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## Annual Financial Report

For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014



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& UNIVERSITIES



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# INTRODUCTION



Minnesota  
STATE COLLEGES  
& UNIVERSITIES

November 17, 2015

Board of Trustees  
Steven Rosenstone, Chancellor  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
30 Seventh Street East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Board of Trustees and Chancellor Rosenstone:

I am pleased to submit to you the audited financial report for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. The financial statements are prepared by management and presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This report includes the financial statements and disclosures necessary to accurately present the financial condition and results of operations for the two years. Within the financial statements, which were audited by the firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, you will find the statements of net position, the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and the statements of cash flows.

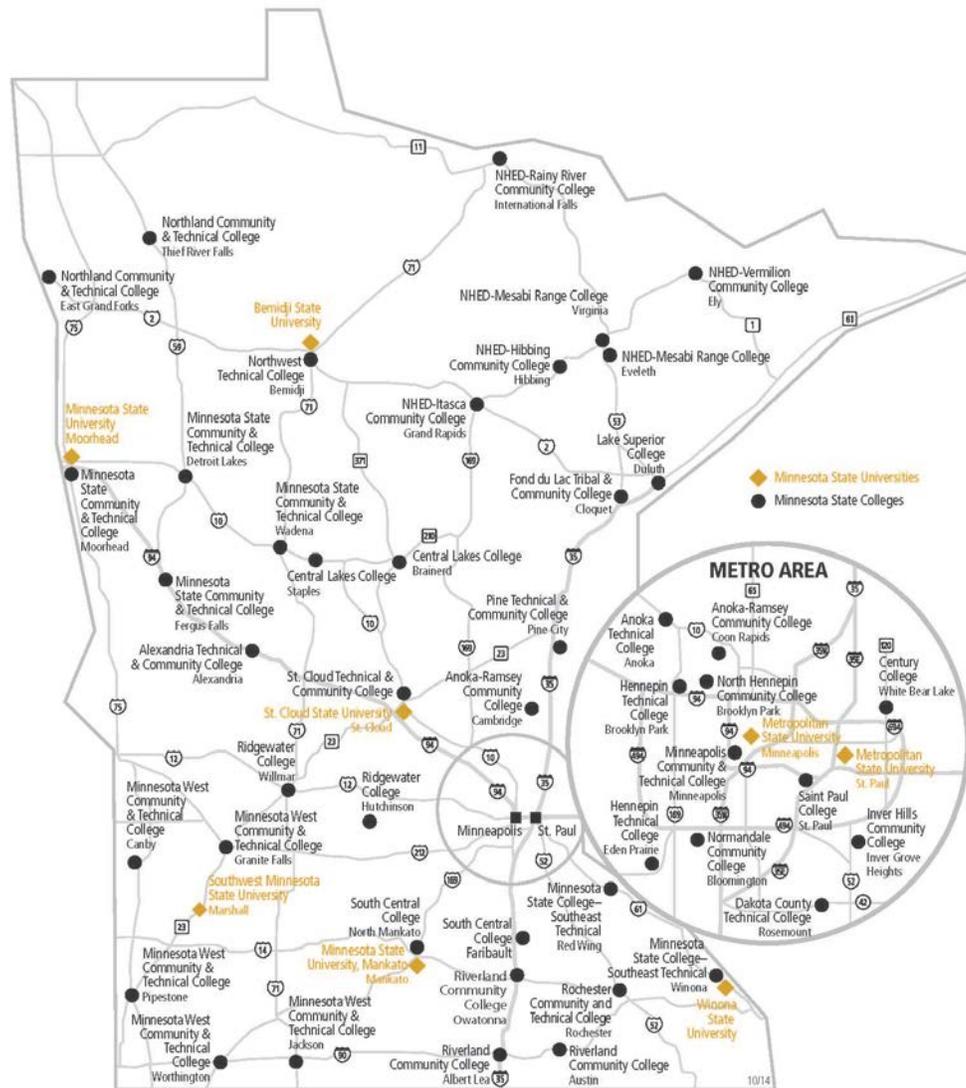
We are also providing separately audited financial statements for the Revenue Fund, and four of our state universities. The completion of separately audited financial statements for four of the 31 colleges and universities places 26 percent of the expenses of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system under separate stand-alone audits. It is worth noting that the systemwide audit opinion, the Revenue Fund opinion and the opinions for the four separate audits are each without modification, a testimony to the efforts of each and every employee with responsibility for financial information at the 54 campuses and in the system office.

For a summary review and explanation of the financial statements, please review the Management Discussion and Analysis section of the report. The Finance Division and the finance staff at every college and university are responsible for assuring the accuracy, reliability, fairness and completeness of the information presented in this report. We rely upon the administrative and finance staff at each college and university in provision of that assurance. Many people assisted in this effort and are deserving of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

  
Laura M. King  
Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer

## Minnesota State Colleges & Universities



### TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

Alexandria Technical & Community College  
 Anoka-Ramsey Community College\*\*\*  
 Anoka Technical College\*\*\*  
 Central Lakes College  
 Century College  
 Dakota County Technical College  
 Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College  
 Hennepin Technical College  
 Inver Hills Community College  
 Lake Superior College  
 Minneapolis Community & Technical College  
 Minnesota State College – Southeast Technical  
 Minnesota State Community and Technical College  
 Minnesota West Community & Technical College  
 Normandale Community College  
 North Hennepin Community College

Northeast Higher Education District\*  
 -Hibbing Community College\*  
 -Itasca Community College\*  
 -Mesabi Range College\*  
 -Rainy River Community College\*  
 -Vermilion Community College\*  
 Northland Community & Technical College  
 Northwest Technical College\*\*  
 Pine Technical & Community College  
 Ridgewater College  
 Riverland Community College  
 Rochester Community and Technical College  
 St. Cloud Technical & Community College  
 Saint Paul College  
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Bemidji State University\*\*  
 Metropolitan State University  
 Minnesota State University, Mankato  
 Minnesota State University Moorhead  
 St. Cloud State University  
 Southwest Minnesota State University  
 Winona State University

\*The Northeast Higher Education District is a consortium of five state colleges: Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion.

\*\*Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College are aligned.

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The financial activity of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is included in this report. It is comprised of 31 colleges and universities. The Revenue Fund activity is included in both this report and the separately issued Revenue Fund Annual Financial Report.

All financial activity of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is included in the Minnesota Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A separately issued schedule of expenditures of federal awards will be available at a later date.

# FINANCIAL SECTION



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
St. Paul, Minnesota

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the proprietary fund of the state of Minnesota, the aggregate discretely presented component units, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) as of and for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise MnSCU's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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

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

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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of the Bemidji State University Foundation, Metropolitan State University Foundation, Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation, Inc., Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation, Inc., Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation, and Winona State University Foundation, which cumulatively represent 80% of the total assets and 83% of the revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the discretely presented component units, is based solely on the reports of other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The other auditors did not audit the Foundations as listed above in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting and instances of reportable noncompliance associated with the Foundations.

***Auditors' Responsibility (Continued)***

The financial statements of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundations were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

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

***Opinions***

In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, and the aggregate remaining fund information of MnSCU as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Emphasis of Matters***

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the state of Minnesota as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the changes in its financial position, or cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASB) No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and the related GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. As a result of the implementation of these standards, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a restatement for the change in accounting principle (see Note 1). Our auditors' opinion was not modified with respect to the restatement.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of Funding Progress – Net Other Postemployment Benefits, and the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Contributions as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Other Information*

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2015, on our consideration of MnSCU'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 MnSCU's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
November 17, 2015

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)

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### INTRODUCTION

The following discussion and analysis provide an overview of the financial position and activities of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (the system) for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes, which follow this section.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, a state supported system, is the largest single provider of higher education in the state of Minnesota, and is comprised of 31 state universities, technical, and community colleges. Offering more than 3,775 educational programs, the system serves approximately 259,549 students annually in credit-based courses, as measured by unduplicated headcount enrollment. The system serves over 62,000 students of color and American Indian student across the state. An additional 136,141 students enroll in non-credit courses each year through the system's continuing education and customized training services. The system employs approximately 16,917 full time and part time faculty and staff.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, was implemented during fiscal year 2015. The beginning net position as of July 1, 2014 was restated by \$556.9 million, with an offsetting reduction to fiscal year 2015 salaries and benefits expense of \$37.7 million, resulting in net position decrease of \$519.2 million in fiscal year 2015, related to the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation. The reduction to net position related to GASB Statement No. 68 was offset on the system's statement of net position by a net pension liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources. Fiscal years 2014 and 2013 financial statement amounts for net pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and net position, were not restated because sufficient information was not available. It is worth noting, that the impact on fiscal year 2015 salaries and benefits expense is a result of a more comprehensive approach to pension expense, which reflects estimates of the amounts employees earned during the year, rather than actual contributions to the pension plans. The actuarially derived net pension liability, deferred outflows, and deferred inflows of resources can vary between years due to actuarial assumption changes, thus affecting financial statements comparability between years.

The following table shows the impact to unrestricted net position due the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68:

Unrestricted Net Position (In Thousands)	
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ (9,882)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	556,900
Current year effect of GASB Statement No. 68	(37,740)
Balance at June 30, 2015, without effect of GASB Statement No. 68	<u>\$ 509,278</u>

The system's financial position changed substantially during fiscal year 2015 with net position decreasing by \$489.3 million, or 23.3 percent, on total revenues of \$2.0 billion. As discussed above, \$519.2 million of this decrease is attributable to the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation. Excluding the GASB Statement No. 68 effect, current year net position increased by \$29.8 million, or 1.4 percent, of which \$22.0 million was due to an increase in net investment in capital assets. This follows a \$16.0 million, or 0.8 percent increase in net position during fiscal year 2014 on total revenues of \$2.0 billion. Unrestricted net position increased by \$14.9 million, or 3.0 percent, and decreased \$20.6 million, or 4.0 percent, in fiscal years 2015 and 2014 respectively.

- Income (loss) before other revenues, expenses, gains or losses, described further below as the system's net operating revenue, experienced a gain of \$4.9 million in fiscal year 2015. This compares to losses of \$43.7 million and \$2.0 million in fiscal years 2014 and 2013, respectively. Excluding the effects of GASB Statement No. 68 implementation, the system experienced a net operating loss of \$32.8 million in fiscal year 2015, and improvement of \$10.9 million compared to fiscal year 2014.

- Compensation, the largest cost category in the system, decreased \$28.4 million, or 2.2 percent, in fiscal year 2015 and increased \$45.3 million, or 3.6 percent, in fiscal year 2014. This cost constitutes 67.8 percent of the system's fiscal year 2015 total operating expenses, compared to 68.2 percent for fiscal year 2014. The GASB Statement No. 68 implementation decreased benefits by \$37.7 million in fiscal year 2015, with the remaining net increase in compensation being \$9.3 million, or 0.7 percent.
- The state appropriation and tuition charged to students are the system's two largest revenue sources. The state appropriation increased in fiscal year 2015 by 5.7 percent compared to a 6.9 percent increase in fiscal year 2014. Gross tuition revenue decreased \$23.9 million, or 2.9 percent, in fiscal year 2015. This is compared to the decrease of \$27.7 million, or 3.3 percent, and an increase of \$11.9 million, or 1.4 percent, in fiscal years 2014 and 2013, respectively. Undergraduate tuition rates were not increased in fiscal years 2015 or 2014. In fiscal year 2013, tuition rates increases averaged 3.9 percent.
- The number of students is the primary factor driving both tuition revenue and operating expenses. The number of full year equivalent for credit students in fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 totaled 138,973, 144,524, and 149,919, respectively. Enrollment in 2015 decreased 3.8 percent from fiscal year 2014 and decreased 3.6 percent from fiscal year 2013.
- Federal grants decreased by 4.5 percent, or \$15.8 million, in fiscal year 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014, following a decrease of \$13.2 million, or 3.6 percent, in fiscal year 2014 compared to fiscal year 2013. The decrease in fiscal year 2015 is primarily attributable to the decrease in enrollments and related financial aid.
- Total debt supporting the system's capital asset investment programs increased in fiscal year 2015 by \$29.5 million to a total of \$625.9 million, a 4.9 percent increase. This increase was primarily due to the system issuing revenue bonds in fiscal year 2015 compared to no revenue bonds issued in fiscal year 2014.

### ***USING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

This annual financial report includes five financial statements: the statements of net position, the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, the statements of cash flows, the statements of fiduciary net position held for pension benefits, and the statements of changes in fiduciary net position held for pension benefits (the last two statements relate to the system's defined contribution retirement plan). These five financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

### ***STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION***

The statements of net position present the financial position of the system at the end of the fiscal year, including all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows. Net position, the result of total assets and deferred outflows, minus total liabilities and deferred inflows, is one indicator of the current financial condition of the system. Assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows are generally measured using current values. One notable exception is capital assets which are stated at historical cost, less an allowance for depreciation.

Summarized statements of net position for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 follow (in thousands):

	2015	2014	2013
Current assets	\$ 1,003,318	\$ 1,007,286	\$ 1,016,388
Current restricted assets	153,438	93,892	115,721
Noncurrent restricted assets	32,002	21,782	27,238
Noncurrent assets	26,800	25,919	26,130
Noncurrent capital assets, net	2,001,504	1,994,028	1,939,855
Deferred outflows of resources	51,001	-	-
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>3,268,063</u>	<u>3,142,907</u>	<u>3,125,332</u>
Current liabilities	313,931	305,064	292,106
Noncurrent liabilities	1,105,493	739,132	750,548
Deferred inflows of resources	239,274	-	-
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,658,698</u>	<u>1,044,196</u>	<u>1,042,654</u>
Net investment in capital assets	1,486,372	1,464,361	1,428,789
Restricted	132,875	139,956	138,865
Unrestricted	<u>(9,882)</u>	<u>494,394</u>	<u>515,024</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,609,365</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,082,678</u>

The primary component of current assets is cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted), which decreased by \$4.7 million to total \$851.6 million at June 30, 2015. This \$851.6 million of cash and cash equivalents plus investments of \$26.8 million represent approximately 6.0 months of fiscal year 2015 operating expenses (excluding depreciation), an increase of 0.1 months over fiscal year 2014. This is a measure of liquid asset availability to cover operating expenses in the event of a temporary interruption to or decrease in the system's revenues. In fiscal year 2015 a \$51.0 million deferred outflow was reported, which represents the consumption of net position in one period that is applicable to future periods, and is primarily due to the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation.

