

Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditors

**Abilene Christian University**

May 31, 2015 and 2014

## **Report of Independent Auditors**

Board of Trustees  
Abilene Christian University

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Abilene Christian University (the University), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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

#### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Abilene Christian University as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 3, 2015, 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 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 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.

*Dennis Kinard & Co., PC*

Certified Public Accountants

Abilene, Texas  
August 3, 2015

**Abilene Christian University**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

May 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$16,256,543	\$ 22,173,978
Accounts and notes receivable, net	7,635,137	8,178,421
Contributions receivable, net	37,864,516	35,569,428
Inventories	1,903,767	1,764,292
Prepaid expenses and other assets	3,325,980	3,424,433
Investments	384,368,886	363,835,412
Charitable trusts and annuities	37,927,729	37,130,089
Property and equipment, net	<u>153,850,266</u>	<u>142,645,914</u>
Total assets	<u>\$643,132,824</u>	<u>\$614,721,967</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable	\$3,100,334	\$ 2,474,332
Accrued interest payable	343,975	370,910
Accrued salaries and benefits	14,513,556	10,303,092
Deposits and other liabilities	9,308,873	8,461,143
Reserve for charitable trusts and annuities	20,579,873	20,623,146
Long-term obligations	<u>76,323,234</u>	<u>81,091,713</u>
Total liabilities	<u>124,169,845</u>	<u>123,324,336</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	237,914,596	212,595,885
Temporarily restricted	167,646,021	167,476,613
Permanently restricted	<u>113,402,362</u>	<u>111,325,133</u>
Total net assets	<u>518,962,979</u>	<u>491,397,631</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 643,132,824</u>	<u>\$ 614,721,967</u>

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

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

Year ended May 31, 2015

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating:				
Revenues, gains, and other support				
Tuition and fees	\$ 109,713,857	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,713,857
Less scholarship allowances	<u>(51,775,590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,775,590)</u>
Net tuition and fees	57,938,267	-	-	57,938,267
Auxiliary enterprises sales and services	23,651,437	-	-	23,651,437
Private gifts and grants	1,645,160	3,123,073	-	4,768,233
Endowment support	8,801,876	9,527,728	-	18,329,604
Government grants and contracts	6,114,783	-	-	6,114,783
Other revenue	4,560,743	-	-	4,560,743
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>12,143,109</u>	<u>(12,143,109)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, gains, and other support	114,855,375	507,692	-	115,363,067
Expenses				
Operating expenses:				
Instruction and research	39,057,883	-	-	39,057,883
Public services	2,551,648	-	-	2,551,648
Academic support	11,195,850	-	-	11,195,850
Student services	20,288,427	-	-	20,288,427
Expenses of auxiliary enterprises	22,093,074	-	-	22,093,074
Fundraising	3,731,097	-	-	3,731,097
Management and general	<u>22,756,624</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,756,624</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>121,674,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,674,603</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	(6,819,228)	507,692	-	(6,311,536)
Non-operating:				
Contributions for endowment, plant, and other	56,693	15,912,502	1,626,282	17,595,477
Investment return, net of amount designated for operations	8,320,970	1,642,244	(49,501)	9,913,713
Gain on disposal of assets	6,275,399	-	-	6,275,399
Other revenue	16,988	-	-	16,988
Net assets released from endowment, plant, and other	18,011,732	(17,940,281)	(71,451)	-
Expenses for endowment, plant, and other	(588,063)	-	-	(588,063)
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	<u>44,220</u>	<u>47,251</u>	<u>571,899</u>	<u>663,370</u>
Net non-operating revenues, expenses, and other changes	<u>32,137,939</u>	<u>(338,284)</u>	<u>2,077,299</u>	<u>33,876,884</u>
Total change in net assets	25,318,711	169,408	2,077,229	27,565,348
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>212,595,885</u>	<u>167,476,613</u>	<u>111,325,133</u>	<u>491,397,631</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 237,914,596</u>	<u>\$ 167,646,021</u>	<u>\$ 113,402,362</u>	<u>\$ 518,962,979</u>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

Year ended May 31, 2014

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating:				
Revenues, gains, and other support				
Tuition and fees	\$ 106,664,178	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,664,178
Less scholarship allowances	<u>(47,693,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,693,141)</u>
Net tuition and fees	58,971,037	-	-	58,971,037
Auxiliary enterprises sales and services	23,765,307	-	-	23,765,307
Private gifts and grants	1,804,302	4,107,723	-	5,912,025
Endowment support	8,936,401	9,355,487	-	18,291,888
Government grants and contracts	5,468,580	-	-	5,468,580
Other revenue	4,689,971	-	-	4,689,971
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>16,156,959</u>	<u>(16,156,959)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, gains, and other support	119,792,557	(2,693,749)	-	117,098,808
Expenses				
Operating expenses:				
Instruction and research	37,469,229	-	-	37,469,229
Public services	2,563,643	-	-	2,563,643
Academic support	10,651,476	-	-	10,651,476
Student services	21,523,028	-	-	21,523,028
Expenses of auxiliary enterprises	22,928,384	-	-	22,928,384
Fundraising	3,733,200	-	-	3,733,200
Management and general	<u>20,752,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,752,471</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>119,621,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,621,431</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	171,126	(2,693,749)	-	(2,522,623)
Non-operating:				
Contributions for endowment, plant, and other	374,960	42,584,406	5,042,864	48,002,230
Investment return, net of amount designated for operations	16,192,027	12,973,636	738,587	29,904,250
Other revenues	817,402	-	-	817,402
Net assets released from endowment, plant, and other	1,894,073	(1,894,073)	-	-
Expenses for endowment, plant, and other	<u>(522,929)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(522,929)</u>
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	<u>64,302</u>	<u>202,390</u>	<u>1,490,433</u>	<u>1,757,125</u>
Net non-operating revenues, expenses, and other changes	<u>18,819,835</u>	<u>53,866,359</u>	<u>7,271,884</u>	<u>79,958,078</u>
Total change in net assets	18,990,961	51,172,610	7,271,884	77,435,455
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>193,604,924</u>	<u>116,304,003</u>	<u>104,053,249</u>	<u>413,962,176</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 212,595,885</u>	<u>\$ 167,476,613</u>	<u>\$ 111,325,133</u>	<u>\$ 491,397,631</u>

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$27,565,348	\$ 77,435,455
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation of property and equipment	7,796,497	7,335,512
Gain on disposal of assets	(6,275,399)	(44,998)
Provision for credit losses	521,057	437,989
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts and notes receivable	(457,130)	(4,161,560)
Contributions receivable	(2,295,088)	(16,341,790)
Inventories	(139,475)	38,952
Prepaid expenses and other assets	98,453	942,580
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(611,903)	290,717
Accrued interest payable	(26,935)	(28,782)
Accrued salaries and benefits	4,210,464	(440,831)
Deposits and other liabilities	847,730	(217,918)
Noncash contributions	(1,686,753)	(14,205,533)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(13,100,837)	(18,791,085)
Interest and dividends restricted for reinvestment	(50,428)	(113,420)
Changes in value of split-interest agreements	(663,370)	(1,757,125)
Net unrealized and realized gains on investments	<u>(18,203,293)</u>	<u>(31,058,955)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,291,061)	(680,792)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(22,554,326)	(7,901,439)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	2,368,278	52,180
Insurance proceeds from involuntary conversion	9,032,286	-
Repayment of loans from students, faculty, and others	479,357	446,519
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	70,777,929	70,549,539
Purchases of investments	<u>(70,495,999)</u>	<u>(63,183,927)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(10,392,475)	\$ (37,128)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED

Years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for:		
Investment in endowment and other	\$2,085,121	\$ 11,067,523
Investment in plant	<u>11,015,716</u>	<u>7,723,562</u>
	13,100,837	18,791,085
Other financing activities:		
Interest and dividends restricted for reinvestment	50,428	113,420
Payments of split-interest obligations	(1,616,684)	(1,474,607)
Proceeds from lines of credit	31,897,851	13,397,484
Payments of lines of credit	(31,897,851)	(33,397,484)
Proceeds from long-term obligations	143,700	33,902,060
Payments of long-term obligations	<u>(4,912,179)</u>	<u>(12,245,427)</u>
	<u>(6,334,735)</u>	<u>295,446</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>6,766,102</u>	<u>19,086,531</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,917,434)	18,368,611
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>22,173,978</u>	<u>3,805,367</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 16,256,543</u>	<u>\$ 22,173,978</u>
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Improvements capitalized by increases to accounts payable	\$ 1,237,905	\$ 411,549
Equipment capitalized by an increase to long-term obligations	-	38,367
Equipment capitalized by a non-cash contribution	15,208	8,900
Investments acquired by non-cash contributions	1,671,544	14,196,633
Other required disclosures:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,032,698	\$ 3,153,508

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

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

May 31, 2015 and 2014

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

##### Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the financial position, activities, and cash flows of Abilene Christian University (the University or ACU), a not for profit institution of higher education in Abilene, Texas; its subsidiaries, ACIMCO and ACU Management LLC; and additionally the Grace L. Woodward Memorial Endowment Trust. All significant interrelated accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

ACU in Oxford (UK) was dissolved as a separate entity on January 28, 2014, and its assets, liabilities, and net assets were absorbed by the University at that time. The financial position, activities, and cash flows of ACU in Oxford are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as of and for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014. No gains or losses were recognized in the dissolution of ACU in Oxford.

##### Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements of the University have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP). The focus of these financial statements is to present the University as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This has been accomplished by classification of transactions into three classes of net assets - unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted.

- Unrestricted net assets—Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets—Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the University and/or the passage of time.
- Permanently restricted net assets—Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the University. Generally, donors of these assets permit the University to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

##### Statement of Activities

The University defines operating activities, as included in the accompanying statement of activities, as the revenue and expenses resulting from its educational programs and other core mission activities. Donor-restricted contributions to endowments and capital contributions, as well as investment returns in excess of the University's defined spending limit, are excluded from operating activities and separately reported as non-operating activities in the accompanying statement of activities.

##### Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

May 31, 2015 and 2014

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

##### Contributions - continued

Contributions to be received after one year are discounted at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved. Amortization of discount is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor imposed restrictions, if any. An allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is provided based upon management's judgment, including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution, and nature of fund-raising activity. Contributions of land, building, and equipment without donor stipulations concerning the use of such assets are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class. The University does not imply a time restriction on the use of contributed long-lived assets unless specified by donors. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire land, building, and equipment with such donor stipulations are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class; the restrictions are considered to be released upon the acquisition of such assets.

##### Endowment

The University's endowment is subject to the version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) enacted by the state of Texas, which is described in Note I. Under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958 *Not-for-Profit Entities*, a not-for-profit organization that is subject to an enacted version of UPMIFA shall classify a portion of a donor-restricted endowment fund of perpetual duration as permanently restricted net assets. The amount classified as permanently restricted shall be the amount of the fund (a) that must be retained permanently in accordance with explicit donor stipulations, or (b) that in the absence of such stipulations, the organization's governing board determines must be retained (preserved) permanently consistent with the relevant law.

##### Fair Value Measurements

ASC Topic 820 *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820) provides a framework for measuring the fair value of assets and liabilities and illustrates key considerations in determining the fair value of a financial asset when the market for that financial asset is not active. The standard establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to fair value measurements based on the extent to which inputs to valuation techniques are observable in the marketplace. The University has implemented this standard with respect to the valuation of its financial assets and liabilities and their corresponding designations within the fair value hierarchy described in Note O.

##### Fair Value Option

For certain assets and liabilities, the University has elected the fair value option provided by ASC Topic 825 *Financial Instruments* (ASC 825), which allows entities to measure eligible financial instruments at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported within the change in net assets. The decision to elect the fair value option is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis, must be applied to an entire instrument, and is irrevocable once elected. The University has elected to apply the fair value option to its investments in real estate and mineral interests in order to present the most relevant values on these investments.

##### Investments

Readily marketable equity and fixed income securities (investments readily marketable on national exchanges) are carried at fair value, as determined by the last reported sales price on the date of valuation, or if there has been no sale on that date, the average of the bid and asked prices. Real estate and mineral interests are carried at fair value based on appraised values or reserve analyses.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

#### **NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

##### Investments - continued

In addition, the University maintains non-marketable alternative investments (primarily limited partnerships) carried at fair value based on information provided by external investment managers at the most recent valuation date prior to fiscal year-end.

Other investments include cash and cash equivalents carried at cost, which approximates fair value, and notes receivable carried at net realizable value, which approximates fair value. The net realized and unrealized gains (losses) in fair value of investments are reflected in the consolidated statements of activities within investment return, net of amount designated for operations. The value of endowment support is determined by the amounts provided from the endowment to support the operations of the University. Total investment income reported in Note D is determined by combining endowment support and investment return, net of amount designated for operations.

Income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments of endowments and similar funds are reported as changes in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund; as changes in temporarily restricted net assets if the terms of the gift impose restrictions on the use of the income or if the funds have not been appropriated for use in operations; and as changes in unrestricted net assets in all other cases.

Non-endowment investments in for-profit entities in which the University does not own a controlling interest in the investee but possesses the ability to significantly influence the operating and financial policies of the investee are recorded on the equity method of accounting. The equity method of accounting requires investments to be initially recorded at cost and subsequently increased (decreased) for the University's share of the investee's net income (loss) and reduced when distributions are received. At May 31, 2013, the University owned 47% of the outstanding common stock of Connected Consulting, Inc. (Connected Consulting). Effective April 23, 2014, ACU transferred all of its rights, title and interest in the shares of common stock to Connected Consulting, terminating ACU's ownership. At May 31, 2013, the University owned 25% of the outstanding common stock of Genesis Network Solutions, Inc. (Genesis). ACU sold the common stock of Genesis on March 7, 2014.

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates include the valuation of investments and other financial instruments, provisions for credit losses and uncollectible pledges, asset retirement obligations, and the accumulated post-retirement benefit obligation. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

##### U.S. Income Tax Status and Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The University is a tax-exempt institution as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (IRC) and is not a "private foundation" under Section 501(a) of the IRC; accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the consolidated financial statements. ACIMCO has also been accorded recognition as exempt from income tax under Section 501(a) of the IRC, as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(3) of the IRC.

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### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

##### U.S. Income Tax Status and Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes - continued

For the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, the University incurred unrelated business activity related to certain retail sales, advertising, rental income, oil and gas working interest, and certain alternative investments, resulting in an immaterial amount of unrelated business income. Tax positions taken related to the University's tax-exempt status, unrelated business income activities, deductibility of expenses for unrelated business activities, and other miscellaneous tax positions have been reviewed, and management believes that material positions taken by the University will more likely than not be sustained by examination. Accordingly, the University has not recorded a liability for uncertain tax positions. As of May 31, 2015, the University's tax years 2009 to 2015 remain subject to examination.

##### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows, the University considers all cash and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The University places its cash and cash equivalents with high quality financial institutions, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The University has not experienced any losses on such accounts. Deposits subject to credit risk were \$982,340 and \$22,890,665 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Cash balances of \$347,840 and \$312,131 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, were restricted for the Federal Perkins loan program and are required to be reported in a separate account.

##### Accounts and Notes Receivable

Accounts and notes receivable are recorded at the contractual amounts owed by students and others. The values are adjusted, when necessary, through an allowance for credit losses. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis in accordance with the terms of receivables.

ASC Topic 310 *Receivables* (ASC 310) addresses disclosures of student loans and other financing receivables and requires enhanced disclosures for certain financing receivables, such as student loans. Other trade receivables, such as student accounts, are exempted from the enhanced disclosures. ASC 310 defines a loan portfolio segment as the level at which an entity develops and documents a systematic methodology to determine the allowance for credit losses and a class of financing receivables as the level of disaggregation of portfolio segments based on the initial measurement attribute, risk characteristics, and methods for assessing risk. The University's student loan portfolio consists of a single segment (Student Loans). The classes of financing receivables within the Student Loan segment are Institutional Notes and Federal Perkins Notes. The allowance for credit losses is presented by portfolio segment in Note B.

Estimated allowances for credit losses are maintained at levels that, in the judgment of management, are adequate to meet the present and potential future risks of uncollectible receivable balances. Management's judgment is based on a variety of factors, which include experience related to charge-offs and recoveries and scrutiny of individual accounts and notes receivable. Receivables are unsecured and considered past due based on contractual terms. Amounts deemed by management to be uncollectible are charged to expense. Recoveries on receivables previously charged-off are credited to expense. Provisions for credit losses are charged to expense and credited to the allowance for credit losses. Past due receivables are not placed on nonaccrual status, and payments received on past due receivables are applied to principal and interest according to contractual terms.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**

Years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

Accounts and Notes Receivable - continued

Student loans are evaluated for possible impairment based on four credit quality status indicators: deferred, current, performing, and nonperforming.

