



**MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2016

(with comparative financial information as of June 30, 2015)

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Board of Trustees  
Monmouth University:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Monmouth University, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the 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 the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Monmouth University as of June 30, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.



**Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Monmouth University's 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 28, 2015. In our opinion, the comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

*KPMG LLP*

October 28, 2016

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Statement of Financial Position

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Assets	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,370,369	19,598,393
Short-term investments	59,588,987	52,722,689
Student accounts receivable, net	1,126,005	1,004,082
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	3,123,501	3,419,213
Inventory	605,832	523,123
Grants and other receivables, net	2,785,019	4,565,766
Contributions receivable, net	8,158,478	6,729,506
Student loans receivable, net	4,656,003	4,541,362
Long-term investments	79,025,949	78,253,447
Construction in progress	21,055,872	12,059,241
Land, buildings, and equipment, net	171,688,902	169,407,140
Total assets	\$ 368,184,917	352,823,962
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,853,527	8,290,828
Accrued payroll and fringe benefits	9,709,590	8,868,580
Accrued interest payable	31,906	64,399
Deferred revenues	4,817,928	5,683,196
Deposits	86,205	49,199
Funds held for others	116,951	107,243
Notes payable	1,603,898	1,800,337
Mortgage notes payable	18,038,503	20,519,528
Student loan grants refundable	4,149,952	3,957,940
Asset retirement obligation	6,262,538	6,479,763
Total liabilities	54,670,998	55,821,013
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Available for operations	7,805,569	7,371,943
Designated for or investment in plant	208,467,007	189,437,355
Designated for loan programs	1,113,988	1,083,848
Held for long-term investment	26,646,560	27,499,481
Total unrestricted	244,033,124	225,392,627
Temporarily restricted	35,673,776	38,980,522
Permanently restricted	33,807,019	32,629,800
Total net assets	313,513,919	297,002,949
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 368,184,917	352,823,962

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Available for operations</u>	<u>Designated for or investment in plant</u>	<u>Unrestricted Designated for loan programs</u>	<u>Held for long-term investment</u>	<u>Total unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues:								
Tuition and fees, net of scholarships of \$54,407,535	\$ 134,797,851	—	—	—	134,797,851	—	—	134,797,851
Auxiliary enterprises, net of scholarships of \$3,237,687	29,848,332	—	—	—	29,848,332	—	—	29,848,332
Federal grants and contracts	—	—	—	—	—	1,137,196	—	1,137,196
State of New Jersey grants	193,073	7,854	—	—	200,927	860,022	—	1,060,949
Private gifts and grants	518,444	985,035	—	3,730	1,507,209	5,719,642	—	7,226,851
Investment return allocated to operations	829,472	677,216	18,168	1,053,873	2,578,729	2,199,271	—	4,778,000
Other revenue	4,766,979	989,444	24,623	—	5,781,046	149,274	—	5,930,320
Net assets released for:								
Instruction and academic support	896,105	—	—	—	896,105	(896,105)	—	—
Scholarships and grants	2,174,707	—	—	—	2,174,707	(2,174,707)	—	—
Other purposes	2,437,348	5,438,296	—	—	7,875,644	(7,875,644)	—	—
Total operating revenues	<u>176,462,311</u>	<u>8,097,845</u>	<u>42,791</u>	<u>1,057,603</u>	<u>185,660,550</u>	<u>(881,051)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>184,779,499</u>
Operating expenses and transfers:								
Program expenses:								
Instruction	56,421,591	2,022,171	—	—	58,443,762	—	—	58,443,762
Research	2,189,584	41,191	—	—	2,230,775	—	—	2,230,775
Public service	273,960	67,385	—	—	341,345	—	—	341,345
Academic support	25,434,440	3,451,284	—	—	28,885,724	—	—	28,885,724
Student services	14,740,676	843,569	—	—	15,584,245	—	—	15,584,245
Auxiliary enterprises	17,821,835	5,107,344	—	—	22,929,179	—	—	22,929,179
Support expenses:								
Institutional support	30,039,122	2,717,058	14,147	—	32,770,327	—	—	32,770,327
Fund-raising	4,145,101	165,257	—	—	4,310,358	—	—	4,310,358
Total operating expenses	<u>151,066,309</u>	<u>14,415,259</u>	<u>14,147</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>165,495,715</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>165,495,715</u>
Transfers among unrestricted funds:								
Mandatory transfers out (in)	3,871,093	(3,871,093)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nonmandatory transfers out (in)	21,287,451	(21,300,276)	—	12,825	—	—	—	—
Total operating expenses and transfers	<u>176,224,853</u>	<u>(10,756,110)</u>	<u>14,147</u>	<u>12,825</u>	<u>165,495,715</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>165,495,715</u>
Change in net assets from operations	237,458	18,853,955	28,644	1,044,778	20,164,835	(881,051)	—	19,283,784
Other changes:								
Investment return – nonoperating	196,168	175,697	1,496	(1,897,699)	(1,524,338)	(2,425,695)	—	(3,950,033)
Endowment gifts and bequests	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,177,219	1,177,219
Change in net assets	<u>433,626</u>	<u>19,029,652</u>	<u>30,140</u>	<u>(852,921)</u>	<u>18,640,497</u>	<u>(3,306,746)</u>	<u>1,177,219</u>	<u>16,510,970</u>
Net assets as of beginning of year	7,371,943	189,437,355	1,083,848	27,499,481	225,392,627	38,980,522	32,629,800	297,002,949
Net assets as of end of year	\$ <u>7,805,569</u>	<u>208,467,007</u>	<u>1,113,988</u>	<u>26,646,560</u>	<u>244,033,124</u>	<u>35,673,776</u>	<u>33,807,019</u>	<u>313,513,919</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year ended June 30, 2016