Current liabilities consist primarily of salaries and benefits payable and accounts payable. Salaries and benefits payable at June 30, 2015 decreased from the prior year by \$17.1 million, or 13.9 percent, to a total of \$105.5 million. Approximately \$21.0 million of the current liabilities increase in fiscal year 2014 was due to retroactive pay adjustments for employment contract settlements, which were paid after June 30. This increase to current liabilities was offset by an approximately \$13.0 million decrease due to third party provider's payments that were disbursed on July 1 in fiscal year 2013 versus the end of June in fiscal year 2014. Consistent with prior years, the salaries and benefits payable accrual included about two months of earned salary for faculty who elected to receive salaries over twelve months on a September 1 through August 31 year. Accounts payable and other liabilities, including payables from restricted assets, increased \$11.5 million or 19.5 percent, primarily due to more construction activity during fiscal 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014.

The noncurrent liabilities increased by \$366.4 million or 49.6 percent in fiscal year 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014. This was due to GASB Statement No. 68 implementation which resulted in a net pension liability of \$330.6 million in fiscal year 2015, along with a \$28.4 million increase in long term debt. In fiscal year 2015, deferred inflows of \$239.3 million was reported which represents the acquisition of net position that is applicable to a future reporting period and is again due to the GASB Statement No. 68 implementation.

Net position represents the system's residual interest in total assets and deferred outflows after deducting total liabilities and deferred inflows. Net investment in capital assets, represents by far the largest portion of net position. Capital assets are carried at historical cost, not replacement cost. Restricted net position have constraints placed on their use by external creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations and consist primarily of those assets restricted for debt service of \$50.4 million, and restrictions imposed by bond covenants of \$66.5 million, a \$6.0 million decrease from fiscal year 2014.

## ***CAPITAL AND DEBT ACTIVITIES***

With over 27 million managed square feet, the quality of the system's academic and residential life programs is closely linked to the development and renewal of its capital assets. The system continues to update and implement a long range plan to modernize its complement of older facilities, balanced with new construction. Detail on commitments for construction projects is provided in Note 16 to the financial statements.

Fiscal year 2015 capital outlays totaled \$133.6 million, including \$111.4 million of new construction in progress, compared to fiscal year 2014 capital outlays which totaled \$162.0 million, including \$138.2 million of new construction in progress. Investments in capital assets consist largely of replacement and renovation of academic facilities, student housing and investments in equipment.

Capital assets are primarily financed by long-term debt through issuance of general obligation and revenue bonds. As more fully described in Notes 1 and 8, the system is responsible for paying one third of the debt service for certain general obligation bonds sold by the state of Minnesota for capital asset projects. The system recognizes as capital appropriation revenue any portion of general obligation bonds sold for which the system has no debt service responsibility. Total state appropriation in fiscal year 2015 was \$625 million of which \$2.8 million is included for asset repairs and improvements that are not capitalized. General obligation bonds payable totaled \$241.8 million at June 30, 2015, a net increase of \$3.7 million during the fiscal year. Revenue bonds payable at June 30, 2015 totaled \$327.6 million, a net increase of \$30.5 million from June 30, 2014.

The percentage of total revenue expended to cover debt service (principal and interest payments on general obligation and revenue bonds, capital leases and notes payable) has increased from 1.9 percent or \$38.8 million in fiscal year 2009, to 3.4 percent, or \$66.9 million in fiscal year 2015. This compares to 1.61 percent of total revenue to cover debt service (principal and interest payments) on general obligation bonds only for fiscal year 2015.

## ***STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION***

The statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position present the system's results of operations and the overall increase in net position for the fiscal year. It is the difference between the year's revenue and expense activities that results in an overall increase or decrease to net position. The state appropriation and federal and state grants are required under GASB Statement No. 34 to be considered nonoperating revenues.

Summarized statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 follow (in thousands):

Operating revenues:	2015	2014	2013
Tuition, fees and sales, net	\$ 694,621	\$ 704,798	\$ 732,447
Restricted student payments, net	107,067	105,294	104,706
Other income	13,820	14,098	14,224
Total operating revenues	<u>815,508</u>	<u>824,190</u>	<u>851,377</u>
Nonoperating and other revenues:			
State appropriation	624,988	591,242	553,246
Capital appropriation	52,283	54,729	88,497
Grants	468,682	469,987	479,360
Miscellaneous nonoperating and other revenues	11,938	11,946	10,374
Total nonoperating and other revenues	<u>1,157,891</u>	<u>1,127,904</u>	<u>1,131,477</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,973,399</u>	<u>1,952,094</u>	<u>1,982,854</u>
Operating expenses:			
Salaries and benefits	1,268,526	1,296,889	1,251,635
Other operating expenses	603,264	605,472	605,382
Total operating expenses	<u>1,871,790</u>	<u>1,902,361</u>	<u>1,857,017</u>
Interest and other nonoperating expenses	34,055	33,700	34,769
Total expenses	<u>1,905,845</u>	<u>1,936,061</u>	<u>1,891,786</u>
Change in net position	67,554	16,033	91,068
Net position, beginning of year	2,098,711	2,082,678	1,991,610
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(556,900)	-	-
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,541,811</u>	<u>2,082,678</u>	<u>1,991,610</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 1,609,365</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,711</u>	<u>\$ 2,082,678</u>

The fiscal year 2015 total revenues increased by 1.1 percent which was due primarily to an increase in state appropriation that is larger than the decrease in tuition and fees. Undergraduate tuition rates were frozen in both fiscal years 2015 and 2014, while graduate tuition rates rose 3 percent.

Compensation is the system's single largest expense component. Compensation expense decreased \$28.4 million, or 2.2 percent, in fiscal year 2015 and represented 67.8 percent of total operating expense. The fiscal year 2014 increase of \$45.3 million, or 3.6 percent, represented 68.2 percent of total operating expense. Total compensation expense included fringe benefit costs of \$278.4 million and \$318.2 million in fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease in compensation in fiscal year 2015 is due primarily to the \$37.7 million impact of the GASB Statement No. 68. The increase in compensation costs in fiscal year 2014 is due primarily to collective bargaining settlements along with an increase to the employer portion of the insurance premiums.

All other operating expenses for fiscal year 2015 decreased by 0.4 percent compared to fiscal year 2014. A marginal increase in operating expenses occurred in fiscal year 2014 over fiscal year 2013. The most significant increases by percentage from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015 was 9.5 percent or \$3.6 million in financial aid, net. This increase is due to an increase in financial aid that was disbursed to students.

### ***INVESTMENTS***

All balances related to tuition revenues and most fees are held in the state treasury. These funds are invested as part of the state's investment pool by the State Board of Investment. Under state statute, the system's share of earnings on the state's investment pool is allocated to schools by the System Office. Note 2 provides additional information on cash and investments, including steps taken to control interest and credit related risks. Revenue Fund cash balances are held in part by the state treasury and in part by U.S. Bank, N.A. as trustee, and are invested separately under contracts for investment management services.

### ***FOUNDATIONS***

The system's annual financial report for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 includes financial statements for the foundations of all seven state universities, based on an assessment of the Foundations' significance to the system's financial statements. The accompanying financial report includes the Foundations' statements of financial position, and the Foundations' statements of activities, analogous to the systems' statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. It should be noted that the Foundations' financial statements are not consolidated but are reported separately within the system's financial statements. The relationships between the Foundations and the related colleges and universities are described in Note 19.

### ***ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE***

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities maintained a sound financial position in fiscal year 2015. The state of Minnesota's improved financial condition allowed the legislature to increase appropriations by \$101.0 million in fiscal year 2015 for the next two fiscal years. This enabled the system to continue to fund a freeze on fiscal year 2016 undergraduate tuition at our two year college while maintaining ongoing operations, implementing new programs tailored to meet the state's workforce needs, and implementing innovative strategies for managing the challenges and opportunities faced by higher education. This continued a trend we have seen over recent sessions, both in direct appropriations as well as through other support such as the Leveraged Equipment Program, as the state has increased its investment in Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in order to meet pressing workforce needs.

With tuition rates frozen, fluctuation in enrollment plays a bigger and more immediate impact; it will be critical to manage expenses at a rate that is less than the growth of revenue from state appropriations and tuition. Consistent with national trends, enrollment at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is decreasing, fueled largely by demographic trends and the economic recovery, as it returns to pre-recession levels. The system has in place a number of strategic initiatives for managing enrollment, including programs to increase the retention and success of existing students and programs to address the needs of diverse populations traditionally underserved by higher education.

The system completed the first stage of a significant strategic positioning effort in fiscal year 2015 and has developed implementation plans in conjunction with presidential work plan efforts for fiscal year 2016. The work is a multiyear effort and designed to engage faculty, students and staff on every campus in strong, collaborative leadership. The system will also continue its management of costs to ensure efficient, effective operations on behalf of current and future students. Examples include developing a shared services platform for common business operations and strategic sourcing for the purchase of goods and services. In a comparison of similar institutions, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ranks 38 out of 51 states and the District of Columbia in overall administrative spending per student. The system is committed to realizing further efficiencies over the next biennium.

The continuing success of the system depends in part on its partnership with the state of Minnesota and its citizens. Preserving the high quality, broadly accessible system of colleges and universities now available across the state will require continuing support from the state. The system leadership is committed to a statewide partnership with government, industry, and communities to add to the prosperity of Minnesota. The partnership enables the provision of accessible, high value, affordable higher education in accord with the economic and intellectual needs of the state. The state's continued support is critical to maintaining both affordability and access for students.

### ***REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION***

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' finances for all those with an interest in the system's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

Assets	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 851,592	\$ 856,260
Investments	26,824	26,919
Grants receivable	17,752	15,891
Accounts receivable, net	57,263	57,887
Prepaid expense	29,878	28,707
Inventory and other assets	15,178	17,475
Student loans, net	4,831	4,147
Total current assets	<u>1,003,318</u>	<u>1,007,286</u>
Current Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>153,438</u>	<u>93,892</u>
Noncurrent Restricted Assets		
Other assets	296	298
Construction in progress	31,706	21,484
Total noncurrent restricted assets	<u>32,002</u>	<u>21,782</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>185,440</u>	<u>115,674</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Notes receivable	2,238	-
Student loans, net	24,562	25,919
Capital assets, net	2,001,504	1,994,028
Total noncurrent assets	<u>2,028,304</u>	<u>2,019,947</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,217,062</u>	<u>3,142,907</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>51,001</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>3,268,063</u>	<u>3,142,907</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Salaries and benefits payable	105,457	122,547
Accounts payable and other liabilities	45,017	45,159
Unearned revenue	65,876	52,226
Payable from restricted assets	25,468	13,842
Interest payable	3,225	3,049
Funds held for others	8,386	8,706
Current portion of long-term debt	39,975	38,859
Other compensation benefits	20,527	20,676
Total current liabilities	<u>313,931</u>	<u>305,064</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Noncurrent portion of long-term debt	585,955	557,565
Other compensation benefits	159,794	151,966
Net pension liability	330,626	-
Capital contributions payable	29,118	29,601
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>1,105,493</u>	<u>739,132</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,419,424</u>	<u>1,044,196</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>239,274</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,658,698</u>	<u>1,044,196</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	1,486,372	1,464,361
Restricted expendable, bond covenants	66,484	72,499
Restricted expendable, other	66,391	67,457
Unrestricted	(9,882)	494,394
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,609,365</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,711</u>

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOUNDATIONS**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

Assets	2015	2014
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,719	\$ 8,361
Investments	67,828	64,905
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,022	1,022
Pledges and contributions receivable, net	7,460	7,022
Other receivables and Other assets	452	727
Annuities/Remainder interests/Trusts	326	325
Finance lease receivable	885	870
Total current assets	<u>84,692</u>	<u>83,232</u>
Noncurrent Assets		
Annuities/Remainder interests/Trusts	416	468
Long-term pledges receivable	13,265	12,867
Finance lease receivable, net	5,793	6,678
Investments	99,623	95,077
Restricted investments	6,175	6,174
Buildings, property and equipment, net	18,975	19,706
Other assets	1,840	1,795
Total noncurrent assets	<u>146,087</u>	<u>142,765</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 230,779</u>	<u>\$ 225,997</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 805	\$ 1,396
Interest payable	163	96
Unearned revenue	379	326
Annuities payable	478	505
Notes payable	630	706
Bonds payable	2,024	1,411
Scholarships payable and Other liabilities	158	330
Total current liabilities	<u>4,637</u>	<u>4,770</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Annuities payable and Unitrust liabilities	2,773	2,032
Notes payable	1,477	9,701
Bonds payable	20,381	16,436
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>24,631</u>	<u>28,169</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>29,268</u>	<u>32,939</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	8,935	6,202
Temporarily restricted	74,874	79,922
Permanently restricted	117,702	106,934
Total Net Assets	<u>201,511</u>	<u>193,058</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 230,779</u>	<u>\$ 225,997</u>

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2015	2014
Operating Revenues		
Tuition, net	\$ 509,462	\$ 521,040
Fees, net	67,853	67,610
Sales and room and board, net	117,306	116,148
Restricted student payments, net	107,067	105,294
Other income	13,820	14,098
Total operating revenues	<u>815,508</u>	<u>824,190</u>
Operating Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	1,268,526	1,296,889
Purchased services	231,830	234,002
Supplies	142,937	141,157
Repairs and maintenance	27,056	32,031
Depreciation	115,814	113,497
Financial aid, net	42,088	38,446
Other expense	43,539	46,339
Total operating expenses	<u>1,871,790</u>	<u>1,902,361</u>
Operating loss	<u>(1,056,282)</u>	<u>(1,078,171)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)		
Appropriations	624,988	591,242
Federal grants	338,865	354,652
State grants	100,146	92,917
Private grants	24,891	22,418
Interest income	6,304	6,927
Interest expense	(22,619)	(23,464)
Grants to other organizations	(11,436)	(10,236)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,061,139</u>	<u>1,034,456</u>
Income (Loss) Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains, or Losses	4,857	(43,715)
Capital appropriations	52,283	54,729
Capital grants	4,780	-
Donated assets and supplies	5,486	4,452
Gain on disposal of capital assets	148	567
Change in net position	<u>67,554</u>	<u>16,033</u>
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year	2,098,711	2,082,678
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	(556,900)	-
Total Net Position, Beginning of Year, as Restated	<u>1,541,811</u>	<u>2,082,678</u>
Total Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,609,365</u>	<u>\$ 2,098,711</u>