Deferred loans do not require repayment during the time in which a student is enrolled in college-level courses based on the terms of the loan. Current loans are those in repayment status and in which the borrower remains current with all contractual terms of the loan.

Performing loans are those in which the borrower is not current with all contractual terms of the loan but has established a recent payment history. Nonperforming loans are those in which the borrower has defaulted on the terms of the loan and no recent payment history exists; nonperforming loans are considered impaired.

The assets and liabilities of student loans financed primarily by the federal government and administered by the University for the Federal Perkins Loan Program are included with those of the University. The total of the federal government portion of these net assets is included in deposits and other liabilities in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at amounts, which, in the aggregate, approximate the lower of cost or market on the first-in, first-out basis. Losses of \$63,250 and \$126,500 were recorded for obsolete inventory for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

Sales and use taxes are reported on a gross basis within revenues and costs. These taxes amounted to \$870,473 and \$859,905 for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Property and Equipment

Investments in the physical plant are recorded at cost. Significant renovations to existing buildings are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Purchases and improvements under \$5,000 are not capitalized. Provision for depreciation is made on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset. Currently, these estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings and building improvements	10-55 years
Improvements other than buildings	5-15 years
Equipment	5-20 years

When disposition is made of plant assets, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounting records, and the resulting gain or loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of activities.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and totaled \$283,756 and \$222,552 for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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**NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – Continued**

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The expenses of providing various programs and support services have been categorized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, expenses such as depreciation, interest expense, and operation and maintenance of plant have been allocated directly or based on square footage among the functional categories.

**NOTE B - FINANCING RECEIVABLES**

In accordance with ASC Topic 310 *Receivables*, the University's accounts and notes receivable are considered financing receivables, which represent a contractual right to receive money either on demand or on a fixed or determinable date.

Financing receivables consisted of the following at May 31, 2015:

	<u>Student &amp; Commercial Accounts</u>	<u>Student Loans</u>	<u>Grants, Minerals, Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gross receivables	\$ 3,993,689	\$ 2,248,578	\$ 2,067,269	\$ 8,309,536
Less allowance for credit losses	<u>(428,616)</u>	<u>(245,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(674,399)</u>
Receivables, net of allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 3,565,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,002,795</u>	<u>\$ 2,067,269</u>	<u>\$ 7,635,137</u>

Financing receivables consisted of the following at May 31, 2014:

	<u>Student &amp; Commercial Accounts</u>	<u>Student Loans</u>	<u>Grants, Minerals, Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gross receivables	\$ 3,949,998	\$ 2,392,047	\$ 2,510,775	\$ 8,852,820
Less allowance for credit losses	<u>(428,616)</u>	<u>(245,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(674,399)</u>
Receivables, net of allowance for credit losses	<u>\$ 3,521,382</u>	<u>\$ 2,146,264</u>	<u>\$ 2,510,775</u>	<u>\$ 8,178,421</u>

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**NOTE B - FINANCING RECEIVABLES - Continued**

Activity in the allowance for credit losses and the recorded investment in the Student Loan segment of financing receivables were as follows as of and for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Allowance for credit losses:		
Beginning balance	\$ 245,783	\$ 295,783
Charge-offs	-	(109,153)
Recoveries	-	(23,186)
Provision	<u>-</u>	<u>82,339</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 245,783</u>	<u>\$ 245,783</u>
Allowance for credit losses:		
Allocated to student loans individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 123,082	\$ 167,560
Allocated to student loans collectively evaluated for impairment	<u>122,701</u>	<u>78,223</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 245,783</u>	<u>\$ 245,783</u>
Financing receivables:		
Balance individually evaluated for impairment	\$ 315,206	\$ 393,619
Balance collectively evaluated for impairment	<u>1,933,372</u>	<u>1,998,428</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 2,248,578</u>	<u>\$ 2,392,047</u>

Student loans consisted of the following aging categories at May 31, 2015:

	<u>Past Due</u>			<u>Current and Deferred</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>&gt; 90 Days and Accruing</u>
	<u>30-59 Days</u>	<u>60-89 Days</u>	<u>&gt; 90 Days</u>			
Institutional Notes	\$ 67,706	\$ 1,680	\$ 430,030	\$ 41,470	\$ 540,886	\$ 430,030
Federal Perkins	<u>46,874</u>	<u>65,094</u>	<u>222,840</u>	<u>1,372,884</u>	<u>1,707,692</u>	<u>222,840</u>
	<u>\$ 114,580</u>	<u>\$ 66,774</u>	<u>\$ 652,870</u>	<u>\$ 1,414,354</u>	<u>\$ 2,248,578</u>	<u>\$ 652,870</u>

Student loans consisted of the following aging categories at May 31, 2014:

	<u>Past Due</u>			<u>Current and Deferred</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>&gt; 90 Days and Accruing</u>
	<u>30-59 Days</u>	<u>60-89 Days</u>	<u>&gt; 90 Days</u>			
Institutional Notes	\$ 91,705	\$ 24,824	\$ 452,798	\$ 31,287	\$ 600,614	\$ 452,798
Federal Perkins	<u>33,113</u>	<u>56,683</u>	<u>251,587</u>	<u>1,450,050</u>	<u>1,791,433</u>	<u>251,670</u>
	<u>\$ 124,818</u>	<u>\$ 81,507</u>	<u>\$ 704,385</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,337</u>	<u>\$ 2,392,047</u>	<u>\$ 704,468</u>

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**NOTE B - FINANCING RECEIVABLES - Continued**

Student loan credit quality indicators are summarized below as of May 31, 2015:

	<u>Institutional Notes</u>	<u>Federal Perkins</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred	\$ -	\$ 906,863	\$ 906,863
Current	41,470	466,021	507,491
Performing	376,334	142,718	519,052
Nonperforming	<u>123,082</u>	<u>192,090</u>	<u>315,172</u>
	\$ <u>540,886</u>	\$ <u>1,707,692</u>	\$ <u>2,248,578</u>

Student loan credit quality indicators are summarized below as of May 31, 2014:

	<u>Institutional Notes</u>	<u>Federal Perkins</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deferred	\$ -	\$ 936,127	\$ 936,127
Current	31,287	513,923	545,210
Performing	401,766	115,325	517,091
Nonperforming	<u>167,561</u>	<u>226,058</u>	<u>393,619</u>
	\$ <u>600,614</u>	\$ <u>1,791,433</u>	\$ <u>2,392,047</u>

The following table summarizes the University's investment in impaired student loans as of and for the year ended May 31, 2015:

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>
With no related allowance					
Institutional Notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Perkins	192,124	192,124	-	209,091	45,279
With a related allowance					
Institutional Notes	123,082	123,082	123,082	145,321	15,739
Federal Perkins	-	-	-	-	-
Total					
Institutional Notes	123,082	123,082	123,082	145,321	15,739
Federal Perkins	<u>192,124</u>	<u>192,124</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,091</u>	<u>45,279</u>
	\$ <u>315,206</u>	\$ <u>315,206</u>	\$ <u>123,082</u>	\$ <u>354,412</u>	\$ <u>61,018</u>

No allowance is recorded on Federal Perkins loans because the University does not bear the risk of loss on these loans.

The following table summarizes the University's investment in impaired student loans as of and for the year ended May 31, 2014:

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**NOTE B - FINANCING RECEIVABLES - Continued**

	<u>Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Unpaid Principal</u>	<u>Related Allowance</u>	<u>Average Recorded Investment</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>
With no related allowance					
Institutional Notes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal Perkins	226,059	226,059	-	227,498	48,200
With a related allowance					
Institutional Notes	167,560	167,560	167,560	160,655	16,651
Federal Perkins	-	-	-	-	-
Total					
Institutional Notes	167,560	167,560	167,560	160,655	16,651
Federal Perkins	<u>226,059</u>	<u>226,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,498</u>	<u>48,200</u>
	<u>\$ 393,619</u>	<u>\$ 393,619</u>	<u>\$ 167,560</u>	<u>\$ 388,153</u>	<u>\$ 64,851</u>

**NOTE C - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

Contributions receivable consisted of the following at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Unconditional promises expected to be collected in:		
Less than one year	\$14,628,314	\$ 13,325,219
One year to five years	15,869,130	15,874,234
Over five years	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>9,500,000</u>
	41,497,444	38,699,453
Less discount for net present value	(2,325,451)	(2,057,741)
Less allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable	<u>(1,307,477)</u>	<u>(1,072,284)</u>
	<u>\$ 37,864,516</u>	<u>\$ 35,569,428</u>

The contributions are to be utilized for the following purposes:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operations and scholarships	\$ 1,129,528	\$ 1,657,536
Endowment	1,547,373	2,198,794
Acquisition of land, building, and equipment	32,823,895	29,349,378
For use upon designation of donor	<u>2,363,720</u>	<u>2,363,720</u>
	<u>\$ 37,864,516</u>	<u>\$ 35,569,428</u>

Contributions receivable have been discounted using rates ranging from 0.55% to 2.69% as of May 31, 2015 and 2014.