	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Research</u>	<u>Public service</u>	<u>Academic support</u>	<u>Student services</u>	<u>Auxiliary enterprises</u>	<u>Institutional support</u>	<u>Fund-raising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Compensation	\$ 38,057,184	750,742	103,061	12,676,720	8,163,445	3,910,007	15,252,397	2,560,959	81,474,515
Fringe benefits	12,845,069	195,365	5,721	4,193,576	2,540,078	1,128,034	5,105,511	850,174	26,863,528
Supplies	1,090,566	18,143	42,964	1,033,444	370,398	253,433	697,781	48,007	3,554,736
Postage and shipping	15,318	765	160	35,278	308,733	5,682	93,728	23,648	483,312
Recruiting and advertising	62,415	—	6,547	337,095	238,819	3,314	1,640,180	125,000	2,413,370
Dining and food services	96,021	9,861	44,294	330,464	252,114	5,522,876	138,175	50,517	6,444,322
Travel and entertainment	472,898	50,067	16,808	1,880,674	343,583	24,737	521,404	53,365	3,363,536
Professional services	54,746	5,005	4,050	296,182	336,227	—	1,173,640	40,802	1,910,652
Insurance	686,958	11,501	186	713,397	346,208	269,793	488,254	61,015	2,577,312
Fees and memberships	63,902	955	1,518	130,215	17,039	59,841	1,316,857	10,725	1,601,052
Other services	1,104,420	1,030,409	26,502	864,662	422,823	281,248	1,435,517	183,866	5,349,447
Maintenance services	179,331	3,514	632	186,040	64,756	131,826	1,408,161	9,495	1,983,755
Utilities	1,000,888	17,756	852	1,010,014	510,296	1,638,409	438,112	91,041	4,707,368
Property costs	429,291	22,185	1,477	640,428	218,525	1,256,856	1,471,688	31,576	4,072,026
Library materials	—	—	—	792,104	—	—	—	—	792,104
Bookstore materials	—	—	—	—	—	2,460,843	—	—	2,460,843
Other expenses	262,585	73,315	19,188	314,148	607,632	874,935	691,565	4,910	2,848,278
Depreciation	1,976,058	40,423	67,385	3,363,494	820,326	3,882,310	886,528	161,159	11,197,683
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	46,112	769	—	45,786	23,243	102,053	10,829	4,099	232,891
Interest expense	—	—	—	42,003	—	1,122,982	—	—	1,164,985
Total functional expenses	\$ <u>58,443,762</u>	<u>2,230,775</u>	<u>341,345</u>	<u>28,885,724</u>	<u>15,584,245</u>	<u>22,929,179</u>	<u>32,770,327</u>	<u>4,310,358</u>	<u>165,495,715</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended June 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ 16,510,970
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Noncash items:	
Depreciation expense	11,197,683
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	232,891
Amortization of deferred charges	28,174
Net unrealized loss	2,570,462
Amortization of bond premium	(11,292)
Change in allowance for doubtful accounts	193,411
Student loan cancellations	24,313
Nonoperating items:	
Net realized loss	(1,043,096)
Contributions and grants for plant facilities	(3,241,220)
Contributions to permanent endowment	(1,177,219)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Increase in student accounts receivable	(272,510)
Decrease in prepaid expenses	267,538
Increase in inventory	(82,709)
Decrease in grants and other receivables	1,760,703
Increase in contribution receivable	(136,008)
Increase in accounts payable	1,229,538
Increase in accrued payroll and fringe benefits	841,010
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(32,493)
Decrease in deferred revenues	(865,268)
Increase in deposits	37,006
Increase in funds held for others	9,708
Increase in student loan grants refundable	192,012
Decrease in asset retirement obligation	(450,116)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>27,783,488</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Proceeds from sales of investments	108,311,223
Purchases of investments	(117,466,097)
Student loans granted	(944,880)
Student loans collected	767,926
Purchases of land, buildings, and equipment	<u>(22,142,915)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(31,474,743)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Payment of notes payable	(196,439)
Payment of mortgage notes payable	(2,481,025)
Cash received for plant facilities	1,914,625
Cash received for permanent endowment	<u>1,226,070</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>463,231</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,228,024)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of year	<u>19,598,393</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of year	<u>\$ 16,370,369</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:	
Increase in accounts payable for capital	\$ 333,161
Interest paid	1,189,624