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOUNDATIONS**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2015 Total
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$ 7,948	\$ 7,958	\$ 8,839	\$ 24,745
Endowment gifts	-	-	1,298	1,298
In-kind contributions	3,902	448	-	4,350
Investment income	696	3,758	(32)	4,422
Realized gains (losses)	2,560	10,024	(377)	12,207
Unrealized gains (losses)	(2,986)	(11,722)	394	(14,314)
Program income	1,189	214	-	1,403
Special events	-	-	-	-
Fundraising income	-	277	-	277
Other income	819	131	48	998
Reclassification of net assets	699	(679)	(20)	-
Net assets released from restrictions	14,839	(15,457)	618	-
Total support and revenue	<u>29,666</u>	<u>(5,048)</u>	<u>10,768</u>	<u>35,386</u>
Expenses				
Program services				
Program services	5,102	-	-	5,102
Scholarships	10,468	-	-	10,468
Institutional activities	1,417	-	-	1,417
Special projects	1,513	-	-	1,513
Total program services	<u>18,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,500</u>
Supporting services				
Interest expense	287	-	-	287
Management and general	3,245	-	-	3,245
Fundraising expense	4,893	-	-	4,893
Other expense	8	-	-	8
Total supporting services	<u>8,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,433</u>
Total expenses	<u>26,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,933</u>
Change in Net Assets	2,733	(5,048)	10,768	8,453
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>6,202</u>	<u>79,922</u>	<u>106,934</u>	<u>193,058</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 8,935</u>	<u>\$ 74,874</u>	<u>\$ 117,702</u>	<u>\$ 201,511</u>

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FOUNDATIONS**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2014 Total
Support and Revenue				
Contributions	\$ 7,016	\$ 10,681	\$ 5,023	\$ 22,720
Endowment gifts	-	-	1,609	1,609
In-kind contributions	4,342	421	9	4,772
Investment income	760	7,661	14	8,435
Realized gains (losses)	173	6,451	3	6,627
Unrealized gains (losses)	200	7,030	47	7,277
Program income	1,185	118	-	1,303
Special events	1	9	-	10
Fundraising income	22	266	-	288
Other income	877	230	47	1,154
Reclassification of net assets	(27)	3	24	-
Net assets released from restrictions	3,674	(3,880)	206	-
Total support and revenue	<u>18,223</u>	<u>28,990</u>	<u>6,982</u>	<u>54,195</u>
Expenses				
Program services				
Program services	4,307	-	-	4,307
Scholarships	10,628	-	-	10,628
Institutional activities	1,331	-	-	1,331
Special projects	1,932	-	-	1,932
Total program services	<u>18,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,198</u>
Supporting services				
Interest expense	372	-	-	372
Management and general	3,244	-	-	3,244
Fundraising	4,742	-	-	4,742
Other expense	22	-	-	22
Total supporting services	<u>8,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,380</u>
Total expenses	<u>26,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,578</u>
Change in Net Assets	(8,355)	28,990	6,982	27,617
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>14,557</u>	<u>50,932</u>	<u>99,952</u>	<u>165,441</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 6,202</u>	<u>\$ 79,922</u>	<u>\$ 106,934</u>	<u>\$ 193,058</u>

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2015	2014
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash received from customers	\$ 813,435	\$ 825,472
Cash repayment of program loans	5,164	4,396
Cash paid to suppliers for goods or services	(438,542)	(450,544)
Cash payments for employees	(1,315,356)	(1,279,654)
Financial aid disbursements	(42,571)	(38,507)
Cash payments for program loans	(4,850)	(4,965)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	<u>(982,720)</u>	<u>(943,802)</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital and Related Financing Activities		
Appropriations	624,988	591,242
Federal grants	336,947	362,086
State grants	100,146	92,917
Private grants	24,891	22,418
Agency activity	(320)	(451)
Grants to other organizations	(11,436)	(10,236)
Net cash flows provided by noncapital and related financing activities	<u>1,075,216</u>	<u>1,057,976</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Investment in capital assets	(120,376)	(175,743)
Capital appropriation	68,686	67,984
Capital grants	2,418	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets and insurance proceeds	217	1,011
Proceeds from borrowing	105,510	25,806
Proceeds from bond premiums	2,571	2,460
Interest paid	(22,471)	(23,622)
Repayment of lease principal	(4,396)	(4,563)
Repayment of note principal	(541)	(779)
Repayment of bond principal	(72,283)	(32,394)
Net cash flows used in capital and related financing activities	<u>(40,665)</u>	<u>(139,840)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	1,804	3,871
Purchase of investments	(1,531)	(3,316)
Investment earnings	2,774	2,599
Net cash flows provided by investing activities	<u>3,047</u>	<u>3,154</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	54,878	(22,512)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	950,152	972,664
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,005,030</u>	<u>\$ 950,152</u>

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014  
(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2015	2014
Operating Loss	\$ <u>(1,056,282)</u>	\$ <u>(1,078,171)</u>
Adjustment to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Flows used in Operating Activities		
Depreciation	115,814	113,497
Provision for loan defaults	(44)	25
Loan principal repayments	5,164	4,396
Loans issued	(4,850)	(4,965)
Forgiven loans	403	448
Donated and lease equipment not capitalized	5,055	4,452
Change in assets and liabilities		-
Inventory	1,624	(704)
Accounts receivable	624	226
Accounts payable	(302)	(1,299)
Salaries and benefits payable	(17,090)	13,458
Other compensation benefits	7,678	3,286
Net pension liability/Deferred outflows of resources	(37,741)	-
Capital contributions payable	(483)	(61)
Unearned revenues	(2,698)	1,056
Other	408	554
Net reconciling items to adjust operating loss	<u>73,562</u>	<u>134,369</u>
Net cash flow used in operating activities	<u>\$ (982,720)</u>	<u>\$ (943,802)</u>
Non-Cash Investing, Capital, and Financing Activities:		
Capital projects on account	\$ 26,967	\$ 14,891
Amortization of bond premium	3,323	3,025

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
 STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION HELD FOR PENSION BENEFITS  
 MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DEFINED CONTRIBUTION  
 RETIREMENT FUND  
 AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014  
 (IN THOUSANDS)**

	2015	2014
Assets		
Mutual Funds	\$ <u>1,636,405</u>	\$ <u>1,559,662</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,636,405</u>	<u>1,559,662</u>
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Position Held in Trust for Pension Benefits	\$ <u><u>1,636,405</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,559,662</u></u>

The notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION HELD FOR PENSION BENEFITS**  
**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DEFINED CONTRIBUTION**  
**RETIREMENT FUND**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**  
**(IN THOUSANDS)**

	2015	2014
Additions:		
Contributions		
Employer	\$ 44,083	\$ 42,357
Member	36,818	35,564
Contributions from roll overs and other sources	654	1,290
Total Contributions	<u>81,555</u>	<u>79,211</u>
Net Investment Gain	<u>70,000</u>	<u>222,078</u>
Total Additions	<u>151,555</u>	<u>301,289</u>
Deductions:		
Benefits and refunds paid to plan members	74,462	61,320
Administrative fees	350	248
Total Deductions	<u>74,812</u>	<u>61,568</u>
Net Increase	76,743	239,721
Net Position Held in Trust for Pension Benefits, Beginning of Year	<u>1,559,662</u>	<u>1,319,941</u>
Net Position Held in Trust for Pension Benefits, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,636,405</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,662</u>

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICIES

*Basis of Presentation* — The reporting policies of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The statements of net position; statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position; and statements of cash flows represent the financial activities of each institution and the System's activity in total.

*Financial Reporting Entity* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is an agency of the state of Minnesota and receives appropriations from the state legislature, substantially all of which are used to fund general operations. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' financial statements include 31 member colleges and universities, the System Office, and System wide activity. The operations of most student organizations are included in the reporting entity because the Board of Trustees has certain fiduciary responsibilities for these resources.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may finance the construction, renovation and acquisition of facilities for student residences and student unions through the sale of revenue bonds. These activities are accounted for and reported in the Revenue Fund, a legally separate entity are also included here. Details on the Revenue Fund bonds are available in the separately audited and issued Revenue Fund Financial Report. Copies are available from the financial reporting director at the address listed at the end of the Management's Discussion and Analysis section.

Discretely presented component units are legally separate organizations that raise and hold economic resources for the direct benefit of a college or university in accordance with GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*. Foundations considered significant to a college or university are included as discretely presented component units and are separately identified in Note 19. For GASB financial statement purposes, most college foundations are not considered significant to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System and, therefore, are not included as discretely presented component units.

Complete financial statements of the foundations may be obtained from their respective administrative offices as follows:

Bemidji State University Foundation  
1500 Birchmont Dr. NE #17  
Bemidji, MN 56601-2699

Metropolitan State University Foundation  
700 East Seventh Street  
St. Paul, MN 55106

MN State University, Mankato Foundation, Inc.  
224 Alumni Foundation Center  
Mankato, MN 56001

MN State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation, Inc.  
1104 Seventh Ave. South  
Moorhead, MN 56563

St. Cloud State University Foundation, Inc.  
Alumni and Foundation Center  
720 Fourth Ave. South  
St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498

Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation  
1501 State Street  
Marshall, MN 56258

Winona State University Foundation  
P.O.Box 583  
175 West Mark Street  
Winona, MN 55987-5838

Fiduciary funds are omitted from inclusion in the net position of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. Separate statements are included for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Defined Contribution Retirement Fund.

*Joint Ventures and Jointly Governed Organizations* — A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual arrangement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility. During fiscal year 2015, joint ventures received revenues of \$6,341,291 and incurred expenses of \$6,187,806. In fiscal year 2014 the amounts for revenues and expenses were \$7,456,136 and \$7,460,914, respectively.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities jointly governs the Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College. The governing boards are the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees and the Tribal College Board of Directors. The Tribal College reimburses the Community College for certain expenses. The financial position and results of operations of the Tribal College are reported in the financial statements of the Fond du Lac Reservation. Revenues and expenses related to operations of the Community College are included in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities financial statements.

*Basis of Accounting* — The basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized and reported in the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared as a special purpose government entity engaged in business type activities. Business type activities are those that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Accordingly, these financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized as they are incurred. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Inter-fund receivables and payables have been eliminated in the statements of net position.

*Budgetary Accounting* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' budgetary accounting, which is the basis for annual budgets and allocation of the state appropriation, differs from GAAP. Budgetary accounting includes all receipts and expenses up to the close of the books in August for the budget fiscal year. Revenues not yet received by the close of the books are not included. The criterion for recognizing expenses is the actual disbursement, and not when the goods or services are received.

The state of Minnesota operates on a two year (biennial) budget cycle ending on June 30 of odd numbered years. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is governed by a 15 member Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the state senate. The Board approves the individual colleges and universities biennial budget requests and allocations as part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' total budget.

Budgetary control is maintained at the college and university level. Presidents have the authority and responsibility to administer the budget and can transfer money between programs within each college and university without Board approval. The budget of a college or university can be legally amended by the authority of the Vice Chancellor or Chief Financial Officer of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

State appropriations do not lapse at fiscal yearend. Any unexpended appropriation from the first fiscal year of a biennium is available for the second fiscal year. Any unexpended balance may also carry over into future bienniums. State appropriation included \$2,843,812 and \$3,324,564 in fiscal years 2015 and 2014 respectively, for asset repairs and improvements that are not capitalized.

*Capital Appropriation Revenue* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is responsible for paying one third of the debt service for certain general obligation bonds sold for capital projects, as specified in the authorizing legislation. The portion of general obligation bond debt service that is payable by the state of Minnesota is recognized by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities as capital appropriation revenue when the related expenses are incurred. Individual colleges and universities are allocated cash, capital appropriation revenue, and debt based on capital project expenses that are capitalized.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* — The cash balance represents cash in the state treasury and demand deposits in local bank accounts as well as cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments having original maturities (remaining time to maturity at acquisition) of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, savings accounts, cash management pools, repurchase agreements, and money market funds.

Restricted cash is cash held for capital projects and cash in the Revenue Fund for capital projects and debt service. The Revenue Fund is used to account for the revenues, expenses, and net position of revenue producing facilities, which are supported through usage. It has the authority to sell revenue bonds for the construction and maintenance of revenue producing facilities.

All balances related to the state appropriation, tuition revenues, and most fees are in the state treasury. Each campus has at least one account in a local bank. The activities handled through the local bank include financial aid, student payroll, auxiliary, and student activities.

*Investments* — The Minnesota State Board of Investment invests Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' balances in the state treasury, except for the Revenue Fund, as part of a state investment pool. This asset is reported as a cash equivalent. Cash in the Revenue Fund is invested separately. The Revenue Fund contracts with the Minnesota State Board of Investment and U.S. Bank, N.A. for investment management services. Investments are reported at fair value using quoted market prices. Restricted investments are investments held in the Revenue Fund for capital projects and debt service. In addition, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities invests funds held for auxiliary and student activities in various brokerage accounts.

*Receivables* — Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts.

*Inventories* — Inventories are valued at cost using the actual cost, first in first out, retail cost, and weighted average cost methods.

*Prepaid Expense* — Prepaid expense consists primarily of deposits in the state of Minnesota Debt Service Fund for future general obligation bond payments.

*Capital Assets* — Capital assets are recorded at cost or, for donated assets, at fair value at the date of acquisition. Estimated historical cost has been used when actual cost is not available. Such assets are depreciated or amortized on a straight line basis over the useful life of the assets.

Estimated useful lives are as follows:

<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	30-40 years
Building improvement	15-20 years
Equipment	3-20 years
Internally developed software	7 years
Library collections	7 years

Equipment includes all items with an original cost of \$10,000 and over for items purchased since July 1, 2008; \$5,000 and over for items purchased between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2008; and \$2,000 and over for items purchased prior to July 1, 2003. Buildings, building improvements, and internally developed software include all projects with a cost of \$250,000 and over for projects started since July 1, 2008, and \$100,000 and over for projects started prior to July 1, 2008. All land and library collection purchases are capitalized regardless of amount spent.

*Funds Held for Others* — Funds held for others are assets held primarily for student organizations, faculty and staff health reimbursement accounts, and retirement contributions.

*Unearned Revenue* — Unearned revenue consists primarily of tuition received, but not yet earned for summer session and fall term. It also includes amounts received for unspent bond proceeds, dorm room deposits, and from grants which have not yet been earned under the terms of the agreement.

*Long Term Liabilities* — The state of Minnesota appropriates for and sells general obligation bonds to support construction and renovation of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' facilities as approved through the state's capital budget process. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is responsible for a portion of the debt service on the bonds sold for some college and university projects. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may sell revenue bonds and may also enter into capital lease agreements for certain capital assets. Other long term liabilities include compensated absences, net pension liability, early retirement benefits, net other postemployment benefits, workers' compensation claims, notes payable, and capital contributions associated with Perkins Loan agreements with the United States Department of Education.

*Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources* — Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of net position by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in one period that is applicable to future periods. Deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of net position that is applicable to future periods. Deferred outflows and inflows are related to defined benefit pension plans, and to economic loss on refunding of the 2005A Series revenue bonds which is a result of the difference in the carrying value of the refunded debt and its reacquisition price.