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**NOTE D - INVESTMENTS**

Investments consisted of the following at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	\$ 288,817,352	\$ 266,744,726
Notes receivable	150,746	173,541
Stocks and bonds	33,871,800	38,248,687
Real estate and mineral interests	57,337,972	55,146,323
Outside managed	2,345,626	2,351,198
Other investments	<u>1,845,390</u>	<u>1,170,937</u>
	<u>\$ 384,368,886</u>	<u>\$ 363,835,412</u>

The University invests in non-marketable alternative investments (primarily limited partnerships) that are carried at estimated fair value provided by the management of the investment partnerships. The University believes that the carrying value of its alternative investments is a reasonable estimate of fair value

Outside managed investments primarily include several outside managed trusts comprised of stocks, bonds, real estate, mineral interests, and other assets.

Investment income consisted of the following for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Interest income	\$ 202,047	\$ 232,640
Dividend income	1,433,130	1,494,004
Mineral income	8,343,060	15,070,142
Ranch income	241,787	340,397
Net realized and unrealized gains	<u>18,023,293</u>	<u>31,058,955</u>
Total investment income	<u>\$ 28,243,317</u>	<u>\$ 48,196,138</u>

Total investment income includes gains (losses) from fair value changes of real estate and mineral interests, which are reported at fair value under the fair value option provided by ASC 825. These gains (losses) for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, were (\$1,742,059) and (\$1,969,218), respectively.

The University maintains an investment pool for use by its endowment (excluding assets held in trust). The University's policy allows the pool to invest in domestic equities, international equities, fixed income securities, marketable alternative investments, real estate, mineral interests, and other investments determined appropriate by management. Investments in mutual funds and investment partnerships are administered by professional third party managers with different investment styles to diversify risk and maximize returns.

External investment expenses of \$477,225 and \$409,726 were recorded as reductions to investment return for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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**NOTE D - INVESTMENTS - Continued**

The investment pool consisted of the following at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	\$ 315,782,646	\$ 283,422,886
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>4,403,863</u>	<u>14,586,233</u>
	<u>\$ 320,186,509</u>	<u>\$ 298,009,119</u>

**NOTE E - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consisted of the following at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land	\$ 3,438,702	\$ 3,438,702
Buildings	158,557,435	150,885,216
Improvements to land and buildings	64,041,656	54,906,331
Equipment	<u>22,753,525</u>	<u>22,085,952</u>
	248,791,318	231,316,201
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(101,258,720)</u>	<u>(96,001,122)</u>
	147,532,598	135,315,079
Assets held for sale	-	1,337,693
Construction in progress	<u>6,317,668</u>	<u>5,993,142</u>
	<u>\$ 153,850,266</u>	<u>\$ 142,645,914</u>

Depreciation expense on property and equipment for the years ending May 31, 2015 and 2014, was \$7,796,497 and \$7,335,512, respectively. No interest costs were capitalized during the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014.

Construction in progress as of May 31, 2015 consisted of construction on the Science Complex, Wildcat Stadium, renovations to Moody Coliseum and repairs related to the hail damage sustained in June 2014. Construction in progress as of May 31, 2014 consisted of Phase II of improvements to the campus water heating and cooling loop line and renovation projects for Cullen Auditorium, the Don H. Morris Center, Moody Coliseum, and other improvement projects.

In 2011, the University entered into a plan to dispose of an educational facility in Irving, Texas. The costs of this facility, net of accumulated depreciation of \$149,831 at May 31, 2014, are classified as assets held for sale in the table above as of May 31, 2014. In February 2015, the University sold the educational facility resulting in a gain of \$872,826.

In June 2015, the University sustained damage to a substantial amount of property due to a hail storm that moved through the area. An impairment loss of \$3,321,065 was recorded based on the remaining unamortized cost basis of the damaged roofs. As a result of the insurance claim filed, the University received approximately \$9 million in insurance proceeds. The resulting gain on the involuntary conversion, the difference between the insurance proceeds and the impairment loss, was \$5,266,851 and is included in the caption Gain on Disposal of Assets in the consolidated statement of activities.

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**NOTE F - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Long-term obligations consisted of the following as of May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Series 2015 non-taxable debt due in quarterly payments of \$54,054 plus interest at 67.8% of 90-day LIBOR rate plus 1.3% (1.49% at May 31, 2015), maturing on December 22, 2034.	\$ 143,700	\$ -
Series 2014 taxable debt due in annual payments ranging from \$805,000 to \$1,480,000 plus interest at a fixed rate of 3.65% maturing on October 31, 2032	19,905,000	20,675,000
Series 2014A tax-exempt debt due in annual payments ranging from \$225,000 to \$355,000 plus interest at a fixed rate of 2.53% maturing on October 1, 2032.	5,185,000	5,410,000
Series 2014B tax-exempt debt due in annual payments ranging from \$1,115,000 to \$1,160,000 plus interest at a fixed rate of 1.22% maturing on October 1, 2018.	5,435,000	5,660,000
Series 2011 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in quarterly payments ranging from \$126,000 to \$191,000 plus interest at 65% of the 90-day LIBOR rate plus 2.06% (2.24% and 2.21% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively) but not less than 3.25%, maturing on June 8, 2025.	12,480,654	13,030,809
Series 2010 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$330,196 including interest at a fixed rate of 5.596%, maturing on October 1, 2024.	4,815,348	5,190,456
Series 2009 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$250,000 plus interest accruing at 62.075% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 0.90% (1.01% and .99% as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on October 1, 2028.	6,750,000	7,250,000
Series 2006B Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$65,485 plus interest at 65% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 0.90% (1.02% and 1.00% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on October 1, 2026.	1,505,136	1,636,106

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**NOTE F - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS - Continued**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Series 2006 Taxable Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$150,000 plus interest at the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 0.65% (0.83% and 0.80% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on April 1, 2026.	3,300,000	3,600,000
Series 2006 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$25,390 plus interest at 65% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 0.55% (0.67% and 0.65% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively) but not less than 3.25%, maturing on June 8, 2025.	558,575	609,354
Series 2005B Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$50,750 plus interest at 65% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 1.00% (1.12% and 1.10% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on October 1, 2026.	1,065,750	1,167,250
Series 2005 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments of \$167,500 plus interest at 65% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 1.00% (1.12% and 1.10% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on April 1, 2026.	3,685,000	4,020,000
Series 2003 Higher Education Revenue Bonds due in semiannual payments ranging from \$217,982 to \$346,200 plus interest at 65% of the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 1.00% (1.12% and 1.10% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively), maturing on October 1, 2023.	5,000,571	5,479,828
Series 2001 Higher Education Revenue Improvement Bonds due in semiannual payments ranging from \$247,688 to \$376,888 plus interest at 5.00%, maturing on April 1, 2021.	3,962,672	4,516,311
Cafeteria loan due in semiannual payments of \$115,643, including interest at a fixed rate of 6.5%, maturing on August 10, 2015. The loan is secured by the University's gross revenues on a parity basis with the lender of the Series 2009 tax-exempt revenue bonds and is subject to certain financial covenants.	1,515,988	1,641,731
Miscellaneous notes payable	<u>1,014,840</u>	<u>1,204,868</u>
	<u>\$ 76,323,234</u>	<u>\$ 81,091,713</u>

The Omnibus Agreement to the Bond Agreements, amended in July 2013, requires the University to comply with three financial covenants including a debt service coverage ratio, liquidity ratio, and a primary reserve ratio. As of May 31, 2015 and 2014, the University was in compliance with all bond covenants.

At May 31, 2015 and 2014, the University had outstanding interest rate swap agreements on the 2003, 2005, 2006B, 2006 taxable, and 2009 bond issues. Refer to Note P for further discussion of derivative instruments.