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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(with comparative financial information as of June 30, 2015)

### (1) Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### *Organization*

Monmouth University (the University) is a private, comprehensive institution of higher learning at the undergraduate and graduate levels committed to service in the public interest and to the enhancement of the quality of life. The University is composed of eight schools, the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Leon Hess Business School, the School of Education, the School of Social Work, the School of Science, the Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, the Graduate School, and the Honors School. The University's commitment is to provide a learning process and environment, which enables men and women to pursue their educational goals and realize their full potential.

#### *Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*

##### (a) *Basis of Presentation*

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis.

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into three net asset categories according to externally (donor) imposed restrictions. In the accompanying financial statements, net assets that have similar characteristics have been combined into similar categories as follows: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted. Unrestricted net assets are presented in total and with the following subclassifications: available for operations, designated for or investment in plant, designated for loan programs, and held for long-term investment.

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

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

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments, including both realized and unrealized, and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expiration of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions.



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### **(b) Other Significant Accounting Policies**

Other significant accounting policies followed in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements are outlined below:

1. Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are initially recognized at fair value as revenues in the period received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. The fair value of pledges of contributions to be received after one year are discounted. Amortization of discount is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. An allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is provided based upon management's judgment including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution, and nature of fund-raising activity.

Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of temporarily restricted net assets and reclassified to unrestricted net assets as the restrictions are met.

Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as revenues of temporarily restricted net assets and reclassified to unrestricted net assets when the long-lived asset is put into service or in the case of construction when the project is completed.

Contributions of art work, historical treasures, and similar assets, whether part of a collection or not, whose quoted market price or independent appraisal is \$1,000 or more are recorded as revenue and capitalized, but not depreciated.

2. Income on endowment investments including realized and unrealized gains and losses is reported as permanently restricted net assets, if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund; as temporarily restricted net assets, if the terms of the gift impose restrictions on the use of the income or if income on endowments has not been appropriated for expenditure; and as unrestricted net assets in all other cases. Income on nonendowment investments including realized and unrealized gains and losses is classified as unrestricted net assets unless restricted by the donor.
3. Costs related to obtaining mortgage debt are capitalized as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt using the straight-line method. When a loan is paid off in full, any unamortized financing costs are expensed.
4. Land, buildings, and equipment with a useful life of more than one year and a cost of \$1,000 or more are capitalized and stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of donation, less accumulated depreciation computed on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives beginning in the fiscal year following the year placed into service (buildings, 30.5 years; improvements, 15 years; and equipment 3–20 years).

