology Pass-Through Programs	43.012		59,043	-
Science (from California Institute of Technology)	43.001	1670489 / 80NM0018D0004	118,348	57,452
Research and Development (from Nanocomp Technologies, Inc.) Research and Development (from University of Wisconsin-Madison)	43.RD 43.001	PO57285 / 80LARC18C0007 000000655 / 80NSSC20K0282	15,663 23,769	-
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration	43.001	000000033780N33620N0202	523,330	57,452
National Security Agency Information Security Grants Total National Security Agency	12.902		87,636 87,636	
National Science Foundation Biological Sciences	47.074		313,657	
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.074		3,170,124	483,358
Education and Human Resources	47.076		3,810,002	129,991
Engineering Grants Geosciences	47.041 47.050		3,243,162 24,309	72,419
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049		1,061,733	-
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049 47.084		33,088 27,913	-
NSF Technology, Innovation and Partnerships Office of International Science and Engineering	47.079		119,950	-
Pass-Through Programs				
National Science Foundation Research Engineering Grants (from AM Batteries, Inc.)	47.041		12,234	_
Mathematical and Physical Sciences (from American Physical Society)	47.049	PT-003-2019 / PHY-1707990	116,707	-
Computer and Information Science and Engineering (from Carnegie Mellon University)	47.070	1123493-439572 / CNS-1952085	111,399	
Education and Human Resources (from College of William and Mary)	47.076	715391-2 / 2102119	89,017	-
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (from HealthPartners Institute)	47.075	X2100900 / 2122232	71,363	-
Education and Human Resources (from Iowa State				
University of Science and Technology) Office of Integrative Activities (from Rutgers The State University)	47.076 47.083	019533F / 1834521 SUB00002528 / 2140950	61,939 15,059	8,213
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (from Sante Fe Institute)	47.075	20210825 / 2117564	1,361	-
Engineering Grants (from The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia)	47.041	GA11544.PO#2296817 / 2029359	106,015	-
Mathematical and Physical Sciences (from University of Colorado Boulder) Education and Human Resources	47.049	1558248 / PO1001253491 / OMA 1936303	25,270	-
(from University of Colorado Boulder)	47.076	1559736 / 2019805	140,103	-
Education and Human Resources (from University of Connecticut)	47.076	147087447 / 2110083 R-21-0062 / 2100034	55,438	-
Education and Human Resources (from University of Houston) Engineering Grants (from University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign) Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.076 47.041	083140-16245 / 1624812	34,429 29,170	
(from University of Maryland)	47.070	97358-Z3676201 / 2039951	45,251	-
Computer and Information Science and Engineering (from University of Massachusetts Amherst)	47.070	21-015987-A / 2041785	48,074	-
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (from University of Massachusetts Lowell)	47.075	PO L001038177 / 2036917	25,447	
NSF Technology, Innovation and Partnerships				-
(from University of Massachusetts Lowell) Engineering Grants (from University of Minnesota)	47.084 47.041	S52100000055432 / 2229577 A007047301 / 1831140	13,372 12,952	-
Computer and Information Science and Engineering (from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University) Total National Science Foundation	47.070	480297-19C98 / 1931639	128,112 12,946,649	693,981
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# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

# For the year ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Expenditures	Amounts Passed Through to Subrecipients
Department of Veterans Affairs				
Research and Development Total Department of Veterans Affairs	64.054		272,573 272,573	<del></del>
Nuclear Regulatory Commission U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Scholarship and Fellowship Program Total Nuclear Regulatory Commission	77.008		321,538 321,538	<u> </u>
Total Research and Development Cluster			36,075,254	8,055,081
OTHER PROGRAMS				
Department of Education Business and International Education Program Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Total Department of Education	84.153 84.016		74,677 57,245 131,922	<u>-</u>
Department of Energy  RAPID (Rapid Advancement in Process Intensification Deployment Institute)  Total Department of Energy	81.087		62,720 62,720	
Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Pass-Through Program Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) Passed from Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Total Department of Homeland Security	97.036	FEMA-4496-DR-MA Disaster Grants	2,072,984 2,072,984	<u> </u>
Department of State  AEECA/ESF PD Programs  Total Department of State	19.900		34,867 34,867	<u> </u>
<u>US Agency for International Development</u> Foreign Assistance to American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA)  Total US Agency for International Development	98.006		122,344 122,344	122,344 122,344
Total Other Programs			2,424,837	122,344
Food for Peace Cluster				
US Agency for International Development Food for Peace Development Assistance Program (DAP) Total US Agency for International Development	98.007		83,746 83,746	
Total Food for Peace Cluster  Economic Development Cluster			83,746	<u>-</u>
Department of Commerce  National Institute for Standards and Technology Pass-Through Program Economic Adjustment Assistance University of Massachusetts Lowell Total National Institute for Standards and Technology	11.307	\$51700000049091 / 01-79-15096	177,995 177,995	<u>:</u>
Total Economic Development Cluster			177,995	<del></del>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 73,765,055	\$ 8,177,425

### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

June 30, 2023

# **NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule"), includes the federal grant activity of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (the "University") for the year ended June 30, 2023 and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). As the Schedule presents only a select portion of the expenditures of the University, it is not intended to, and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the University. Direct awards are listed in total and pass-through awards are listed individually (with pass-through numbers when available) on the Schedule. Negative amounts represent adjustments or credits to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years in the normal course of business. Federal Assistance Listing numbers ("ALN") are presented where available. Amounts passed through to each subrecipient by Federal Assistance Listing are included in the total expenditure column of the respective awards and then additional detail provided in the column presents amounts passed through to the subrecipient.