The following table summarizes the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' deferred outflows and inflows:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
<b><u>Related to Pensions:</u></b>		
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 130,277
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,727	98,684
Contributions paid to pension plans subsequent to the measurement date	26,979	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	15,317	2,981
Changes in proportion	6,717	7,332
Total related to pensions	<u>50,740</u>	<u>239,274</u>
<b><u>Related to Refunding:</u></b>		
Economic loss on refunding of revenue bonds	261	-
Total	<u>\$ 51,001</u>	<u>\$ 239,274</u>

*Operating Activities* — Operating activities as reported in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position are those that generally result from exchange transactions such as payments received for providing services and payments made for services or goods received. Nearly all of the expenses are from exchange transactions. Certain significant revenue streams relied upon for operations are recorded as nonoperating revenues, including state appropriations, federal, state and private grants, and investment income.

*Tuition, Fees, and Sales, Net* — Tuition, fees, and sales are reported net of scholarship allowance. Note 12 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*Restricted Student Payments* — Restricted student payments consist of room, board, sales, and fee revenue restricted for payment of revenue bonds, and are net of scholarship allowance. Note 12 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*Federal Grants* — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities participates in several federal grant programs. The largest programs include Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work Study, and TRIO. Federal Grant revenue is recognized as nonoperating revenue in accordance with GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*. Expenditures under government contracts are subject to review by the granting authority. To the extent, if any, that such a review reduces expenditures allowable under these contracts, the system will record such disallowance at the time the determination is made.

*Capital Grants* — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities receives federal, state, and private grants which are restricted for the acquisition or construction of capital assets, or are in kind equipment donations.

*Defined Benefit Pensions* — For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plans and additions to and deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of the employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The actuarially derived net pension liability, deferred outflows, and deferred inflows of resources can vary between years due to actuarial assumption changes, which can result in significant variability between years.

*Use of Estimates* — To prepare the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management must make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The most significant areas that require the use of management's estimates relate to compensated absences, workers' compensation claims, allowances for uncollectible accounts, and scholarship allowances.

*Net Position* — The difference between assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows is net position. Net position is further classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following categories:

- *Net investment in capital assets*: capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt and other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- *Restricted expendable*: net position subject to externally imposed stipulations. Net position restrictions for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are as follows:

*Restricted for bond covenants* — revenue bond restrictions.

*Restricted for other* — includes restrictions for the following:

*Capital projects* — restricted for completion of capital projects.

*Debt service* — legally restricted debt repayment.

*Donations* — restricted per donor requests.

*Faculty contract obligations* — for faculty development and travel as required.

*Loans* — college and university capital contributions for Perkins Loans.

Net Position Restricted for Other  
(In Thousands)

	2015	2014
Capital projects	\$ 419	\$ 821
Debt service	50,394	49,966
Donations	4,447	5,321
Faculty contract obligations	7,512	7,389
Loans	3,619	3,960
Total	\$ 66,391	\$ 67,457

- *Unrestricted*: net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management, the System Office, or the Board of Trustees.

*New Accounting Standards* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. GASB Statements No. 68 and 71 require Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to report its share of the defined benefit pension liabilities and expense, as well as the related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, allocated to it by the pension plans. The July 1, 2014, balance of the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources is reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position as a restatement to the beginning net position, in the amount of \$556,900,417. The pension plans were not able to provide sufficient information to restate the June 30, 2014, financial statements. The GASB Statements No. 68 and 71 implementation had no effect on the foundations financial statements.

## 2. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

*Cash and Cash Equivalents* — All balances related to the state appropriation, tuition revenues, and most fees are held in the state treasury. In addition, each campus has at least one local bank account. The activities handled through local banks include financial aid, student payroll, auxiliary, and student activities.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 118A.03, requires that deposits be secured by depository insurance or a combination of depository insurance and collateral securities held in the state's name by an agent of the state. The statutes further require that such insurance and collateral shall be at least ten percent greater than the amount on deposit.

Cash and cash equivalents are categorized to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk. Category 1 includes cash and cash equivalents insured or collateralized with securities held by the state or its agent in Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' name. All cash and cash equivalents are included in Category 1. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the local bank balances were \$87,544,686 and \$81,715,585, respectively. These balances were adjusted by items in transit to arrive at the cash in bank balance.

The following table summarizes cash and cash equivalents, including amounts reported as restricted cash.

Year Ended June 30 (In Thousands)		
Carrying Amount	2015	2014
Cash, in bank	\$ 42,643	\$ 49,799
Money markets	10,873	5,678
Repurchase agreements	30,206	25,998
Cash, trustee account (US Bank)	71,430	55,311
Total local cash and cash equivalents	<u>155,152</u>	<u>136,786</u>
Total treasury cash accounts	849,878	813,366
Grand Total	<u>\$ 1,005,030</u>	<u>\$ 950,152</u>

The balance in the state treasury, except for the Revenue Fund, is invested by the Minnesota State Board of Investment as part of the state investment pool. This asset is reported as a cash equivalent. The Revenue Fund contracts with the Minnesota State Board of Investment and U.S. Bank, N.A. for investment management services of Revenue Fund cash.

The cash accounts are invested in short term, liquid, high quality debt securities.

*Foreign Currency Risk* — Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. St. Cloud State University has foreign checking accounts, denominated entirely in British Pounds. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the fair value in U.S. Dollars is \$138,935 and \$169,238, respectively.

*Investments* — The Minnesota State Board of Investment manages the majority of the state's investments. All investments managed by the State Board of Investment are governed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 11A and 356A. Minnesota Statutes, Section 11A.24, broadly restricts investments to obligations and stocks of U.S. and Canadian governments, their agencies and registered corporations, other international securities, short term obligations of specified high quality, restricted participation as a limited partner in venture capital, real estate or resource equity investments, and the restricted participation in registered mutual funds. Generally, when applicable, the statutes limit investments to those rated within the top four quality rating categories of a nationally recognized rating agency. The statutes further prescribe the maximum percentage of fund assets that may be invested in various asset classes and contain specific restrictions to ensure the quality of the investments.

Within statutory parameters, the State Board of Investment has established investment guidelines and benchmarks for all funds under its management. These investment guidelines and benchmarks are tailored to the particular needs of each fund and specify investment objectives, risk tolerance, asset allocation, investment management structure, and specific performance standards.

Investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of custodial credit risk. Category 1 includes securities insured, registered, or held by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities or its agent in Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' name. All investments are in Category 1.

*Custodial Credit Risk* — Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will not be able to recover the value of the investments that are in the possession of an outside party. Board procedure 7.5.1 requires compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 118A.03, and further excludes the use of FDIC insurance when meeting collateral requirements.

*Credit Risk* — Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ policy for reducing its exposure to credit risk is to comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 118A.03. The statutes limit investments to the top quality rating categories of a nationally recognized rating agency.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* — Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government’s investment in a single issuer. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ policy for reducing this risk of loss is to comply with Board procedure 7.5.1 which recommends investments be diversified by type and issuer.

*Interest Rate Risk* — Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities complies with Board procedure 7.5.1 that recommends considering fluctuating interest rates and cash flow needs when purchasing short term and long term debt investments.

As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities had the following investments and maturities held in various brokerage accounts:

Year Ended June 30 (In Thousands)				
Investment Type	2015 Fair Value	Weighted Maturity (Years)	2014 Fair Value	Weighted Maturity (Years)
Corporate/municipal bonds	\$ 4,713	2.84	\$ 6,283	2.77
U.S. agencies	13,722	5.20	11,824	6.59
Asset backed security	113	2.32	2	2.32
State investment pool cash equivalents	383	-	874	-
U.S. treasuries	1,158	2.22	809	2.02
Total	<u>20,089</u>		<u>19,792</u>	
Portfolio weighted average maturity		4.36		4.90
Certificates of deposit	2,799		3,082	
Stock	3,936		4,045	
Total	<u>\$ 26,824</u>		<u>\$ 26,919</u>	

### 3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The accounts receivable balances are made up primarily of receivables from individuals not paid as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. At June 30, 2015 and 2014, the total accounts receivable balances were \$91,100,044 and \$89,411,962, respectively, less an allowance for uncollectible receivables of \$33,837,317 and \$31,524,422, respectively.

#### Summary of Accounts Receivable at June 30 (In Thousands)

	2015	2014
Tuition	\$ 45,345	\$ 45,013
Fees	11,971	10,195
Sales and service	11,495	11,397
Room and board	4,403	4,230
Third party obligations	2,726	3,068
Financial aid	5,455	6,095
Other	9,705	9,414
Total accounts receivable	91,100	89,412
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(33,837)	(31,525)
Net accounts receivable	\$ 57,263	\$ 57,887

The allowance for uncollectible accounts has been computed based on the following aging schedule:

Age	Allowance Percentage
Less than 1 year	10-25
1 to 3 years	45-80
3 to 5 years	70-100
Over 5 years	95-100

### 4. PREPAID EXPENSE

Prepaid expense consists primarily of funds which have been deposited in the state's Debt Service Fund for future general obligation bond payments in the amounts of \$28,621,557 and \$27,587,619 for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively. Minnesota Statutes, Section 16A.641, requires all state agencies to have on hand December 1 of each fiscal year an amount sufficient to pay all general obligations bond principal and interest due and to become due, through July 1 of the second fiscal year. Also, included in prepaid expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 were \$1,256,466 and \$1,119,419, respectively, stemming from prepaid maintenance agreements and prepaid contractual support.

### 5. LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable balance is made up primarily of loans under the Federal Perkins Loan Program. The federal government provides the funding for the loans with amounts collected used for new loan advances. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' loans collection unit and the colleges and universities are responsible for loans collection. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the loans receivable for this program totaled \$32,175,758 and \$32,892,486, respectively, less an allowance for uncollectible loans of \$2,782,051 and \$2,826,484, respectively.

## 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Summaries of changes in capital assets for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

Year Ended June 30, 2015

(In Thousands)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not depreciated:					
Land	\$ 85,078	\$ 911	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,989
Construction in progress	162,893	111,435	-	(62,573)	211,755
Total capital assets, not depreciated	<u>247,971</u>	<u>112,346</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(62,573)</u>	<u>297,744</u>
Capital assets, depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	3,078,475	160	679	62,573	3,140,529
Equipment	236,079	14,315	11,646	-	238,748
Internally developed software	10,714	1,046	1,990	-	9,770
Library collections	43,880	5,712	7,073	-	42,519
Total capital assets, depreciated	<u>3,369,148</u>	<u>21,233</u>	<u>21,388</u>	<u>62,573</u>	<u>3,431,566</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Buildings and improvements	1,395,378	94,611	679	-	1,489,310
Equipment	174,980	13,851	11,625	-	177,206
Internally developed software	5,382	1,278	1,944	-	4,716
Library collections	25,867	6,074	7,073	-	24,868
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,601,607</u>	<u>115,814</u>	<u>21,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,696,100</u>
Total capital assets depreciated, net	<u>1,767,541</u>	<u>(94,581)</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>62,573</u>	<u>1,735,466</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 2,015,512</u>	<u>\$ 17,765</u>	<u>\$ 67</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,033,210</u>

Year Ended June 30, 2014

(In Thousands)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Completed Construction	Ending Balance
Capital assets, not depreciated:					
Land	\$ 84,013	\$ 1,065	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,078
Construction in progress	170,113	138,224	-	(145,444)	162,893
Total capital assets, not depreciated	<u>254,126</u>	<u>139,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,444)</u>	<u>247,971</u>
Capital assets, depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	2,934,797	-	1,766	145,444	3,078,475
Equipment	232,582	15,266	11,769	-	236,079
Internally developed software	12,628	1,535	3,449	-	10,714
Library collections	45,038	5,864	7,022	-	43,880
Total capital assets, depreciated	<u>3,225,045</u>	<u>22,665</u>	<u>24,006</u>	<u>145,444</u>	<u>3,369,148</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:					
Buildings and improvements	1,305,400	91,680	1,702	-	1,395,378
Equipment	173,350	13,718	12,088	-	174,980
Internally developed software	7,001	1,830	3,449	-	5,382
Library collections	26,620	6,269	7,022	-	25,867
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,512,371</u>	<u>113,497</u>	<u>24,261</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,601,607</u>
Total capital assets, depreciated, net	<u>1,712,674</u>	<u>(90,832)</u>	<u>(255)</u>	<u>145,444</u>	<u>1,767,541</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,966,800</u>	<u>\$ 48,457</u>	<u>\$ (255)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,015,512</u>

## 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable represent amounts due for goods received and services performed prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Summary of Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities at June 30  
(In Thousands)

	2015	2014
Purchased services	\$ 14,482	\$ 17,354
Supplies	6,632	6,603
Repairs and maintenance	5,517	6,264
Other payables	10,746	7,201
Employee benefits	3,317	3,001
Inventory/Equipment	1,641	2,214
Capital projects	1,499	1,049
Total accounts payable	<u>43,834</u>	<u>43,686</u>
Other liabilities	<u>1,183</u>	<u>1,473</u>
Total accounts payable and other liabilities	<u>\$ 45,017</u>	<u>\$ 45,159</u>

In addition, as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities had payable from restricted assets in the amounts of \$25,468,103 and \$13,841,917, respectively, which were related to capital projects financed by general obligation bonds and revenue bonds.

## 8. LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS

Summaries of amounts due within one year are reported in the current liability section of the statements of net position.