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5. The cost of library books is charged to operating expenses in the year of purchase and is not capitalized.
6. Inventory consists of bookstore merchandise and is recorded at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out basis) or market.
7. Deferred revenues represent unearned student tuition and fees. The revenues are recognized when the tuition and fees are earned.
8. Grants receivable represent amounts expended but unreimbursed under certain grants awarded to the University.
9. Investments in marketable securities are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices. Investments in real estate are stated at appraised market values. Investments in nonmarketable funds that are a readily determinable fair value are stated at fair value based on the net asset value (NAV) as published by the fund manager. Investments in nonmarketable funds that do not have a readily determinable fair value are stated at fair value based upon NAV, as the practical expedient, provided by external investment managers, which are reviewed and evaluated by University management for reasonableness.
10. Auxiliary enterprises primarily consist of student housing, dining services, and bookstore operations. Auxiliary enterprises expenses include direct administration and general costs related to their operations as well as interest and depreciation.
11. Operations and maintenance expense, interest expense, and depreciation expense are allocated to the appropriate functional categories.
12. As of June 30, 2016, the carrying value of notes and mortgage notes payable approximate fair value because these financial instruments, in the aggregate, bear interest at rates, which approximate current market rates for loans with similar maturities and credit quality.  
  
A reasonable estimate of the fair value of student loans receivable, which are primarily federally sponsored student loans with U.S. government mandated interest rates and repayment terms, cannot be made because the notes are not saleable and can only be assigned to the U.S. government or its designees.
13. Student loan grants refundable represent advances from the Federal government, which are repayable to the Federal government upon discontinuance of the loan program and, thus, are reflected as liabilities on the statement of financial position.
14. Cash equivalents include investments with original maturities of three months or less, and include money market funds except those included in short- and long-term investments, investments whose use is restricted, and investments held by bond trustees.
15. The statement of activities distinguishes between operating and nonoperating activities. Nonoperating activities of the University reflect gifts and donations of a permanent nature to be

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used by the University to generate a return that will support operations, as well as investment return in excess of or less than the spending policy (see notes 2 and 9).

16. The University participates in the following three types of split-interest agreements: charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and pooled (life) income funds. Charitable remainder trusts are recorded at net present value in the statement of financial position as contributions receivable and amount to \$2,515,571 and \$2,337,122 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Charitable gift annuities are recorded at fair value in the statement of financial position as long-term investments. The present value of estimated payments to annuitants is recorded as accounts payable using discount rates ranging from 1.2% to 6.2%. The State of New Jersey requires the University to maintain a reserve fund that is the higher of (1) \$100,000 or (2) 110% of the estimated remainder value of the outstanding gift annuity agreements. Pooled (life) income funds are recorded at fair value in the statement of financial position as long-term investments.

Temporarily restricted contribution revenue is measured at the fair value of assets received under split-interest agreements, discounted for a term equal to the life expectancy of the donor or the term of the charitable remainder trust, and recorded at the time of receipt. One new split interest agreement was received in 2016. The difference between the fair value of the assets received and the revenue recognized is recorded as deferred revenue in the statement of financial position. Changes in the life expectancy of the donor or beneficiary, amortization of the discount and other changes in the estimates of future payments relating to the above split-interest agreements are recorded as private gifts and grants revenue in the statement of activities.

**(c) *Prior Year Comparative Financial Information***

The statement of financial position is presented with prior year comparative financial information. Such information is not sufficient to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the University's financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, from which the comparative information was derived.

**(d) *Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The most significant assumptions relate to fair value of alternative investments, estimated depreciable lives, allowance for doubtful accounts, asset retirement obligations, classification of net assets, classification of functional expenses, and discounting of contributions receivable. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**(e) *Asset Retirement Obligation***

The University recognizes the fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with asset retirements in the period in which the obligation is incurred if a reasonable estimate of the fair value

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of the obligation can be made. When the liability is initially recorded, the University capitalizes the cost of the asset retirement obligation by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. The liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost associated with the retirement obligation is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the obligation, any difference between the cost to settle the asset retirement obligation and the liability recorded is recognized as a gain or loss in the statement of activities.

**(f) *Income Taxes***

The University is an organization described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code on income generated by activities that are substantially related to its tax-exempt purpose.

There are certain transactions that could be deemed unrelated business income and could result in a tax liability. Management reviews transactions to estimate potential tax liabilities using a more likely than not threshold. It is management's estimation that there are no material tax liabilities that need to be recorded.