### **NOTE 2 - INDIRECT COSTS**

The University applies its predetermined approved facilities and administrative rate when charging indirect costs to federal awards rather than the 10% de minimus cost rate as described in Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

## **NOTE 3 - FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM**

The University did not process any new loans under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (ALN # 84.038) for the year ended June 30, 2023. The balance of Perkins Loans outstanding at June 30, 2023 was \$2,527,000.



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the consolidated financial statements of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (the "University"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 2024.

### Report on internal control over financial reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the University's 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in the University's internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questions costs as finding 2023-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency in the University's internal control.



### Report on compliance and other matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University'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*.

### University's response to finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the University's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The University's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on the University's response.

## Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Boston, Massachusetts January 11, 2024

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**D** +1 617 723 7900 **F** +1 617 723 3640 REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Trustees Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## Report on compliance for each major federal program

### Opinion on each major federal program

We have audited the compliance of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (the "University") with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the University's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The University's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the University complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

### Basis for opinion on each major federal program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the University and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the University's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### Responsibilities of management for compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the University's federal programs.



### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the University's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the University's compliance with the requirements on its major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or
  error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
  procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the
  University's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and
  performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the
  circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control over compliance relevant to the audit
  in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 the University's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no
  such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

# Report on internal control over compliance

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



type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in the University's internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that have not been identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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 February 16, 2024

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## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

For the year ended June 30, 2023

## **SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

## **Financial Statements** Unmodified Type of auditor's report issued: Internal control over financial reporting: Χ Material weakness(es) identified? yes Χ Significant deficiency(ies) identified? none reported yes Noncompliance material to consolidated Χ financial statements noted? yes no **Federal Awards** Internal control over major program: Material weakness(es) identified? Χ yes no Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Χ none reported yes Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for Unmodified major program: Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 2 CFR 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance? Χ yes no Identification of the major program: Federal Grantor/Program or Cluster Title Federal Assistance Listing Number U.S. Department of Education: Student Financial Assistance Cluster 84.007; 84.033; 84.038; 84.063; & 84.268 Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$2,212,952

yes

X no

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended June 30, 2023

### **SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

Finding: 2023-001

Type of Finding: Significant Deficiency in internal control over financial reporting

Criteria: 2 CFR 200.510 of the Uniform Guidance requires auditees to prepare a

schedule of expenditures of federal awards ("SEFA") that encompasses

all expenditures of federal awards as defined in 2 CFR 200.502.

Condition: The University prepared a SEFA as part of its financial close and reporting

process; however, as part of our review of other revenue, it was determined that one federal award passed through a state agency was

incorrectly excluded from the SEFA.

Cause: Management did not perform a thorough review of other revenue to identify

revenue related to federal contracts to ensure the SEFA was complete and

accurate.

Effect or potential effect: The potential effect of not reporting a complete and accurate SEFA is that

awards may not be properly tested or not correctly identified as a major

program or reported to the sponsoring federal agency.

Recommendations: We recommend that management ensure a thorough review is performed

of the SEFA and all revenue streams to ensure all federal direct and pass-

through grant information is complete and accurate for the period.

Views of responsible

officials: WPI agrees with the finding. Refer to Corrective Action Plan for further

description of the response to this finding.

# SECTION III - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

No matters reported.

# **WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

FINANCIAL SERVICES

### MANAGEMENTS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

We have prepared the accompanying corrective action plan as required by the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* and by 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*. Specifically, for each finding we are providing you with our responsible officials' views, the names of the contact people responsible for corrective action, the corrective action planned, and the anticipated completion date.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding: 2023-001

Type of Finding: Significant Deficiency

Summary response: The University agrees with this finding. Management will implement a

formal reconciliation process for all income recorded as "Other Income" and work directly with the University Office of Sponsored Programs to

evaluate all uncommon income receipts.

Responsible official: E. Jane Clapp, Controller

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Anticipated completion: Immediate

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## STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDING

For the year ended June 30, 2022

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

**Finding:** 2022-001

Type of Finding: Material Weakness Over Compliance

Status: To mitigate future risk all FEMA funds received in FY24 or later

will be recorded by our Sponsored Program Accounting team, consistent with all other federal awards. Additionally, beginning in FY24 management will implement a formal reconciliation process for all income recorded as "Other Income" and work directly with the University Office of Sponsored Programs to evaluate all uncommon income

receipts.