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**NOTE F - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS – Continued**

On December 22, 2014, the University issued \$4,000,000 in series 2015 tax-exempt debt to finance deferred maintenance. The agreement matures on December 22, 2034, with interest payable quarterly at 67.8% of 90-day LIBOR plus 1.3% (1.49% at May 31, 2015). Beginning September 22, 2016 principal payments shall be due quarterly based on a 20-year straight-line amortization schedule, which shall be calculated based on the principal outstanding initially from the closing date and thereafter from the date of the last interest payment date, with any remaining principal due on December 22, 2034.

On July 3, 2013, the University issued \$6,775,000 in series 2014B tax-exempt debt to refinance the Series 1998 bonds.

A schedule of future fiscal year principal payments of long-term obligations is as follows:

2016	8,294,229
2017	5,893,364
2018	6,031,888
2019	6,188,108
2020	5,168,190
Thereafter	<u>44,747,455</u>
	<u>\$ 76,323,234</u>

Total interest expense for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, was \$3,005,835 and \$3,124,726 respectively.

**NOTE G - NET ADVANCES ON LINES OF CREDIT**

The University has entered into line of credit agreements to provide operating cash flows, maximize endowment earnings, and facilitate cash management. The University executed a line of credit agreement with Bank of America, N.A. (the Vision Debt), which matured on December 22, 2013, and provided for maximum borrowings of up to \$20,000,000. For each draw request, the University has the option to pay interest at prime minus 1.75% (1.50% at May 31, 2014) or LIBOR plus 0.50% (0.65% May 31, 2014). No amount was outstanding on the Vision Debt at May 31, 2014. The Vision Debt was subject to a pledge agreement that grants the lender a security interest in certain types of investment securities that are pledged as collateral for advances on the Vision Debt. On July 3, 2013, the University issued \$21,480,000 in Series 2014 taxable long-term debt to refinance the \$20,000,000 Vision Debt.

An agreement with Bank of America, N.A. (the BOA Operating Line) matures on April 5, 2016, and provides for maximum borrowings of \$8,000,000. For each new request, the University has the option to pay interest at prime (3.25% at May 31, 2015 and 2014) or the 30-day LIBOR rate plus 1.25% (1.43% and 1.40% at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively). No amount was outstanding on the BOA Operating Line at May 31, 2015 and 2014. Another agreement with Bank of America, N.A. (the BOA Endowment Line) matures on April 5, 2016, and provides for maximum borrowings of \$5,000,000 with interest rate terms that are identical to the BOA Operating Line. No amount was outstanding on the BOA Endowment Line at May 31, 2015 and 2014.

An agreement with First Financial Bank, Abilene (the FFIN Line), matures on September 30, 2015, and provides for maximum borrowings of up to \$9,500,000 with interest payable at prime (3.25% at May 31, 2015 and 2014). No amount was outstanding on the FFIN Line at May 31, 2015 and 2014.

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### NOTE H - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSET BALANCES

Permanently restricted net assets are listed below according to the purpose for which the income for these items is to be used at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Student loans	\$ 640,610	\$ 664,502
Scholarships	68,904,992	67,849,376
Instruction, research, and divisional support	22,058,984	21,501,335
General operations	<u>4,232,730</u>	<u>4,560,824</u>
	95,837,315	94,576,038
Life income, student loan funds, and other accounts	<u>17,565,047</u>	<u>16,749,095</u>
	<u>\$ 113,402,362</u>	<u>\$ 111,325,133</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets are listed below according to the purpose for which the income for these items is to be used at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Gifts and other unexpended revenues and gains available for:		
Student loans	\$ 772,374	\$ 771,201
Scholarships	70,407,486	68,362,258
Instruction, research, and divisional support	38,433,500	37,386,229
General operations and unappropriated earnings	15,320,635	15,041,979
Acquisition of property and equipment	40,704,850	43,997,089
Life income, student loan funds, and other accounts	<u>2,007,176</u>	<u>1,917,857</u>
	<u>\$ 167,646,021</u>	<u>\$ 167,476,613</u>

### NOTE I - ENDOWMENT

The University's endowment consists of individual endowment funds established for a variety of purposes including both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted endowment represents board-designated funds.

#### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The University interprets the State of Texas UPMIFA as allowing the University, absent donor stipulations to the contrary as stated in the gift instrument, to appropriate so much of a donor-restricted endowment fund as the University determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes, and duration for which the endowment is established. In the absence of explicit donor stipulations, the University designates 50% of endowment gifts to permanently restricted net assets and 50% to temporarily restricted net assets. The assets in the endowment fund remain restricted until appropriated for expenditure by the University.

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**NOTE I - ENDOWMENT - Continued**

Interpretation of Relevant Law - continued

The following factors are considered in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor restricted endowment funds: 1) The duration and preservation of the fund; 2) The purposes of the University and the donor restricted endowment fund; 3) General economic conditions; 4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation; 5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments; 6) Other resources of the University; and 7) The investment policies of the University.

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended May 31, 2015, are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 158,501,109	\$ 117,349,151	\$ 94,576,038	\$ 370,426,298
Contributions	56,693	1,263,504	1,263,504	2,583,701
Real estate, mineral, and other income	8,125,223	305,353	(2,444)	8,428,132
Dividends and interest	490,795	1,119,361	-	1,610,156
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	8,242,240	9,703,337	(5,072)	17,940,505
Endowment support	(8,801,876)	(9,527,728)	-	(18,329,604)
Transfers and other	<u>175,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,289</u>	<u>180,580</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 166,789,475</u>	<u>\$ 120,212,978</u>	<u>\$ 95,837,315</u>	<u>\$ 382,839,768</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended May 31, 2014, are as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 141,521,422	\$ 100,008,601	\$ 89,172,550	\$ 330,702,573
Contributions	374,960	4,900,703	4,900,703	10,176,366
Real estate, mineral, and other income	14,931,564	357,956	16,383	15,305,903
Dividends and interest	496,483	1,198,336	-	1,694,819
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	10,119,162	20,239,042	99,329	30,457,533
Endowment support	(8,936,401)	(9,355,487)	-	(18,291,888)
Transfers and other	<u>(6,081)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>387,073</u>	<u>380,992</u>
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 158,501,109</u>	<u>\$ 117,349,151</u>	<u>\$ 94,576,038</u>	<u>\$ 370,426,298</u>

Return Objective and Risk Parameters

The University has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowments include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the University must hold in perpetuity or for a donor specified period as well as board designated funds. The University expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return in excess of 5.5% annually plus inflation. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

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### NOTE I – ENDOWMENT - Continued

#### Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

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

#### Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The University has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year an amount equal to 70% of an endowment's prior year distribution for spending, adjusted for inflation plus 1%, plus 30% of its beginning of year market value, times the target rate of 4.5%. Distributions are then limited to no less than 2% nor greater than 6% of beginning endowment market value and annual increases for an individual endowment to 7%. Accordingly, over time, the University expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of at least 1% plus inflation annually. This is consistent with the University's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

### NOTE J - CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND ANNUITIES

The University is party to a number of charitable trusts and annuities, the majority of which the University is the trustee. Assets under charitable trusts and annuities consist of the following at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
University as trustee:		
Charitable trusts	\$ 31,053,580	\$ 30,179,954
Charitable gift annuities	<u>5,551,927</u>	<u>5,684,060</u>
	36,605,507	35,864,014
Third-party trustee	<u>1,322,222</u>	<u>1,266,075</u>
	<u>\$ 37,927,729</u>	<u>\$ 37,130,089</u>

For charitable trusts and annuities for which the University is trustee, contributions are recorded at fair value in the year of the agreement and are reflected as charitable trusts and annuities in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. For the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, \$1,216,553 and \$615,000, respectively, were recorded as contribution revenue related to these types of agreements. In addition to the recording of the asset, a liability is recorded representing the discounted future cash flows expected to be paid to the specified beneficiary designated by the donor. The estimated liability of future cash flows is based upon the life expectancy of the donor, the current market value of the trust, and the applicable federal rate (AFR) related to each trust based on the AFR in effect at the date the trust was created. Investment income, payments to beneficiaries, and adjustments to the liability are reflected as changes in value of split-interest agreements in the consolidated statements of activities. The estimated liability for the future cash flows, as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, was \$20,579,873 and \$20,623,146, respectively.