**(g) *New Accounting Pronouncement***

In 2015, The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-10, which clarified the definition of an equity security to include an investment in a structure similar to a mutual fund. The fair value of an equity security is considered to be readily determinable if the fair value per share is determined and published, and is the basis for current transactions. Certain investments that meet this definition aggregating \$1,355,264 were previously reported at net asset value and excluded from the fair value hierarchy table. The prior year disclosure has been reclassified to reflect these investments in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy table.

**(h) *Reclassifications***

Certain reclassifications of fiscal year 2015 amounts have been made to conform to the fiscal year 2016 presentation.

**(2) *Investments and Fair Value***

Investments are included in two categories of assets in the statement of financial position: short-term investments are comprised of unexpended operating and plant funds; and long term investments are comprised of both permanently restricted endowment funds and those funds functioning as endowment.

The Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees establishes investment pools, sets policy and asset allocation guidelines for investment of the various funds, determines spending rates and selects external professional investment managers. External investment managers have authority for determining investment strategy, security selection and timing within the approved policy.

The objective of the operating and unexpended plant fund investments is to maximize income while preserving principal value and maintaining liquidity to meet University needs. These funds are invested in U.S. dollar denominated fixed income securities of domestic and foreign entities. The objective of the

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endowment fund investments is to achieve long-term capital appreciation within prudent risk restraints. Endowment funds may be invested in equity and fixed income mutual funds, commodities, real estate and alternative investment strategies including hedge, private equity, and distressed debt.

The University's investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position.

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy was established, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value are:

- Level 1 – Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the University has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 – Inputs are other than quoted prices in level one such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 – Inputs that are unobservable and investments in investees, which may not permit redemption at net asset value (or equivalent) at the measurement date. Inputs may include recent transactions, earnings forecasts, market multiples, future cash flows, and other factors.

An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The majority of the University's long-term investments are invested with the Commonfund for Nonprofit Organizations (Commonfund). Commonfund is a tax-exempt membership corporation that operates the endowment funds for the benefit of institutions eligible for membership in the Commonfund. The University's interests in these funds are reported at NAV.

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The following tables present the fair value hierarchy for the University's investments, which are reported at fair value and their redemption/liquidation features at June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	2016				Redemption or liquidation	Days' notice	
	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3			
Investments:							
Short-term investments:							
Corporate bonds	\$ 59,361,128	—	59,361,128	—	Daily	1	
Solar energy credits	131,412	—	131,412	—	Daily	1	
Corporate stock	96,447	—	96,447	—	Daily	1	
Subtotal short-term investments	59,588,987	—	59,588,987	—			
Long-term investments:							
Cash and cash equivalents	3,664,214	3,664,214	—	—	Daily	1	
U.S. government and agencies	129,230	129,230	—	—	Daily	1	
Global natural resources stock index fund	610,583	610,583	—	—	Daily	2	(a)
U.S. TIPS Index Fund	1,072,409	1,072,409	—	—	Daily	2	(b)
Other funds	800,494	800,494	—	—	Daily	1	
Real property (2)	240,000	—	240,000	—			not applicable
Other	46,205	—	—	46,205	Illiquid		not applicable
	\$	6,276,930	59,828,987	46,205			
Investments reported at NAV (or its equivalent):							
Primarily domestic fixed income funds	10,590,542				Weekly	5	(c)
Non-U.S. fixed income fund	912,056				Monthly	5	(d)
Primarily domestic equity funds	22,189,793				Monthly	5	(e)
Non-U.S. equity funds	16,072,575				Monthly	5	(f)
Multistrategy commodities fund	937,794				Monthly	5	(g)
Hedged equity funds	12,423,246				Weekly	5	(h)
Relative value and event-driven fund	799,396				Semi-annually	95	(i)
Limited partnerships (1):							
Private equity and venture capital funds	3,948,399				Illiquid		not applicable (j)
Distressed debt funds	506,552				Illiquid		not applicable (k)
Natural resources funds	1,850,940				Illiquid		not applicable (l)
Real estate funds	2,231,521				Illiquid		not applicable (m)
Subtotal long-term investments	79,025,949						
	\$	138,614,936					