The changes in long-term debt for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

Year Ended June 30, 2015  
(In Thousands)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Liabilities for:					
Bond premium	\$ 27,336	\$ 2,832	\$ 3,323	\$ 26,845	\$ -
Capital leases	30,326	-	4,396	25,930	4,297
General obligation bonds	238,012	28,890	25,151	241,751	20,532
Notes payable	3,635	700	541	3,794	641
Revenue bonds	<u>297,115</u>	<u>76,620</u>	<u>46,125</u>	<u>327,610</u>	<u>14,505</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 596,424</u>	<u>\$ 109,042</u>	<u>\$ 79,536</u>	<u>\$ 625,930</u>	<u>\$ 39,975</u>

Year Ended June 30, 2014  
(In Thousands)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Liabilities for:					
Bond premium	\$ 27,901	\$ 2,460	\$ 3,025	\$ 27,336	\$ -
Capital leases	34,889	-	4,563	30,326	4,396
General obligation bonds	231,199	25,806	18,993	238,012	19,854
Notes payable	4,414	-	779	3,635	429
Revenue bonds	<u>309,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,555</u>	<u>297,115</u>	<u>14,180</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 608,073</u>	<u>\$ 28,266</u>	<u>\$ 39,915</u>	<u>\$ 596,424</u>	<u>\$ 38,859</u>

The changes in other compensation benefits for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

Year Ended June 30, 2015 (In Thousands)					
	Beginning			Ending	Current
	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Portion
Liabilities for:					
Compensated absences	\$ 132,844	\$ 21,729	\$ 17,460	\$ 137,113	\$ 16,472
Early termination benefits	3,208	2,236	1,861	3,583	2,347
Net other postemployment benefits	31,014	10,057	4,932	36,139	-
Workers' compensation	5,576	1,282	3,372	3,486	1,708
Total other compensation benefits	\$ <u>172,642</u>	\$ <u>35,304</u>	\$ <u>27,625</u>	\$ <u>180,321</u>	\$ <u>20,527</u>

Year Ended June 30, 2014 (In Thousands)					
	Beginning			Ending	Current
	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance	Portion
Liabilities for:					
Compensated absences	\$ 133,079	\$ 15,419	\$ 15,654	\$ 132,844	\$ 16,226
Early termination benefits	3,530	1,516	1,838	3,208	1,774
Net other postemployment benefits	27,770	8,551	5,307	31,014	-
Workers' compensation	4,978	3,163	2,565	5,576	2,676
Total other compensation benefits	\$ <u>169,357</u>	\$ <u>28,649</u>	\$ <u>25,364</u>	\$ <u>172,642</u>	\$ <u>20,676</u>

*Bond Premium* — Bonds were issued in fiscal years 2015 and 2014, resulting in net premiums of \$2,832,270 and \$2,460,191 respectively. Amortization is calculated using the straight line method and amortized over the average remaining life of the bonds.

*Capital Leases* — Liabilities for capital leases include those leases that are generally defined as one that transfers benefits and risk of ownership to the lessee. Note 11 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*General Obligation Bonds* — The state of Minnesota sells general obligation bonds to finance most of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' capital projects. The interest rate on these bonds ranges from 2.0 to 5.5 percent. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is responsible for paying one third of the debt service for certain general obligation bonds sold for capital projects, as specified in the authorizing legislation. This debt obligation is allocated to the colleges and universities based upon the specific projects funded.

*Notes Payable* — Notes payable consist of State Energy Efficiency Program loans granted by energy companies in order to improve energy efficiency in college and university buildings, and financing agreements on computers and equipment that are under the equipment capitalization threshold. All projects completed under Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.32, the State Retrofit Program and the State/Minnegasco Program are interest free loans. Projects completed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.14, have an interest component. The interest rate for the energy loans is tied to the prime interest rate at the time of the project. The interest rate for the financing agreements ranges from 3.65 percent to 8.98 percent.

*Revenue Bonds* — The Revenue Fund is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 136F.98, to issue revenue bonds whose aggregate principal shall not exceed \$405,000,000 at any time. The proceeds of these bonds are used to finance the acquisition, construction and remodeling of buildings for dormitory, residence hall, parking ramps, student union, and food service purposes at state universities. Revenue bonds currently outstanding have interest rates of 0.8 percent to 5.75 percent.

The revenue bonds are payable solely from and collateralized by, an irrevocable pledge of revenues to be derived from the operation of the financed buildings and from student fees. These revenue bonds are payable through fiscal year 2034. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 24.71 percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$442,345,073. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were \$25,906,953 and \$112,662,741, respectively.

In addition, Itasca Community College issued revenue bonds through the Itasca County Housing Redevelopment Authority that are payable through 2025. These bonds are payable solely from, and collateralized by, an irrevocable pledge of revenues to be derived from the operation of the financed buildings. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 36.79 percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$2,061,400. For the current year, principal and interest paid and total customer net revenues were \$167,590 and \$477,607, respectively. These revenue bonds have a variable interest rate of 0.75 percent to 3.65 percent.

*Compensated Absences* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' employees accrue vacation, sick, and compensatory leave at various rates within limits specified in the collective bargaining agreements. The liability for compensated absences will be converted to a health care savings plan account or severance pay under specific conditions as defined in bargaining unit contracts. This leave is liquidated only at the time of termination from state employment.

*Early Termination Benefits* — Early termination benefits are benefits received for discontinuing service earlier than planned. Note 9 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*Net Other Postemployment Benefits* — Net other postemployment benefits are health insurance benefits for certain retired employees under a single employer fully insured plan. Under the health benefits program, retirees are required to pay 100 percent of the total premium cost. Since the premium is a blended rate determined on the entire active and retiree population, the retirees are receiving an implicit rate subsidy. Note 10 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*Workers' Compensation* — The state of Minnesota Department of Management and Budget manages the self-insured workers' compensation claims activities. The reported liability for workers' compensation of \$3,486,025 and \$5,575,802 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, is based on claims filed for injuries to state employees occurring prior to the fiscal year end and is an undiscounted estimate of future payments.

*Net Pension Liability* — The net pension liability of \$330,625,559 at June 30, 2015, is the proportionate share of the unfunded pension liability of the defined benefit pension plans as required by GASB Statement No. 68. Note 14 to the financial statements provides additional information.

*Capital Contributions* — The liabilities of \$29,117,759 and \$29,600,705 at June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, represent the amount Minnesota State Colleges and Universities would owe the federal government if it were to discontinue the Perkins loan program. The net decrease was \$482,946 and \$61,110 for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Principal and interest payment schedules are provided in the table on the following page for general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, capital leases and notes payable.

There are no payment schedules for bond premium, compensated absences, early termination benefits, net other postemployment benefits, workers' compensation, net pension liability, and capital contributions.

Long-Term Debt Repayment Schedule

(In Thousands)

Fiscal Years	General Obligation Bonds		Revenue Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	2016	\$ 20,532	\$ 11,280	\$ 14,505
2017	20,004	9,778	16,445	11,678
2018	19,838	8,815	18,225	11,113
2019	19,220	7,877	18,860	10,489
2020	18,709	6,974	19,355	9,829
2021-2025	80,291	22,308	97,320	38,429
2026-2030	47,613	7,553	91,955	19,009
2031-2035	15,544	1,233	47,980	3,804
2036-2040	-	-	2,965	58
Total	\$ <u>241,751</u>	\$ <u>75,818</u>	\$ <u>327,610</u>	\$ <u>116,797</u>

Long-Term Debt Repayment Schedule

(In Thousands)

Fiscal Years	Capital Leases		Notes Payable	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 4,297	\$ 1,201	\$ 641	\$ 142
2017	4,275	1,295	599	123
2018	4,264	1,389	508	106
2019	4,226	1,480	375	88
2020	4,122	1,575	271	74
2021-2025	3,308	973	1,148	185
2026-2030	1,079	246	252	10
2031-2035	359	14	-	-
Total	\$ <u>25,930</u>	\$ <u>8,173</u>	\$ <u>3,794</u>	\$ <u>728</u>

9. EARLY TERMINATION BENEFITS

Early termination benefits are defined as benefits received for discontinuing services earlier than planned.

Certain bargaining unit contracts, Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF), Inter Faculty Organization (IFO), and Minnesota State University Association of Administrative Service Faculty (MSUAASF), provide for this benefit. The following is a description of the different benefit arrangements for each contract, including number of retired faculty receiving the benefit, and the amount of future liability as of the end of fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

*Minnesota State College Faculty (MSCF) contract* — The MSCF contract allows former Minnesota Community College Faculty Association (MCCFA) faculty members who meet certain eligibility and a combination of age and years of service requirements to receive an early retirement incentive cash payment based on base salary, and health insurance paid for one year after separation. The cash incentive can be paid either in one or two payments.

The number of retired faculty who received this benefit and the amount of future liability as of the end of fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Faculty</u>	<u>Future Liability (In Thousands)</u>
2015	29	\$ 1,051
2014	28	705

The MSCF contract allows former United Technical College Educators (UTCE) faculty members who meet certain eligibility and a combination of age and years of service requirements, to receive either an early retirement incentive cash payment, the right to continue, at the employer’s expense, health insurance benefits up to age 65; or a combination of both,. The cash incentive can be paid either in one or more payments.

The number of retired faculty who received this benefit and the amount of future liability as of the end of fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Faculty</u>	<u>Future Liability (In Thousands)</u>
2015	75	\$ 1,845
2014	71	1,931

*Inter Faculty Organization (IFO) contract* — The IFO contract allows faculty members who meet certain eligibility and combination of age and years of service requirements to receive an early retirement incentive cash payment based on base salary at time of separation, as well as an amount equal to the employer’s contribution for one year of health insurance premiums deposited in his/her health care savings plan at time of separation. The cash incentive can be paid either in one or two payments.

The number of retired faculty who received this benefit and the amount of future liability for faculty as of the end of fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Faculty</u>	<u>Future Liability (In Thousands)</u>
2015	18	\$ 571
2014	21	346

*Minnesota State University Association of Administrative Service Faculty (MSUAASF) contract* — The MSUAASF contract allows faculty members who meet certain eligibility and combination of age and years of service requirements to receive an early retirement incentive cash payment based on base salary at time of separation, as well as an amount equal to the employer’s contribution for one year’s health insurance premiums deposited in his/her health care savings plan at time of separation. The cash incentive can be paid either in one or two payments.

The number of retired faculty who received this benefit and the amount of future liability for faculty as of the end of fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Number of Faculty</u>	<u>Future Liability (In Thousands)</u>
2015	7	\$ 116
2014	12	226

## 10. NET OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities provide health insurance benefits for certain retired employees under a single employer fully insured plan, as required by Minnesota Statute, 471.61, Subdivision 2B. Active employees who retire when eligible to receive a retirement benefit from a Minnesota public pension plan and do not participate in any other health benefits program providing coverage similar to that herein described, will be eligible to continue coverage with respect to both themselves and their eligible dependent(s) under the health benefits program. Retirees are required to pay 100 percent of the total premium cost. Since the premium is a blended rate determined on the entire active and retiree population, the retirees are receiving an implicit rate subsidy. As of July 1, 2014 there were approximately 613 retirees receiving health benefits from the health plan.

*Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation* — The annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

The following table shows the components of the annual OPEB cost for fiscal years 2015 and 2014, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the net OPEB obligation:

	2015	2014
Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$ 9,922	\$ 8,343
Interest on net OPEB obligation	1,272	1,319
Adjustment to ARC	<u>(1,137)</u>	<u>(1,111)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	10,057	8,551
Contributions during the year	<u>(4,932)</u>	<u>(5,307)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	5,125	3,244
Net OPEB obligation, beginning of year	<u>31,014</u>	<u>27,770</u>
Net OPEB obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 36,139</u>	<u>\$ 31,014</u>

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan and the net OPEB obligation for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

	2015	2014
Beginning of year net OPEB obligation	\$ 31,014	\$ 27,770
Annual OPEB cost	10,057	8,551
Employer contribution	<u>(4,932)</u>	<u>(5,307)</u>
End of year net OPEB obligation	<u>\$ 36,139</u>	<u>\$ 31,014</u>
Percentage contributed	49.04%	62.06%

*Funding Status* — There are currently no assets that have been irrevocably deposited in a trust for future health benefits. Therefore, the actuarial value of assets is zero.

Schedule of Funding Progress  
(In Thousands)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b-a)	Funded Ratio Percentage (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a)/c)
July 1, 2014	\$ -	\$ 94,297	\$ 94,297	0.00	\$ 983,145	9.59

*Actuarial Methods and Assumptions* — Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and healthcare cost trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities, consistent with the long term perspective of the calculations.

In the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.1 percent discount rate, which is based on the estimated long term investment yield on the general assets, using an underlying long term inflation assumption of 3 percent. The annual healthcare cost trend rate is 6.8 percent initially, reduced incrementally to an ultimate rate of 4 percent after twenty years. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level dollar amount over an open 30 year period.

## 11. LEASE AGREEMENTS

*Operating Leases* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is committed under various leases primarily for building space. These leases are considered for accounting purposes to be operating leases. Lease expenses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, totaled \$16,991,216 and \$18,137,251, respectively, and are included in purchased services expense on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

In March 2005, an operating lease agreement between Zeller-World Trade, L.L.C. and the state of Minnesota on behalf of the System Office was executed for existing and additional expansion leased space in the amount of \$11,025,612. The lease was effective beginning August 1, 2005 and was for a period of 10 years. In March 2011, the lease was amended to a 17 year period and a total amount of \$18,558,680. Future minimum payments under the operating lease include the System Office's current share of real estate taxes and other operating expenses.

Future minimum operating lease payments for existing lease agreements are as follows:

Year Ended June 30 (In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ 11,295
2017	7,057
2018	5,032
2019	3,306
2020	2,567
2021-2025	7,912
2026-2030	3,149
2031-2035	86
Total	<u>\$ 40,404</u>

*Capital Leases* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has entered into several capital lease agreements. Current and noncurrent portions of the capital leases are reported separately.

- In fiscal year 2003, Minnesota State University Moorhead entered into a lease with the Minnesota State University Alumni Foundation. The lease was a \$3,940,000, thirty year capital lease for John Neumaier Hall Apartments.
- In fiscal year 2005, the Minnesota State University, Mankato entered into a fifteen year, \$3,281,428 (principal and interest) capital lease for an emergency generator.
- In March 2002, St. Cloud State University guaranteed revenue bonds issued by the city of Saint Cloud, Minnesota Housing and Redevelopment Authority to the Foundation. The proceeds of the bonds were used to fund an addition to the Atwood Memorial Center in the amount of \$4,704,344 and a stadium and student recreation center in the amount of \$10,084,954.
- In fiscal year 2011, St. Cloud State University entered into lease agreements with Wedum St. Cloud Housing LLLC for the Coborn Plaza residence hall and Welcome Center space for a term of ten years with two successive options for five year extensions. The annual rent ranges from \$3,579,960 to \$4,165,032.

The total cost of all capital assets acquired with capital leases and corresponding accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2015, are \$53,023,604 and \$22,356,965 respectively.