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### NOTE J - CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND ANNUITIES - Continued

For charitable trusts of which the University is not the trustee, contributions are recognized in the year the University becomes aware of the existence of the agreement and are valued at the discounted present value of expected future cash flows. The expected future cash flows have been discounted at a rate of 6% over the life expectancy of the parties involved and calculated based upon the current market value of the trust's assets and other factors stipulated in the agreements. The present value of the expected future cash flows has been reflected as a component of charitable trusts and annuities in the consolidated statements of financial position. The change in estimated present value is reflected as a change in value of split-interest agreements in the consolidated statements of activities.

### NOTE K - RETIREMENT PLAN

The University has a 403(b) defined contribution retirement plan covering substantially all full and part-time personnel. Employees are required to contribute 2% of salary to participate in the 403(b) plan, for which the University contributes up to 4% of the employee's salary. Effective January 1, 2015, employees are required to contribute 2% of salary to participate in the 403(b) plan, for which the University contributes a corresponding 100% match of the employee's salary. Employees have the option of contributing an additional 1% or 2% of base pay into the 403(b) plan, for which the University contributes a corresponding 2% or 4% of the employee's salary. Effective January 1, 2015, employees have the option of contributing an additional 6% of base pay into the 403(b) plan, for which the University contributes a corresponding 100% match of the employee's salary. University contributions under the plan, net of forfeitures, totaled \$2,770,986 and \$2,845,900 for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The University has a 457(b) deferred compensation plan covering a select group of key employees. Qualified employees may defer a portion of their compensation as contributions to the plan. The University does not contribute to the plan. The values of the plan assets at May 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$658,729 and \$497,978, respectively, which are recorded as assets and liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position.

### NOTE L - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

In addition to the University's defined contribution pension plans, the University sponsors a defined benefit health care plan that provides postretirement medical benefits to certain retired employees who had worked 10 years and attained age 55 while in service with the University as of May 31, 1995. The University is required to recognize the funded status of this benefit plan, measured as the difference between plan assets at fair value and the benefit obligation, as an asset or liability in its statement of financial position and to recognize previously unrecognized gains or losses and prior service costs or credits as a component of its consolidated statement of activities.

The following presents the plan's funded status as of May 31:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation	\$(3,643,241)	\$(3,399,316)
Plan assets at fair value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unfunded status	<u>\$(3,643,241)</u>	<u>\$(3,399,316)</u>
Accrued postretirement benefit cost	<u>\$(3,643,241)</u>	<u>\$(3,399,316)</u>

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**NOTE L - POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS - Continued**

Approximate annual benefit costs for the year ended May 31:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Net periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$ <u>122,865</u>	\$ <u>235,698</u>
Employer contributions	\$ 355,265	\$ 307,177
Plan participant contributions	<u>14,259</u>	<u>20,339</u>
Benefits paid	\$ <u>369,524</u>	\$ <u>327,516</u>

The accrued postretirement benefit cost is recorded in accrued salaries and benefit expenses on the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

The weighted average assumptions related to the postretirement benefit plan are as follows at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Discount rate	2.88%	3.5%
Health care cost trend rate	8.5%	8.5%
Ultimate health care cost trend rate	5.0%	5.0%
Years to reach ultimate cost trend	7	7

The University expects to contribute \$307,496 to the postretirement benefit plan in fiscal year 2016. Benefits expected to be paid over the next five years and the five fiscal years thereafter are as follows:

2016	307,496
2017	311,041
2018	311,160
2019	307,602
2020	300,330
2021-2025	1,280,489

**NOTE M - HEALTH INSURANCE**

The University maintains a partially self-funded health insurance plan with insured specific and aggregate stop-loss coverage, administered by a third party administrator. The administrator acts as the University's agent in making benefit payments on the University's behalf. The total liability for outstanding health claims was \$717,000 and \$578,000 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is recorded in accrued salaries and benefit expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position. Management believes the liability is adequate to fund any health claims incurred but not paid or reported as of the end of the fiscal year.

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### NOTE N - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The University leases facilities and equipment to support its study abroad programs, City Square, and other operating activities under non-cancelable operating agreements that extend through 2023. Rent expense related to these agreements for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014, was \$849,122 and \$1,198,961, respectively. Future minimum rentals under the non-cancelable leases as of May 31, 2015 are as follows:

Year ending <u>May 31,</u>	
2015	\$ 825,436
2016	973,683
2017	991,330
2018	774,627
2019	792,638
Thereafter	2,063,214

The University makes certain payments in currencies other than the United States dollar for its study abroad programs, which are subject to foreign currency exchange risk due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement and revaluation of foreign currency transactions are recognized in the consolidated statements of activities.

At May 31, 2015, the University had open construction contracts for improvements to Moody Coliseum, Wildcat Stadium, a science complex, repairs related to hail damage and central plant controls with remaining commitments of approximately \$60,000,000. At May 31, 2014, the University had open construction contracts for improvements to central plant controls, Moody renovations and the Bible building with remaining commitments of approximately \$1,800,000.

On August 31, 2011, the University executed a letter of credit (the Letter) with First Financial Bank, Abilene (FFIN) in which the University authorized the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc. (the DCOA) as the beneficiary of the Letter to draw up to \$300,000 from FFIN in the event Genesis defaults on its note payable to the DCOA and failed to cure any default within the required cure period. In the event the Letter is drawn upon, the University would become the borrower on a note payable to FFIN for all amounts outstanding on the Letter. The note payable associated with the Letter has a maturity date of August 31, 2012. On March 7, 2014, ACU sold its ownership in Genesis and was therefore released in full from any obligations related to the letter of credit.

In the normal course of operations, the University is named as a defendant in lawsuits and is subject to periodic examinations by regulatory agencies. An estimate of the possible loss or range of loss on these events cannot be made. However, after consultation with legal counsel, management believes that liabilities, if any, arising from such litigation and examinations would not have a material effect on the University's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

### NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

ASC 820 requires certain disclosures about assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value and emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, ASC 820 establishes a three-tier hierarchy described below to distinguish between various types of inputs used in determining the value of the University's investments and liabilities.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued**

ASC 820 also governs fair value measurements of investments in certain entities that calculate net asset value per share (or its equivalent) and requires disclosures by major category of investment about the attributes of these investments. For classification purposes, the standard provides that if a reporting entity has the ability to redeem an investment with a private investment fund at the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) at the measurement date or within the near term and there are no other liquidity restrictions, the private investment shall be categorized as Level 2 within the hierarchy of inputs described below:

Level 1 Inputs - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. Level 1 assets include publicly traded securities and mutual funds. Valuations of these instruments do not require a high degree of judgment, as valuations are based on quoted prices in readily available, active markets.

Level 2 Inputs - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies as described below. Assets in this category generally include real estate, certain hedge funds-of-funds, managed long/short funds, and other equity instruments.

If the University has the ability to redeem its investment at the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) at the measurement date or within 120 days thereof and upon no greater than 90 days prior written notice and there are no other potential liquidity restrictions, the investment is categorized within Level 2. Liabilities in this category include interest rate swaps and bonds payable subject to interest rate swaps.

Level 3 Inputs - Unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability. Level 3 assets include instruments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation. Assets in this category generally include certain hedge funds-of-funds, private equity funds, privately held stock, other similar assets, and mineral interests. These financial instruments have inputs that cannot be validated by readily determinable market data and generally involve considerable judgment by management.

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued**

The following schedules classify the University's assets and liabilities carried at fair value based upon the three-tier hierarchy required by ASC 820:

Description	May 31, 2015	Fair Value Measurements at May 31, 2015 Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets:				
Investments:				
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	\$ 288,817,352	\$ 79,036,941	\$ 114,445,537	\$ 95,334,874
Notes receivable	150,746	-	150,746	-
Stocks and bonds	33,871,800	33,722,873	148,927	-
Real estate and mineral interests	57,337,972	-	16,791,263	40,546,709
Outside managed	2,345,626	-	2,345,626	-
Other investments	<u>1,845,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,845,390</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments	<u>384,368,886</u>	<u>112,759,814</u>	<u>135,727,489</u>	<u>135,881,583</u>
Charitable trusts and annuities:				
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	35,220,507	35,220,507	-	-
Real estate	1,385,000	-	1,385,000	-
Outside managed	<u>1,322,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,322,222</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charitable trusts and annuities	<u>37,927,729</u>	<u>35,220,507</u>	<u>2,707,222</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 422,296,615</u>	<u>\$ 147,980,321</u>	<u>\$ 138,434,711</u>	<u>\$ 135,881,583</u>
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swaps (Note P)	\$ 1,818,234	\$ -	\$ 1,818,234	\$ -
Bonds payable subject to interest rate swaps	<u>18,422,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,422,472</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 20,240,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,240,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued**