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	2015					
	<u>Fair value</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Redemption or liquidation</u>	<u>Days' notice</u>
Investments:						
Short-term investments:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 52,677,036	—	52,677,036	—	Daily	1
Solar energy credits	28,355	28,355	—	—	Daily	1
Corporate stock	17,298	17,298	—	—	Daily	1
Subtotal short-term investments	<u>52,722,689</u>	<u>45,653</u>	<u>52,677,036</u>	<u>—</u>		
Long-term investments:						
Cash and cash equivalents	3,308,989	3,308,989	—	—	Daily	1
U.S. government and agencies	168,286	168,286	—	—	Daily	1
Global natural resources stock index fund	327,327	327,327	—	—	Daily	2 (a)
U.S. TIPS index fund	1,027,937	1,027,937	—	—	Daily	2 (b)
Other funds	1,200,407	1,200,407	—	—	Daily	1
Real property (2)	240,000	—	240,000	—		not applicable
Other	46,572	—	—	46,572	Illiquid	not applicable
	<u>\$ 6,078,599</u>	<u>52,917,036</u>	<u>46,572</u>			
Investments reported at NAV (or its equivalent):						
Primarily domestic fixed income funds	9,706,174				Weekly	5 (c)
Non-U.S. fixed income fund	1,810,480				Monthly	5 (d)
Primarily domestic equity funds	23,410,853				Monthly	5 (e)
Non-U.S. equity funds	17,828,078				Monthly	5 (f)
Multistrategy commodities fund	1,067,769				Monthly	5 (g)
Hedged equity funds	5,947,625				Monthly	65 (h)
Relative value and event-driven fund	4,038,351				Semi-annually	95 (i)
Limited partnerships (1):						
Private equity and venture capital funds	3,515,968				Illiquid	not applicable (j)
Distressed debt funds	755,974				Illiquid	not applicable (k)
Natural resources funds	1,742,506				Illiquid	not applicable (l)
Real estate funds	2,110,151				Illiquid	not applicable (m)
Subtotal long-term investments	<u>78,253,447</u>					
	<u>\$ 130,976,136</u>					

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- (1) These funds are illiquid, limited partnerships that in general do not offer access to redemptions during the life of the partnership. Some of the partnerships allow a portion of the investment to be redeemed during the life of the partnership subject to certain restrictions. Estimated partnership end dates range from 2017 to 2026. The partnerships are subject to potential extensions (up to 3 years) of the final termination date.
- (2) Redemption is subject to the terms of the related gift instruments/life estate.
- (a) The global natural resource stock index fund is managed by State Street Global Advisors. The fund invests in equity securities worldwide with an objective of approximating, before expenses, the performance of the MSCI World Resource Industry index over the long term.
- (b) The U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected (TIPS) index fund is managed by State Street Global Advisors. The fund invests primarily in U.S. government securities with an objective of approximating, before expenses, the performance of the Barclay's U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) index over the long term.
- (c) This category includes fixed income funds managed by Commonfund that focus primarily on U.S. securities: the Commonfund high quality bond fund and the Commonfund contingent asset portfolio. The high quality bond fund invests in investment grade U.S. fixed income securities. The contingent asset portfolio fund invests in U.S. agency mortgage securities.
- (d) The global bond fund is managed by Commonfund and invests in sovereign bonds and other fixed income securities worldwide.
- (e) This category includes holdings within two equity funds managed by Commonfund: the strategic solutions global equity fund and the strategic solutions equity fund. The strategic solutions global equity fund provides broad exposure to global opportunistic stock selectors. The fund allocates assets across a diversified portfolio of common stocks and equity-linked securities of companies in the global public equity markets. The fund is unconstrained by geography, strategy, and market capitalization. The benchmark of the fund is the MSCI All Country World Index. The strategic solutions equity fund invests in common stocks and securities convertible into common stock of companies with market capitalizations in the range of companies in the S&P 500 Index, the benchmark index of the fund.
- (f) This category includes holdings within the strategic solutions equity fund, which is described in (e) above.
- (g) This fund is managed by Commonfund and pursues diversified exposure to commodities through a combination of custom index swaps and future overlays. The fixed income portion of the portfolio is invested primarily in money markets and U.S. government securities.
- (h) During 2016, this category includes holdings within the strategic solutions global equity fund, which is described in (e) above. During 2015, this category includes two funds managed by Commonfund. One fund invested primarily in absolute return-oriented, low-beta hedged equity strategies and the other seeks to exceed the performance of the S&P 500 Composite Index by investing in a combination of S&P 500 futures and absolute return-oriented, low-beta hedged equity strategies.