*Income Leases* — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has entered into several income lease agreements, primarily for building space. Lease income for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$2,524,043 and \$2,499,475, respectively, and are included in other income in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Future expected income receipts for existing lease agreements are as follows:

Year Ended June 30	
(In Thousands)	
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 1,489
2017	1,196
2018	616
2019	468
2020	307
2021-2025	<u>704</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>4,780</u></u>

## 12. TUITION, FEES, SALES AND ROOM AND BOARD

The following table provides information related to tuition, fees, and sales revenue:

	Year Ended June 30					
	(In Thousands)					
	2015			2014		
	Gross	Scholarship Allowance	Net	Gross	Scholarship Allowance	Net
Tuition	\$ 813,247	(303,785)	\$ 509,462	\$ 837,191	\$ (316,151)	\$ 521,040
Fees	88,929	(21,076)	67,853	87,812	(20,202)	67,610
Sales and room and board	130,765	(13,459)	117,306	129,714	(13,566)	116,148
Restricted student payments	109,704	(2,637)	107,067	107,404	(2,110)	105,294
Total	\$ 1,142,645	\$ (340,957)	\$ 801,688	\$1,162,121	\$ (352,029)	\$ 810,092

## 13. OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

The following tables provide information related to operating expenses by functional classification:

Year Ended June 30, 2015					
(In Thousands)					
Description	Salaries	Benefits	Other	Interest	Total
Academic support	\$ 137,399	\$ 41,266	\$ 79,856	\$ 1,588	\$ 260,109
Institutional support	136,859	35,217	78,901	1,569	252,546
Instruction	518,956	143,958	158,064	6,355	827,333
Public service	6,456	1,769	7,035	99	15,359
Research	3,386	816	3,330	35	7,567
Student services	146,677	41,257	79,038	1,922	268,894
Auxiliary enterprises	40,352	14,158	154,952	11,051	220,513
Scholarships & fellowships	-	-	42,088	-	42,088
Less interest expense	-	-	-	(22,619)	(22,619)
Total operating expenses	\$ 990,085	\$ 278,441	\$ 603,264	\$ -	\$ 1,871,790

Year Ended June 30, 2014					
(In Thousands)					
Description	Salaries	Benefits	Other	Interest	Total
Academic support	\$ 134,839	\$ 45,143	\$ 74,991	\$ 1,984	\$ 256,957
Institutional support	124,261	42,173	90,051	1,702	258,187
Instruction	521,878	166,862	153,411	7,213	849,364
Public service	7,854	2,395	8,123	122	18,494
Research	4,125	1,100	4,052	53	9,330
Student services	145,170	46,798	79,345	2,170	273,483
Auxiliary enterprises	40,515	13,776	157,053	10,220	221,564
Scholarships & fellowships	-	-	38,446	-	38,446
Less interest expense	-	-	-	(23,464)	(23,464)
Total operating expenses	\$ 978,642	\$ 318,247	\$ 605,472	\$ -	\$ 1,902,361

## 14. EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities participates in both mandatory and voluntary retirement plans. Mandatory plans include the State Employees Retirement Fund, administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System; the Teachers Retirement Fund, administered by the Teachers Retirement Association; and, the General Employees Retirement Fund, administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association. Normal retirement age, for employees covered by these defined benefit plans, range from age 62 to age 66, depending upon employment date and years of service. Additionally, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities participates in a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan which is available to faculty, system administrators and other unclassified employees.

### *State Employees Retirement Fund*

Plan Description — The State Employees Retirement Fund (SERF) is administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), and is established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 352 and 356. SERF includes the General Employees Retirement Plan (General Plan), a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit plan, and three single-employer defined benefit plans. All state of Minnesota employees who are not members of another plan are covered by the General Plan.

Benefits Provided — MSRS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits through the State Employees Retirement Fund. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Benefits are based on a member's age, years of credit, and the highest average salary for any sixty successive months of allowable service at termination of service. Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January, and are related to the funded ratio of the plan. Annuitants receive benefit increases of 2.0 percent each year. When the fund reaches a 90 percent funded status for two consecutive years, annuitants will receive a 2.5 percent increase.

Retirement benefits can be computed using one of two methods: the Step formula and the Level formula. Members hired before July 1, 1989, may use the Step or Level formula, whichever is greater. Members hired on or after July 1, 1989, must use the Level formula. Each formula converts years and months of service to a certain percentage. Under the Step formula, members receive 1.2 percent of the high-five average salary for each of the first 10 years of covered service, plus 1.7 percent for each year thereafter. It also includes full benefits under the Rule of 90 (age plus years of allowable service equals 90). In contrast, the Level formula does not include the Rule of 90. Under the Level formula, members receive 1.7 percent of the high-five average salary for all years of covered service, and full benefits are available at normal retirement age.

Contributions — Minnesota Statutes Chapter 352 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Eligible General Plan members and participating employers were required to contribute 5.0 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2014. Effective July 1, 2014, member and employer rates increased to 5.5 percent of total compensation. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contribution to the General Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was \$12,166,493. These contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	3.50 percent per year
Investment rate of return	7.90 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 generational mortality tables for males or females, as appropriate, with adjustments to match fund experience. Benefit increases for retirees were assumed to be 2.0 percent every January 1 through 2015 and 2.5 percent thereafter. Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2008, with an update of economic assumptions in 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.9 percent. The rate assumption was selected as the result of a 2014 actuarial review of economic assumptions. The review combined the asset class target allocations and long-term rate of return expectations from the State Board of Investment (SBI) with return expectations from eight other investment consultants. The review also factored in information from the Social Security Trustees Report, U.S. Department of the Treasury yield curve rates, and historical observations of inflation statistics and investment returns.

The SBI, which manages the investments of MSRS, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method. Best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These asset class estimates and target allocations are combined to produce a geometric, expected long-term rate of return as summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Percentage	SBI's Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric Mean) Percentage
Domestic stocks	45	5.50
International stocks	15	6.00
Bonds	18	1.45
Alternative assets	20	6.40
Cash	2	0.50
Total	100	

**Discount Rate** — The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014, was 7.9 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position at June 30, 2014, was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. A similar analysis was performed as of July 1, 2013, based on a long-term expected rate of return of 7.90 percent and a municipal bond rate of 4.63 percent. The projection showed that assets would be available to pay benefits only through 2045, with a resulting single discount rate of 6.63 percent, and an increase of 1.27 percent between the beginning and the end of the measurement period.

**Net Pension Liability** — At June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a liability of \$135,401,666 for its proportionate share of MSRS' net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions received by MSRS during the measurement period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of MSRS's participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion was 8.35 percent.

Two changes in benefit provisions affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date. Member and employer contribution rates increased from 5 percent to 5.5 percent of pay effective the first day of the first full pay period beginning after July 1, 2014. Beginning July 1, 2014, the funding ratio threshold that must be attained to pay a 2.5 percent post-retirement benefit increase to benefit recipients was changed from 90 percent for one year to 90 percent for two consecutive years.

Two changes in assumptions affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date. The single discount rate changed from 6.63 percent to 7.90 percent. The post-retirement benefit increase changed from 2 percent indefinitely, to 2 percent through 2015, and 2.5 percent thereafter.

Pension Liability Sensitivity — The following presents the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed above, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	(In Thousands)		
	One Percent Decrease in Discount Rate (6.9%)	Discount Rate (7.9%)	One Percent Increase in Discount Rate (8.9%)
	Proportionate share of net pension liability \$	273,264	135,402

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position — Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the MSRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, available on the MSRS website at [www.msrs.state.mn.us/financial-information](http://www.msrs.state.mn.us/financial-information).

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions — For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized a reduction in pension expense of \$20,845,158 related to pensions. At June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 70,232
Changes in actuarial assumptions	-	98,684
Contributions paid to MSRS subsequent to the measurement date	12,166	-
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	-	2,941
Changes in proportion	2,754	-
Total	\$ 14,920	\$ 171,857

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ (56,368)
2017	(56,368)
2018	(56,367)
Total	\$ <u>(169,103)</u>

*Teachers Retirement Fund*

Plan Description — The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund (TRF). TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member and three statutory officials.

State university, community college, and technical college teachers first employed by the Minnesota State College and Universities (MnSCU) may elect TRA coverage within one year of eligible employment. Alternatively, these teachers may elect coverage through the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

Benefits Provided — TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I Benefits

Tier 1	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	First ten years of service	2.2 percent per year
	All years after	2.7 percent per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.2 percent per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2006	1.7 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9 percent per year

With these provisions:

- Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 3 percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

## Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 percent per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.7 for basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66. Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Life Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

Contributions — Minnesota Statutes Chapter 354 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature. TRA Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 10.5 percent and 7.0 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2014. Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members contributed 11.0 percent and 7.5 percent, respectively, of pay in 2015. In fiscal year 2014, the employer was required to contribute 11.0 percent of pay for Basic Plan members and 7.0 percent for Coordinated Plan members. In 2015, employer rates increased to 11.5 percent for the Basic plan and 7.5 percent for the Coordinated Plan. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions to the TRA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, were \$13,485,073. These contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	3.50 to 12.00 percent per year
Investment rate of return	8.25 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 generational mortality tables for males or females, as appropriate, with adjustments to match fund experience. Benefit increases for retirees were assumed to be 2.0 percent every January 1<sup>st</sup> through 2015 and 2.5 percent thereafter.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2008, with an update of economic assumptions in 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 8.25 percent. The rate assumption was selected as the result of a 2014 actuarial review of economic assumptions. The review combined the asset class target allocations and long-term rate of return expectations from the State Board of Investment (SBI) with return expectations from eight other investment consultants. The review also factored in information from the Social Security Trustees Report, U.S. Department of the Treasury yield curve rates, and historical observations of inflation statistics and investment returns.

The SBI, which manages the investments of TRF, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method. Best-estimates of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These asset class estimates and target allocations are combined to produce a geometric, expected long-term rate of return as summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Percentage	SBI's Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Geometric Mean) Percentage
Domestic stocks	45	5.50
International stocks	15	6.00
Bonds	18	1.45
Alternative assets	20	6.40
Cash	2	0.50
Total	100	

Discount Rate — The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014, was 8.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position at June 30, 2014, was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Net Pension Liability — At June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a liability of \$176,741,686 for its proportionate share of TRF net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions received by TRF during the measurement period July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of TRF's participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion was 3.84 percent.

A change in benefit provisions that affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date was an increase of the contribution rates for both employee and employer. See contribution section for the rate changes.

There was a change in actuarial assumptions that affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date. Post-retirement benefit adjustments are now assumed to increase from 2.0 percent annually to 2.5 percent annually once the legally specified criteria are met. This is estimated to occur July 1, 2034.

Pension Liability Sensitivity — The following presents the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed above, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	(In Thousands)		
	1 Percent Decrease in Discount Rate (7.25%)	Discount Rate (8.25%)	1 Percent Increase in Discount Rate (9.25%)
Proportionate share of net pension liability \$	292,093	\$ 176,742	\$ 80,578

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position — Detailed information about the plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Association Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. That report can be obtained at [www.MinnesotaTRA.org](http://www.MinnesotaTRA.org).

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions — For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized pension expense of \$8,745,176 related to pensions. At June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 55,566
Contributions paid to TRA subsequent to the measurement date	13,485	-
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	15,080	-
Changes in proportion	3,963	7,332
Total	<u>\$ 32,528</u>	<u>\$ 62,898</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ (14,618)
2017	(14,618)
2018	(14,619)
Total	<u>\$ (43,855)</u>

*General Employees Retirement Fund*

Plan Description — Minnesota State Colleges and Universities participates in the General Employees Retirement Plan (GERF), a defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). PERA’s defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 353 and 356. PERA’s defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. GERF members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security and Basic Plan members are not. The Basic Plan was closed to new members in 1967. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan.

Benefits Provided — PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state legislature. Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. Increases are related to the funding ratio of the plan. Members in plans that are at least 90 percent funded for two consecutive years are given 2.5 percent increases. Members in plans that have not exceeded 90 percent funded, or have fallen below 80 percent, are given 1 percent increases. The benefit provisions stated in the following paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not receiving them yet are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

GERF Benefits are based on a member’s highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA’s Coordinated and Basic Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Basic Plan member is 2.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 2.7 percent for each remaining year. The annuity accrual rate for a Coordinated Plan member is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7 percent for each remaining year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 2.7 percent of average salary for Basic Plan members and 1.7 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989, normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66. Disability benefits are available for vested members, and are based upon years of service and average high-five salary.

Contributions — Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature. GERF Contributions Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 9.1 percent and 6.25 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary in calendar year 2014. Coordinated Plan members contributed 6.5 percent of pay in 2015. In calendar year 2014, the employer was required to contribute 11.78 percent of pay for Basic Plan members and 7.25 percent for Coordinated Plan members. In 2015, employer rates increased to 7.5 percent in the Coordinated Plan. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions to the GERF for the plan’s fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, were \$1,185,492. These contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions — The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	2.75 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	3.50 percent per year
Investment rate of return	7.90 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 tables for males or females, as appropriate, with slight adjustments.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies. The experience study in the GERF was for the period July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2008, with an update of economic assumptions in 2014. Legislation passed in 2014 changed the GERF assumed post-retirement benefit increase rate from 1.0 percent per year for all future years to 1.0 percent effective every January 1st through 2026 and 2.5 percent per year thereafter.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.9 percent. The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness of the long-term expected rate of return on a regular basis using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages.

The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target	SBI's Long-Term Expected Real
	Percentage	Rate of Return (Geometric Mean)
		Percentage
Domestic stocks	45	5.50
International stocks	15	6.00
Bonds	18	1.45
Alternative assets	20	6.40
Cash	2	0.50
	<u>100</u>	

Discount Rate — The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.9 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee and employer contributions will be made at the rate specified in statute. Based on that assumption, each of the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Net Pension Liability — At June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a liability of \$15,365,519 for its proportionate share of the GERS's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension liability was based on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. At June 30, 2014, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion was 0.3271 percent.

Pension Liability Sensitivity — The following presents the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed above, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	(In Thousands)		
	1 Percent		1 Percent
	Decrease in	Discount	Increase in
	Discount Rate	Rate	Discount Rate
	(6.9%)	(7.9%)	(8.9%)
Proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 23,152	\$ 15,366	\$ 7,130

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position — Detailed information about each defined benefit pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report. That report may be obtained at [www.mnpera.org](http://www.mnpera.org).

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions — For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized pension expense of \$1,140,663 related to pensions. At June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 4,152
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,584	-
Contributions paid to PERA subsequent to the measurement date	1,186	-
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	236	-
Total	<u>\$ 3,006</u>	<u>\$ 4,152</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ (474)
2017	(474)
2018	<u>(1,384)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (2,332)</u>

#### *Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund*

Plan Description — The Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association is (DTRFA) is the administrator of a multi-employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit pension plan (DTRF). DTRFA administers a defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354A and 356. DTRFA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of nine members.

DTRFA membership consists of licensed educators of Independent School district 709, staff of Lake Superior College hired prior to July 1, 1995 who elected coverage by the Association, and the DTRFA staff. Effective July 1, 2015, the DTRFA was merged into the Teachers Retirement Association.

Benefits Provided — DTRFA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Association members may be eligible for benefits under three different plans, depending on year of hire.