		Fair Value Measurements at May 31, 2014 Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Description	May 31, 2014			
Assets:				
Investments:				
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	\$ 266,744,726	\$ 64,556,280	\$ 98,023,776	\$ 104,164,670
Notes receivable	173,541	-	173,541	-
Stocks and bonds	38,248,687	38,105,896	142,791	-
Real estate and mineral interests	55,146,323	-	14,638,917	40,507,406
Outside managed	2,351,198	-	2,351,198	-
Other investments	1,170,937	-	1,170,937	-
Total investments	363,835,412	102,662,176	116,501,160	144,672,076
Charitable trusts and annuities:				
Mutual funds and investment partnerships managed by third parties	34,814,015	34,814,015	-	-
Real estate	1,050,000	-	1,050,000	-
Outside managed	1,266,074	-	1,226,074	-
Total charitable trusts and annuities	37,130,089	34,814,015	2,316,074	-
Total assets	\$ 400,965,501	\$ 137,476,191	\$ 118,817,234	\$ 144,672,076
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swaps (Note P)	\$ 2,153,924	\$ -	\$ 2,153,924	\$ -
Bonds payable subject to interest rate swaps	19,832,010	-	19,832,010	-
Total liabilities	\$ 21,985,934	\$ -	\$ 21,985,934	\$ -

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued**

The schedule below summarizes the activity for items classified as Level 3 assets for the year ended May 31, 2015:

	<u>Investments</u>			<u>Charitable trusts and annuities</u>
	<u>Hedge funds-of-funds</u>	<u>Private equity</u>	<u>Mineral interests</u>	<u>Privately held stock and bonds</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 11,335,997	\$ 92,828,673	\$ 40,507,406	\$ -
Total gains (losses):				
Included in net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	(170,715)	(5,424,489)	39,303	-
Purchases	-	9,874,788	-	-
Redemptions	<u>(1,944,716)</u>	<u>(11,164,664)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Ending balance	\$ <u>9,220,566</u>	\$ <u>86,114,308</u>	\$ <u>40,546,709</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

The schedule below summarizes the activity for items classified as Level 3 assets for the year ended May 31, 2014:

	<u>Investments</u>			<u>Charitable trusts and annuities</u>
	<u>Hedge funds-of-funds</u>	<u>Private equity</u>	<u>Mineral interests</u>	<u>Privately held stock and bonds</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 12,333,517	\$ 80,818,871	\$ 41,019,869	\$ 60,000
Total gains (losses):				
Included in net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	331,079	15,929,467	(1,623,192)	-
Purchases	128,072	9,970,733	1,110,729	-
Redemptions	<u>(1,456,671)</u>	<u>(13,890,398)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>
Ending balance	\$ <u>11,335,997</u>	\$ <u>92,828,673</u>	\$ <u>40,507,406</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued**

Quantitative Information About Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820 requires disclosures about significant quantitative information used in valuations for instruments classified as Level 3 measurements. The estimated fair values of Level 3 assets managed and held in limited partnership and other private investment fund structures are based on the most recent valuations provided by the external investment fund managers, adjusted for receipts and disbursements through May 31. The University reviewed and evaluated the values provided by the managers and agreed with the valuation methods and assumptions used to determine those values. Accordingly, no significant quantitative information was developed by management to complete valuations for these investments.

The fair values of Level 3 mineral interests are estimated based on the expected net revenues generated by those assets. Geological reserve analysis provides additional information for estimating fair value and was used for the largest mineral interests to obtain a more informed estimate of fair value. These methods produce a range of values, and the fair value reported by the University falls within this range. The table below indicates the range of inputs associated with highest and lowest values considered by management in developing the University's reported fair value for mineral interests.

The following table describes valuation techniques, significant unobservable inputs, and ranges of significant input values for the University's Level 3 measurements at May 31, 2015:

Instrument	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values
Mineral interests	\$40,546,709	Market approach	Multiple of recent months revenue	48 times the average monthly production for the last year (low) to 10 times the most recent annual production revenue (high)
		Expected net revenues (producing wells)	Geological reserve analysis	10% discount 5% discount

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued**

Quantitative Information About Significant Unobservable Inputs Used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements – continued

The following table describes valuation techniques, significant unobservable inputs, and ranges of significant input values for the University's Level 3 measurements at May 31, 2014:

Instrument	Fair Value	Principal Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range of Significant Input Values
Mineral interests	\$40,507,406	Market approach  Expected net revenues (producing wells)	Multiple of recent months revenue  Geological reserve analysis	48 times the average monthly production for the last year (low) to 10 times the most recent annual production revenue (high)  10% discount 5% discount

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued**

Investments That Calculate Net Asset Per Share

ASC 820 requires additional disclosure for certain types of investments that calculate net asset value per share but are not publicly traded to assist in understanding the nature and risk of these investments by major category. The table below summarizes the fair value and other pertinent liquidity information of investments in major categories at May 31, 2015:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commit- ments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency*</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Fixed income/absolute return funds (a)	\$ 9,091,483	\$ -	Daily	None
Emerging market long only funds (b)	16,903,144	-	Monthly	7 days to 30 days
Equity long/short and other equity hedge funds (c)	56,225,288	-	Monthly to 3 years	30 days to 90 days
Global opportunities hedge funds (d)	30,089,886	-	Monthly to 3 years	2 days to 95 days
Multi-strategy hedge funds (e)	10,269,490	-	Monthly to semi-annually	33 days to 95 days
Private equity funds (f)	68,006,320	38,115,849	(f)	(f)
Venture capital funds (g)	<u>19,007,638</u>	<u>3,427,071</u>	(g)	(g)
	<u>\$ 209,593,248</u>	<u>\$ 41,542,920</u>		

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued**

Investments That Calculate Net Asset Per Share - continued

The table below summarizes the fair value and other pertinent liquidity information of investments in major categories at May 31, 2014:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unfunded Commit- ments</u>	<u>Redemption Frequency*</u>	<u>Redemption Notice Period</u>
Fixed income/absolute return funds (a)	\$ 7,219,082	\$ -	Daily	None
Emerging market long only funds (b)	26,600,755	-	Monthly	7 days to 30 days
Equity long/short and other equity hedge funds (c)	49,649,241	-	Monthly to 3 years	30 days to 90 days
Global opportunities hedge funds (d)	25,845,299	-	Monthly to 3 years	2 days to 95 days
Multi-strategy hedge funds (e)	-	-	Monthly to semi-annually	33 days to 95 days
Private equity funds (f)	68,733,322	25,811,180	(f)	(f)
Venture capital funds (g)	<u>20,453,585</u>	<u>4,741,071</u>	(g)	(g)
	<u>\$ 198,501,284</u>	<u>\$ 30,552,251</u>		

\* Redemption frequency and redemption notice periods reflect general redemption terms and exclude liquidity restrictions noted below:

(a) This category includes investment funds that invest in a diversified portfolio of primarily U.S. based fixed income securities including: corporate bonds, treasury, agency, MBS, futures, options, and swaps. The management of the fund has discretion to allocate among the various asset groups within a risk management structure that imposes percentage allocation maximums to individual classes of securities based on rating, risk, and other criteria. Allocation to various asset types and selection of securities are influenced by economic growth, monetary policy, fiscal policy, dollar policy, commodity prices, and relative valuations. The fair value of the investments in this category has been established using the net asset value per share of the investments as provided by the fund managers.

(b) This category includes investment funds that invest long only in emerging market publicly traded common stock focusing primarily on larger, more established companies. Investment strategies may include the shifting of concentrations among various regions depending on perceived opportunities as well as index strategies using proprietary metrics. The fair value of the investments in this category has been established using the net asset value per share of the investments as provided by the fund managers.

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - Continued**

Investments That Calculate Net Asset Per Share - continued

(c) This category includes investments in hedge funds and hedge funds-of-funds that invest primarily in U.S. and international common stocks (both long and short). Managers of the funds typically have the ability to shift investments from value to growth strategies, from small to large capitalization stocks, and from a net long position to a net short position. The fair values of investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments as provided by the fund managers.

(d) This category includes investments in hedge funds that invest in a variety of opportunistic strategies. Investments are global in scope and include: equities (long and long/short), bonds, commodities, crops, livestock and agricultural land, precious and base metals, credit, interest rate and FX trading, insurance, energy, and private investments in public companies, as well as investments in financial services startups and other co-investments. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments as provided by the fund managers. Investments representing approximately \$2,014,760 (or 6.7%) and \$2,552,194 (or 9.9%) of this category at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, are "sidepocket" investments, meaning that redemptions will not take place until the underlying investments in the sidepocket are sold. The timing of the sale of the sidepocket investments cannot be estimated.

(e) This category includes investments in hedge funds-of-funds that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. Investments are global in scope and include strategies such as: equity long-short, arbitrage, credit, event driven, market neutral, relative value, systematic, and trade finance. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments as provided by the fund managers.

(f) This category includes investments in private equity funds and funds-of-funds that invest primarily in: distressed debt, BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) country investments, energy holdings, and buyouts. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value of the University's ownership interest in the partners' capital of each underlying fund. These investments cannot be redeemed at the request of the investor. Instead, the nature of the investments in this category is that distributions are made through the liquidation of the underlying holdings. It is estimated that the underlying holdings of the funds will be liquidated over 1 to 10 years depending on the vintage year of the fund and the exit opportunities over time.

(g) This category includes investments in venture capital funds of funds that invest primarily in venture capital funds that provide start-up funding primarily for U.S. companies and primarily in the technology and bio-sciences areas. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the net asset value of the University's ownership interest in the partners' capital of each underlying fund. These investments cannot be redeemed at the request of the investor. Instead, distributions are made through the liquidation of the underlying holdings. It is estimated that the underlying holdings of the funds will be liquidated over 1 to 10 years depending on the vintage year of the fund and the exit opportunities over time.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

Cash and Cash Equivalents, Accounts Receivable, and Net Advances on Lines of Credit

The carrying amounts approximate fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

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**NOTE O - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS – Continued**

Contributions Receivable

The carrying amount approximates fair value as determined by discounting pledges at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved.

Investments and Charitable Trusts and Annuities

The carrying amounts of money market funds, mutual funds, and marketable securities approximate fair value based on quoted market prices. The fair values of private equity instruments discussed above are determined in good faith by third party fund managers based on estimates of the underlying investments and appropriate market indices. The University uses these estimates as reported by the fund managers as the primary input to its estimation of fair valuation; however, other inputs are reviewed and considered in the determination of fair value including audit reports of the underlying funds. The fair values of real estate assets are based on independent appraisals. The fair values of mineral interests are based on independent reserve analyses as well as internal analysis using management's knowledge of the properties.

Long-term Obligations

Long-term obligations on the consolidated statements of position total \$76,323,234 and \$81,091,713 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Included within these amounts are bonds payable subject to interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges with fair values disclosed in the tables above, which are determined by adjusting the principal value of the debt by the fair value of the interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges. Also included within long-term obligations are liabilities related to interest rate swaps with fair values disclosed in the tables above, which are determined by the counterparty's present value calculations and market pricing models. Long term obligations also include bonds and notes payable that are not reported at fair value, which have carrying values of \$56,082,528 and \$59,105,779 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The fair values of the bonds and notes payable not reported at fair value were \$61,926,678 and \$66,522,308 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, as determined by discounting future cash flows at an appropriate rate commensurate with the risks involved. These fair values represent an estimate of what a market participant would be willing to pay to acquire the future cash flows on these instruments

**NOTE P - DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

The University entered into two interest rate swap agreements during fiscal year 2005, two interest rate swap agreements during fiscal year 2007, and one interest rate swap agreement in fiscal year 2009. Each agreement is subject to a master netting arrangement with the lender for the debt instruments, which mitigates credit risks on the swap agreements. The University accounts for these contracts in accordance with ASC Topic 815 Derivatives and Hedging and has designated these swaps as fair value hedges. The primary reason for swapping from a variable to fixed rate is to stabilize the University's operating budget vis-à-vis interest expense.

Management has completed variable to fixed rate swaps on five debt issues: 1) Series 2003 has been swapped to a fixed rate of 4.59%; 2) Series 2005 has been swapped to a fixed rate of 4.59%; 3) Series 2006 Taxable has been swapped to a fixed rate of 6.06%; 4) Series 2006B has been swapped to a fixed rate of 4.43%; and 5) Series 2009 has been swapped to a fixed rate of 3.88%. On April 1, 2015, the University repriced the Series 2003 swap from 4.59% to 2.23%.

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**NOTE P - DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS – Continued**

Management has identified the following benefits of using swap agreements to accomplish the above objectives: 1) a lower fixed rate is available using a swap than by refunding at a fixed rate; 2) less administrative work and due diligence is involved in executing a swap than in a refunding. A swap is an agreement separate from the debt but mirroring the debt repayment structure; and 3) a swap does not affect the University's bank qualified debt limit.

The risks of using the proposed interest rate swaps include: 1) credit risk—risk that the counterparty will not fulfill its obligation on the swap contract; 2) basis risk—mismatch between the interest rate received from the swap contract and the interest actually owed on the debt; and 3) opportunity cost—if the floating rate that the University can pay on the debt averages below the fixed rate the University pays on the swap, then the University realizes the opportunity cost associated with locking in the higher interest rate.

The effectiveness of the swaps is judged by comparing the interest rates and key terms of the swaps with the interest rates and key terms on the underlying debt. The key terms of the swaps match the key terms of the floating rate debt and are, therefore, expected to offset the hedged cash flows of the debt.

Management believes the swaps are fully effective as of May 31, 2015 and 2014.

The schedule below summarizes the fair value of the swap contracts at May 31, 2015 and 2014:

Derivatives designated as hedging instruments under FASB ASC 815-20	Statement of Financial Position Location	Liabilities	
		2015	2014
Interest rate swaps	Long-term Obligations	\$ 1,818,234	\$ 2,153,924

Because the swaps are fully effective, the University recognized gains on the hedged items (the debt issues noted above) that exactly offset the interest rate swap liabilities noted above within long-term obligations on the consolidated statements of financial position. Accordingly, the interest rate swaps have no net effect within liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position at May 31, 2015 and 2014.

The University includes the gain or loss on the hedged items within the same location on the consolidated statement of activities—interest expense—as the offsetting loss or gain on the related interest rate swaps as follows for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Statement of Activities Location	2015	2014
Unrestricted gain (loss) on swaps	Interest expense	\$ 335,690	\$ 669,855
Unrestricted gain (loss) on debt issues	Interest expense	(335,690)	(669,855)

As of May 31, 2015 and 2014, the aggregate notional amounts of the outstanding swaps were \$20,240,726 and \$21,985,934, respectively.

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### NOTE Q - SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The University grants credit in the form of accounts and notes receivable to students and others, a substantial portion of which are enrolled at the University. The University does not require collateral for the extension of credit with the exception of notes made to facilitate real estate sales, in which case, the collateral is typically the real estate being sold. Counterparty risks related to interest rate swap agreements are described in Note P. Management periodically monitors credit risk through the evaluation of the account's status and ability to repay.

### NOTE R - ASSET RETIREMENT OBLIGATION

The University records a liability included within deposits and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position for the estimated costs associated to remediate its asset retirement obligation.

The following presents a summary of the asset retirement obligation activity as of and for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014:

Asset retirement obligation at June 1, 2013	\$ 2,012,708
Payment of asset retirement obligation	<u>(80,302)</u>
Asset retirement obligation at May 31, 2014	1,932,406
Payments of asset retirement obligation	<u>(209,606)</u>
Asset retirement obligation at May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 1,722,800</u>

### NOTE S - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The University had unsecured receivables from related parties of \$36,835 and \$35,434 at May 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

### NOTE T - EXPENSES BY NATURAL CLASSIFICATION

While the consolidated statements of activities present expenses by function, the University's expenses by natural classification are as follows for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Salaries and wages	\$ 46,556,675	\$ 45,552,875
Personnel benefits	16,184,580	14,275,055
Student wages	3,345,511	3,249,054
Operating expenses	36,285,461	36,779,116
Plant operations and maintenance	8,500,044	9,305,093
Depreciation	7,796,497	7,335,512
Interest	<u>3,005,835</u>	<u>3,124,726</u>
	<u>\$ 121,674,603</u>	<u>\$ 119,621,431</u>

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**NOTE U - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

The University has evaluated subsequent events through August 3, 2015, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

On June 25, 2015, the University entered into a lease agreement with a lessor to lease a property in Addison, Texas. The lease is for a term of 89 months and commences on the later of September 1, 2015 or the date upon which the landlord completes agreed upon improvements to the property. Future minimum rental payments are included in Note N above.