#### Old Plan Benefits

The Old Plan covers members hired prior to July 1, 1981. Normal retirement benefits are earned at age 60, or if age plus service totals 90. Benefits vest after ten years or at age 60. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 1.45 percent of a members high five-year average salary multiplied by the total years of credited service. Early benefits are available at age 55 with ten or more years of credited service with a 0.25 percent per month early retirement deduction under age 60. Old Plan members receive a benefit under Tier I or Tier II if that benefit is greater.

### Tier I Benefits

Tier I Plan covers members hired before July 1, 1989. Normal retirement benefits are earned at age 65 or with thirty plus years of service over age 62, or if age plus service totals 90. Retirement benefits vest after three years of service or at age 65. For years of service prior to July 1, 2013, the annual retirement benefit is equal to 1.2 percent for each for the first ten years of service credit and 1.7 percent for each subsequent year of service multiplied by the high five years of average salary. For years of service July 1, 2013 and later, the accrual rates increase to 1.4 percent and 1.9 percent, respectfully.

### Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2013, a level formula of 1.7 percent per year is applied. For years of service July 1, 2013 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year is applied. Retirement benefits vest after three years for members hired prior to July 1, 2010 and after five years for members hired after June 30, 2010 or age 65.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Contributions — Minnesota Statutes Chapter 354A sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Eligible members and participating employers were required to contribute 7.5 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2014 and 2015. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contribution to the plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 was \$56,082. These contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.25 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	3.25 to 6.0 percent per year
Investment rate of return	8.0 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 generational mortality tables for males or females, as appropriate, with adjustments to match fund experience. Benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be 2.0 percent every January 1 through 2015 and 2.5 percent thereafter.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2011.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 8.25 percent. The rate assumption was selected as the result of a 2014 actuarial review of economic assumptions. The review combined the asset class target allocations and long-term rate of return expectations from the State Board of Investment (SBI) with return expectations from eight other investment consultants. The review also factored in information from the Social Security Trustees Report, U.S. Department of the Treasury yield curve rates, and historical observations of inflation statistics and investment returns.

Discount Rate — The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.40 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be insufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. In order to determine the total pension liability, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to periods of projected benefit payments for which the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to remain positive and the rate of a 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bond was applied to periods of projected benefit payments for which the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be negative. The equivalent single discount rate was determined to be 5.62 percent as of June 30, 2013, and 5.40 percent as of June 30, 2014.

Net Pension Liability — At June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a liability of \$1,450,469 for its proportionate share of the DTRFA's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension liability was based on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' contributions received by DTRFA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of DTRFA's participating employers. At June 30, 2014, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion was 0.5646 percent.

Pension Liability Sensitivity — The following presents the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed above, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	(In Thousands)		
	1 Percent Decrease in Discount Rate (4.4%)	Discount Rate (5.4%)	1 Percent Increase in Discount Rate (6.4%)
	\$	\$	\$
Proportionate share of net pension liability	1,789	1,450	1,168

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position — Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued financial report. That report may be obtained by writing TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions — For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized pension expense of \$83,409 related to pensions. At June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	-	89
Changes in actuarial assumptions	44	-
Contributions paid to DTRA subsequent to the measurement date	56	-
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	1	-
Total	\$ 101	\$ 89

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ 16
2017	(30)
2018	(30)
Total	\$ <u>(44)</u>

*St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund*

**Plan Description** — The St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund (SPTRF). SPTRFA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. SPTRF is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of nine members elected from the association membership and one member appointed by the Board of ISD 625, St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS).

SPTRFA membership consists of licensed teachers employed by SPPS, certain licensed teachers employed by Saint Paul College, certain licensed teachers employed by charter schools within the City of St. Paul, and SPTRFA staff. Until its merger into the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system on July 1, 1995, all Saint Paul College teachers were contributing members of the Fund. As part of the merger process, SPTRFA-covered Saint Paul College teachers were given the option to remain active members of the Fund or to choose other retirement coverage, thus, converting to a deferred status with SPTRFA.

**Benefits Provided** — SPTRFA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after five years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any three years of consecutive service for the Basic Plan, and five consecutive years of allowable service for the Coordinated Plan, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for SPTRFA's Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I Benefits

Tier I	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	Years of service	2.0 percent per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are up to July 1, 2015	1.2 percent per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2015 or after	1.4 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are up to July 1, 2015	1.7 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2015 or after	1.9 percent per year

With these provisions:

- Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 55 with 30 or more years of allowable service.
- 0.25 percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
- Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

## Tier II Benefits

For years of service prior to July 1, 2015 a level formula of 1.7 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.5 percent per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2015 and after, a level formula of 1.9 percent per year for coordinated members and 2.5 for basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after July 1, 1989, receive only the Tier II calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

Contributions — Minnesota Statutes Chapter 354A sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state legislature. SPTRFA Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 8.75 percent and 6.25 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2014. Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members contributed 9.0 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively, of pay in 2015. These contribution rates will increase 0.25 percent each year over the next three years for both plans. In fiscal year 2014, the employer was required to contribute 12.39 percent of pay for Basic Plan members and 9.09 percent for Coordinated Plan members. In 2015, employer rates increased to 12.64 percent for the Basic plan and 9.34 percent for the Coordinated Plan. These contribution rates will increase 0.50 percent each year over the next three years for both plans. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions to the SPTRFA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, were \$86,143. These contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

Actuarial Assumptions — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	4.00 percent per year
Active member payroll growth	4.0 to 8.9 percent per year
Investment rate of return	8.0 percent

Salary increases were based on a service-related table. Mortality rates for active members, retirees, survivors and disabilitants were based on RP-2000 generational mortality tables for males or females, as appropriate, with adjustments to match fund experience. Benefit increases for retirees are assumed to be 1.0 percent every January 1 through 2028, 2.0 percent through 2037, and 3.0 percent thereafter.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2011, with an update of economic assumptions in 2013.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 8.0 percent. This rate was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return were adopted by the Board of Trustees after considering input from investment consultant and actuary.

Best estimates for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2014, are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation Percentage	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return (Arithmetic)Percentage
Domestic equity	35	6.55
International equity	20	6.98
Fixed income	20	3.45
Real assets	11	3.90
Private equity & alternatives	9	7.47
Opportunistic	5	6.08
	100	

Discount Rate — The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8.00 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan members, employer, and State of Minnesota contributions will be made in accordance with rates set by Minnesota Statute. Based on these assumptions, SPTRFA’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 8.00 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Net Pension Liability — At June 30, 2015, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported a liability of \$1,666,219 for its proportionate share of the SPTRFA’s net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The proportion of the net pension liability was based on Minnesota State Colleges and Universities’ contributions received by SPTRFA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, relative to the total employer contributions received from all of SPTRFA’s participating employers. At June 30, 2014, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportion was 0.311 percent.

Pension Liability Sensitivity — The following presents the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate disclosed above, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	(In Thousands)		
	1 Percent Decrease in Discount Rate (7.0%)	Discount Rate (8.0%)	1 Percent Increase in Discount Rate (9.0%)
Proportionate share of net pension liability \$	2,233	\$ 1,666	\$ 1,198

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position — Detailed information about the plan’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued financial report. That report may be obtained by writing SPTRFA at 1619 Dayton Avenue, Room 309, St. Paul, MN, 55104-6206.

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions — For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities recognized pension expense of \$120,484 related to pensions. At June 30, 2015, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	(In Thousands)	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings	\$ -	\$ 238
Changes in actuarial assumptions	99	-
Contributions paid to SPTRA subsequent to the measurement date	86	-
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	-	40
Total	<u>\$ 185</u>	<u>\$ 278</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ (60)
2017	(60)
2018	<u>(59)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (179)</u>

*Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Defined Contribution Retirement Fund*

General Information — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Defined Contribution Retirement Fund include two plans: an Individual Retirement Account Plan and a Supplemental Retirement Plan. Both plans are mandatory, tax deferred, single employer, defined contribution plans authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354B and 354C. The plans are designed to provide retirement benefits to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities unclassified employees. An unclassified employee is one who belongs to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities specific bargaining units. The plans cover unclassified teachers, librarians, administrators, and certain other staff. The plans are mandatory for qualified employees and vesting occurs immediately.

The administrative agent of the two plans is Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF). Separately issued financial statements can be obtained from TIAA-CREF, Normandale Lake Office Park, 8000 Norman Center Drive, Suite 1100, Bloomington, MN 55437.

*Individual Retirement Account Plan (IRAP)*

Participation — Every employee who is in unclassified service is required to participate in TRF or IRAP upon achieving eligibility. An unclassified employee is one who serves in a position deemed unclassified according to Minnesota Statutes. This includes presidents, vice presidents, deans, administrative or service faculty, teachers and other managers, and professionals in academic and academic support programs. Eligibility begins with the employment contract for the first year of unclassified service in which the employee is hired for more than 25 percent of a full academic year, excluding summer session. An employee remains a participant of the plan even if employed for less than 25 percent of a full academic year in subsequent years.

Contributions — There are two member groups participating in the IRAP, a faculty group and an administrators group. For both faculty and administrators, the employer and employee statutory contribution rates are 6 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively. The contributions are made under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354B.

Required contributions for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities were:

(In Thousands)		
Fiscal Year	Employer	Employee
2015	\$ 28,527	\$ 21,395
2014	28,574	21,356
2013	27,993	20,931

*Supplemental Retirement Plan (SRP)*

Participation — Every unclassified employee who has completed two full time years of unclassified service with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must participate upon achieving eligibility. The eligible employee is enrolled on the first day of the fiscal year following completion of two full time years. Vesting occurs immediately and normal retirement age is 55.

Contributions — Participants contribute 5 percent of eligible compensation up to a defined maximum annual contribution as specified in the following table.

Member Group	Eligible Compensation	Maximum Annual Contributions
Administrators	\$ 6,000 to 60,000	\$ 2,700
Inter Faculty Organization	6,000 to 51,000	2,250
Middle Management Association Unclassified	6,000 to 40,000	1,700
Minnesota Association of Professional Employees Unclassified	6,000 to 40,000	1,700
Minnesota State College and Faculty Association	6,000 to 56,000	2,500
Minnesota State University Association of Administrative & Service Faculty	6,000 to 50,000	2,200
Other Unclassified Members	6,000 to 40,000	1,700

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities provides a match in amounts equal to the contributions made by participants. The contributions are made under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354C.

Required contributions for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities were:

(In Thousands)	
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 15,288
2014	14,887
2013	14,926

*Voluntary Retirement Savings Plans*

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities offers two voluntary programs to employees for retirement savings.

The Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP) is a voluntary retirement savings plan authorized under section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and Minnesota Statutes, Section 352.965. The plan is composed of employee pre-tax and after-tax contributions and accumulated investment gains or losses. Participants may withdraw funds upon termination of public service or in the event of an unforeseeable emergency. As of June 30, 2015, the plan has 4,466 participants.

In addition, to the state's Deferred Compensation program, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities also participates in a 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) program. The plan consists of both pre-tax and after-tax contributions and accumulated investment gains or losses. As of June 30, 2015, the plan has 3,403 participants.

15. SEGMENT INFORMATION

A segment is an identifiable activity reported as a standalone entity for which one or more revenue bonds are outstanding. A segment has a specific identifiable revenue stream pledged in support of revenue bonds and has related expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows that are required by an external party to be accounted for separately.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Revenue fund issues revenue bonds to finance residence halls, student unions, parking facilities and wellness centers. The Itasca County Housing Redevelopment Authority sold bonds to finance Itasca Community College's dormitory. Note 8 to the financial statements provides additional information on the pledging of the revenues.

Summary financial information for Revenue Fund for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 follows:

Summary Information for Revenue Fund  
(In Thousands)

	2015	2014
<b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION</b>		
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 87,712	\$ 84,111
Restricted assets	137,052	104,490
Capital assets, net	359,765	357,921
Total assets	<u>584,529</u>	<u>546,522</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,012</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>585,541</u>	<u>546,522</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	30,276	30,874
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>332,916</u>	<u>298,092</u>
Total liabilities	<u>363,192</u>	<u>328,966</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>4,771</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>367,963</u>	<u>328,966</u>
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	130,131	125,495
Restricted	<u>87,447</u>	<u>92,061</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 217,578</u>	<u>\$ 217,556</u>
<b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>		
Operating revenues	\$ 112,662	\$ 109,857
Depreciation expense	(18,371)	(17,750)
Other operating expenses	<u>(78,856)</u>	<u>(81,624)</u>
Net operating income	<u>15,435</u>	<u>10,483</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Interest income	615	582
Interest expense	(10,427)	(11,274)
Private grants	20	181
Capital contributions	4,803	-
Gain on disposal of capital assets	-	1
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(4,989)</u>	<u>(10,510)</u>
Change in net position	<u>10,446</u>	<u>(27)</u>
Total net position, beginning of year	217,556	217,583
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	<u>(10,424)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>207,132</u>	<u>217,583</u>
Total net position, end of year	<u>\$ 217,578</u>	<u>\$ 217,556</u>
<b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
Net cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities	\$ 27,048	\$ 31,529
Noncapital and related financing activities	20	181
Capital and related financing activities	(1,170)	(59,517)
Investing activities	<u>(145)</u>	<u>(67)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	25,753	(27,874)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>163,973</u>	<u>191,847</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 189,726</u>	<u>\$ 163,973</u>

Summary financial information for Itasca Community College's Residence Halls (which is reported within the Northeast Higher Education District) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 follows:

Itasca Community College Financial Summary  
(In Thousands)

	2015	2014
<b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION</b>		
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 260	\$ 156
Restricted assets	296	297
Capital assets, net	2,952	3,071
Total assets	3,508	3,524
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	129	138
Noncurrent liabilities	1,600	1,720
Total liabilities	1,729	1,858
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	1,232	1,231
Restricted	296	298
Unrestricted	251	137
Total net position	\$ 1,779	\$ 1,666
 <b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>		
Operating revenues	\$ 478	\$ 473
Depreciation expense	(119)	(119)
Other operating expenses	(203)	(230)
Net operating income	156	124
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Interest/Other income	5	5
Interest expense	(48)	(49)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(43)	(44)
Changes in net position	113	80
Net position, beginning of year	1,666	1,586
Net position, end of year	\$ 1,779	\$ 1,666
 <b>CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS</b>		
Net cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities	\$ 266	\$ 236
Capital and related financing activities	(168)	(179)
Investing activities	7	-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	105	57
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	136	79
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 241	\$ 136

## 16. COMMITMENTS

### Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Involvement in Ongoing Projects as of June 30, 2015 (In Thousands)

Institution Name	Project	Total Cost	Spent to Date	Balance	Completion Date
Dakota	Transportation Lab Renovation	\$ 14,860	\$ 6,968	\$ 7,892	Aug 2017
Lake Superior	Allied Health Renovation	5,430	3,170	2,260	Dec 2015
Metropolitan	Student Center	12,272	6,807	5,465	Nov 2015
Metropolitan	Parking Ramp	19,199	17,905	1,294	Aug 2015
Metropolitan	Science Education Center	35,865	19,087	16,778	Nov 2015
Mankato	Clinical Sciences	27,883	134	27,749	July 2016
Mankato	Dining Services	31,407	250	31,157	Dec 2016
M State	Transportation Center Addition	6,544	717	5,827	June 2016
Moorhead	Comstock Memorial Union	8,885	1,783	7,102	April 2016
Rochester	Workforce Center Co-Location Addition	8,946	7,975	971	Dec 2015
St. Cloud	Student Health and Academic Renovation	19,437	155	19,282	Aug 2017
South Central	Classroom Renovation and Addition	13,775	12,977	798	Aug 2015

\* Dakota County Technical College; Lake Superior College; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State Community & Technical College; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Rochester Community & Technical College; St. Cloud State University; and South Central College.

## 17. CONTINGENCIES

Lawsuits and other claims furnish a basis for potential liability. The following matters, in which Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, its officers or employees are respondents, may constitute a material claim, litigation or assessment in excess of \$500,000.

### Central Lakes College

A former student brought an action in federal district court claiming First Amendment and due process violations following the College's decision to dismiss him from the nursing program. In August 2014, the federal district court granted the College's motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff appealed the decision to the Eight Circuit Court of Appeals; appeal is pending. The College will continue to vigorously defend the case.

## 18. RISK MANAGEMENT

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; error or omissions; and employer obligations. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities manages these risks through state of Minnesota insurance plans including the state of Minnesota Risk Management Fund, a self-insurance fund, and through purchased insurance coverage.

Automobile liability coverage is required by the state and is provided by the Minnesota Risk Management Fund. Some colleges and universities also purchase optional physical damage coverage for their newest or most expensive vehicles.

While property and casualty coverage is required by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities' policy, colleges and universities may select optional coverage such as international accident, international liability, and professional liability for employed physicians and student health services professional liability.

The Minnesota Risk Management Fund provides the following coverage for fiscal years 2015 and 2014.

Coverage Type	Amount
Institution deductible	\$2,500 to \$250,000
Fund responsibility	\$1,000,000
Primary re-insurer coverage	\$1,000,001 to \$25,000,000
Multiple re-insurers' coverage	\$25,000,001 to \$1,000,000,000
Bodily injury and property damage per person	\$500,000
Bodily injury and property damage per occurrence	\$1,500,000
Annual maximum paid by fund, excess by reinsurer	\$2,500,000
Maintenance deductible for additional claims	\$25,000

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities retains the risk of loss. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities did not have any settlements in excess of coverage in the last three years.

The Minnesota Risk Management Fund purchases other insurance on the open market for some campuses. These generally include student intern professional liability, dental clinics professional liability, aviation insurance, and a variety of bonds.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities participates in the State Employee Group Insurance Plan, which provides life insurance and hospital, medical, and dental benefits coverage through provider organizations.

Workers' compensation is covered through state participation in the Workers' Compensation Reinsurance Association, which pays for catastrophic workers' compensation claims. Other workers' compensation risks are covered through self-insurance for which Minnesota State Colleges and Universities pays the cost of claims through the state Workers' Compensation Fund. A Minnesota State Colleges and Universities workers' compensation payment pool helps institutions manage the volatility of such claims. Annual premiums are assessed by the pool based on salary dollars and claims history. From this pool, all workers' compensation claims are paid to the state Workers' Compensation Fund.

The following table presents changes in the balances of workers' compensation claims liability during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014.

(In Thousands)				
	Beginning Liability	Additions	Payments & Other Reductions	Ending Liability
Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/15	\$ 5,576	\$ 1,282	\$ 3,372	\$ 3,486
Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/14	4,978	3,163	2,565	5,576

## 19. COMPONENT UNITS

The following legally separate tax exempt foundations affiliated with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are included as a major component unit of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The Bemidji State University Foundation, Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation, Inc., Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation, Inc., St. Cloud State University Foundation, Inc., Winona State University Foundation, Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation, and Metropolitan State University Foundation are formed for the purpose of obtaining and disbursing funds for the sole benefit of their college or university. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities presents the combined statement of financial position and the combined statement of activities of the foundations on separate pages of the financial statements.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities received \$13,702,640 and \$13,557,002 in fiscal years 2015 and 2014, respectively, from the foundations for scholarships and other educational program support. Information about lease agreements between Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the foundations can be found in Note 11. In addition to lease agreements, Southwest Minnesota State University and Winona State University have entered into agreements to manage student housing facilities owned by the foundations.

The seven state universities do not appoint any members of their respective boards and the resources held by the foundations can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the associated university. Each foundation's relationship with their institution is such that exclusion of the foundation's financial statements would cause the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The foundations are considered a component unit of their university and their statements are discretely presented in the universities' financial statements.

The foundations financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205, *Presentation of Financial Statements*.

Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions and reported as follows:

- *Unrestricted*: those assets that are not subject to donor imposed stipulations.
- *Temporarily restricted*: those assets subject to donor imposed restrictions as to the use of those donated assets.
- *Permanently restricted*: those assets subject to donor imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by each foundation. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the foundation to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

*Investments* — The foundations' investments are presented in accordance with FASB ASC 958-320, *Investments-Debt and Equity Securities*. Under ASC 958-320, investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position.

Schedule of Investments at June 30 (In Thousands)			<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
	2015	2014			
Money market	\$ 3,802	\$ 2,351	x		
Fixed income	19,512	7,968	x	x	
Mutual funds	88,431	111,708	x		
Equity securities	38,434	27,055	x		
Certificate of deposits	-	4,178		x	
Bonds/U.S treasuries	16,088	6,715		x	
Real estate	2,601	1,464			x
Other	4,758	4,717		x	x
Total	<u>\$ 173,626</u>	<u>\$ 166,156</u>			

*Capital Assets* — Summaries of the foundations' capital assets for fiscal years 2015 and 2014 follow:

Schedule of Capital Assets at June 30		
(In Thousands)		
	2015	2014
Capital assets, not depreciated		
Land	\$ 2,421	\$ 2,421
Total capital assets, not depreciated	2,421	2,421
Capital assets, depreciated:		
Buildings and improvements	23,303	23,254
Equipment	1,963	1,960
Leasehold improvements	107	107
Total capital assets, depreciated	25,373	25,321
Total accumulated depreciation	(8,819)	(8,036)
Total capital assets depreciated, net	16,554	17,285
Total capital assets, net	\$ 18,975	\$ 19,706

*Long-Term Obligations*— Payment schedule of the foundations' long-term obligations follow. Excluded from the table below is St. Cloud State University Foundation's unamortized bond premium of \$771,220, which is amortized over the life of the bonds.

Year Ended June 30	
(In Thousands)	
Fiscal Year	Amount
2016	\$ 2,654
2017	3,519
2018	2,068
2019	1,948
2020	2,009
Thereafter	11,543
Total	\$ 23,741

*Endowment Funds*— The Foundations' endowment includes both donor-restricted funds and funds designated by the Foundation Board of Trustees to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Foundation Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Schedule of Endowment Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2015  
(In Thousands)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total Endowment Net Assets
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,720	\$ 41,804	\$ 105,305	\$ 149,829
Change in value of trusts	(1)	(416)	5	(412)
Contributions	826	405	5,505	6,736
Investment income (loss)	218	2,804	(119)	2,903
Amounts appropriated for expenditures	(421)	(3,300)	200	(3,521)
Other transfers	(14)	(4,579)	49	(4,544)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 3,328</u>	<u>\$ 36,718</u>	<u>\$ 110,945</u>	<u>\$ 150,991</u>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2014 are as follows:

Schedule of Endowment Net Assets  
As of June 30, 2014  
(In Thousands)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total Endowment Net Assets
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,432	\$ 27,011	\$ 98,092	\$ 127,535
Change in value of trusts	9	3,234	87	3,330
Contributions	864	1,120	6,921	8,905
Investment income (loss)	180	14,495	(37)	14,638
Amounts appropriated for expenditures	(276)	(2,253)	42	(2,487)
Other transfers	(489)	(1,803)	200	(2,092)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,720</u>	<u>\$ 41,804</u>	<u>\$ 105,305</u>	<u>\$ 149,829</u>

## 20. ACTIVITIES WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

*Lending Activity* — The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities general operating fund is a part of the state's general treasury account. During fiscal year 2014 the state of Minnesota borrowed \$400 million from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities general fund for cash flow purposes resulting from changes in the timing of the state tax revenue. The state of Minnesota repaid this with interest in full during fiscal years 2014. No borrowing activity occurred during fiscal year 2015.

*General Obligation Bond Issuances* — In August 2015 \$62.948 million in general obligation state bonds Series 2015A were issued at a true interest rate of 2.93 percent. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities pays one third of the debt service on \$62.948 million, of the Series 2015A tax exempt bond issue, over the life of the bonds. The first debt service payment on these bonds was in November 2015.

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# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

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**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**  
**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR NET OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Schedule of Funding Progress (In Thousands)						
Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (b - a)	Funded Ratio Percentage (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b - a)/c)
July 1, 2006	\$ —	\$ 94,235	\$ 94,235	0.00	\$ 876,585	10.75
July 1, 2008	—	92,551	92,551	0.00	894,035	10.35
July 1, 2010	—	108,409	108,409	0.00	978,480	11.08
July 1, 2012	—	80,571	80,571	0.00	914,792	8.81
July 1, 2014	—	94,297	94,297	0.00	983,145	9.59

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of MSRS Net Pension Liability  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share	Covered Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	8.35	\$ 135,402	\$213,833	63.32	87.64

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Recognized By MSRS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as A Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 10,692	\$ 10,692	\$ —	\$ 213,833	5.0

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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only one year reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, would be obtained from the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of TRA Net Pension Liability  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share	Covered Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	3.84	\$ 176,742	\$175,083	100.95	81.50

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Recognized By MSRS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as A Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 12,256	\$ 12,256	\$ —	\$ 175,083	7.0

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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only one year reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, would be obtained from the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
GENERAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of PERA Net Pension Liability  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share	Covered Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	0.3271	\$ 15,366	\$ 19,920	77.13	78.75

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Recognized By MSRS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as A Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 1,245	\$ 1,245	\$ —	\$ 19,920	6.25

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

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only one year reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, would be obtained from the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA) Comprehensive Annual financial Report.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
DULUTH TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of DTRA Net Pension Liability  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share	Covered Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	0.5646	\$ 1,450	\$ 729	198.88	46.81

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Recognized By MSRS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as A Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 55	\$ 55	\$ —	\$ 729	7.5

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

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only one year reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, would be obtained from the Duluth Teachers Retirement Association (DTRA) Annual Financial Report.

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
SCHEDULES OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
ST. PAUL TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND**

Schedule of Proportionate Share of SPTRA Net Pension Liability  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Net Pension Liability	Proportionate Share	Covered Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	0.311	\$ 1,666	\$ 1,749	95.28	66.12

Schedule of Employer Contributions  
(In Thousands)

Measurement Date	Statutorily Required Contributions	Contributions Recognized By MSRS	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as A Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$ 109	\$ 109	\$ —	\$ 1,749	6.25

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

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

There are no factors that affect trends in the amounts reported, such as a change of benefit terms or assumptions. With only one year reported in the required supplementary information, there is no additional information to include in notes. Information, if necessary, would be obtained from the St Paul Teachers Retirement Association (STPRA) Annual Financial Report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
St. Paul, Minnesota

We have audited in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise MnSCU's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2015. Our report includes references to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Bemidji State University Foundation, Metropolitan State University Foundation, Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation, Inc., Minnesota State University Moorhead Alumni Foundation, Inc., Southwest Minnesota State University Foundation, and Winona State University Foundation, which cumulatively represent 80% of the total assets and 83% of the total revenues of the discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the discretely presented component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. The financial statements of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Foundations were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)**

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

**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

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



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
November 17, 2015

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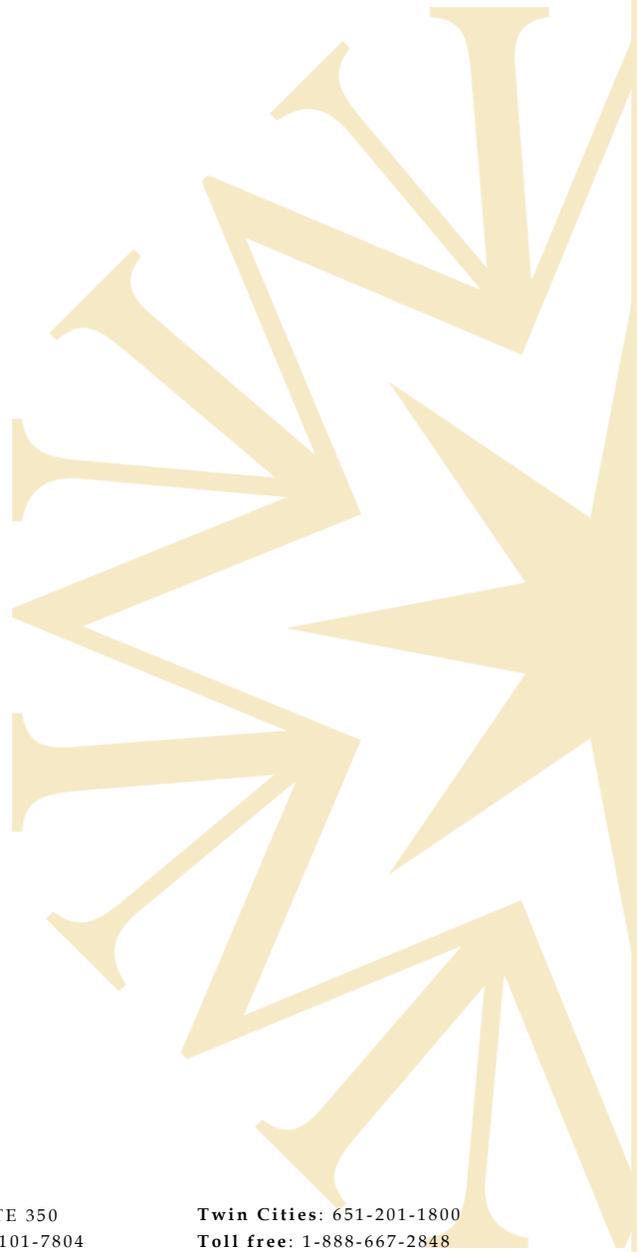




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