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- (i) This fund is managed by Commonfund and invests in three broad categories: event driven strategies, credit/distressed strategies, and multistrategy (combination of event driven, credit and other arbitrage strategies). Event driven strategies are long and short positions that seek to create value from an anticipated corporate “event” such as merger arbitrage, tender offers, spin offs, reorganizations, and bankruptcies. Credit/distressed strategies include current pay bonds and bank debt, distressed bonds/bank debt mortgage backed securities and post reorganization equity.
- (j) This category includes 9 domestic and international private equity and venture capital funds managed by Commonfund.
- (k) This category includes 2 distressed debt funds managed by Commonfund which invest in various private equity funds, hedge funds and partnerships managed by independent investment advisors. One fund pursues a program of turnaround and distressed debt investing, employing active trading and investing strategies on a global basis. The other fund invests in performing restructured debt, stressed debt distressed debt, “special situation” and mezzanine debt investments.
- (l) This category includes 4 natural resource funds managed by Commonfund, which invest primarily in other limited partnerships, which in turn make oil, gas and other natural resource related investments with the objective of obtaining long term growth of capital.
- (m) This category includes 2 real estate funds managed by Commonfund. One fund invests in a diversified portfolio of open-end, third party investment funds which, focus on core real estate investing. The other fund invests in value-add, distressed, and opportunistic private real estate funds, focusing on a strategy of noncore real estate investing.

The following tables present the University’s activity for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 for assets measured at fair value using unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	<b>Other</b>
Fair value at June 30, 2014	\$ 63,668
Proceeds from sales	(18,466)
Net unrealized gains	1,370
Fair value at June 30, 2015	46,572
Proceeds from sales	—
Net unrealized losses	(367)
Fair value at June 30, 2016	\$ 46,205

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At June 30, 2016, the University's outstanding capital commitments relating to investments totaled \$3,926,450 which primarily relate to the limited partnership investments. The estimated capital call amounts for the next five fiscal years and thereafter are summarized in the table below:

	<b>Amount</b>
Fiscal year:	
2017	\$ 804,450
2018	766,000
2019	660,000
2020	559,500
2021	540,000
Thereafter	596,500
	\$ 3,926,450
Total	

Investment return is comprised of interest, dividends and net realized and unrealized gains and losses. Return for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 is comprised of:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Return, net of expenses of \$957,663 and \$1,537,640, respectively:		
Interest and dividends	\$ 2,355,333	2,003,949
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains	(1,527,366)	485,421
Total return	827,967	2,489,370
Investment return allocated to operations	4,778,000	4,208,214
Investment return – nonoperating	\$ (3,950,033)	(1,718,844)

The University has an investment return spending policy on pooled investments. The spending rate may be adjusted by the governing board to reflect current conditions in maintaining a prudent spending policy. The currently approved formula for annual spending uses a 36-month average fair value and applies a 5% spending rate to the average. Pooled investment income and realized and unrealized gains or losses are allocated to operations at the University's spending policy amount. Remaining pooled investment return is allocated to nonoperating. Investment income from nonpooled investments is allocated to operations and realized and unrealized gains or losses are allocated to nonoperating.

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**(3) Receivables**

Receivables consist of the following as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Student accounts receivable	\$ 3,769,939	3,497,429
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,643,934)	(2,493,347)
Student accounts receivable, net	\$ 1,126,005	1,004,082
Grants and other receivables	\$ 2,901,516	4,662,219
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(116,497)	(96,453)
Grants and other receivables, net	\$ 2,785,019	4,565,766
Contributions receivable are scheduled to be collected in:		
Less than 1 year	\$ 1,702,066	2,027,091
1–5 years	3,041,720	1,434,879
More than 5 years	6,633,591	6,943,107
	11,377,377	10,405,077
Less present value discount at rates ranging from 1.8% to 6%	(3,080,249)	(3,521,701)
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(138,650)	(153,870)
Contributions receivable, net	\$ 8,158,478	6,729,506
Student loans receivable	\$ 5,519,703	5,367,062
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	(863,700)	(825,700)
Student loans receivable, net	\$ 4,656,003	4,541,362

There are nine donors that have contributions receivable that represent 84% of the above gross contributions receivable at June 30, 2016 and seven that represent 82% of the balance at 2015. Additionally, one donor accounted for 35% and 59% of the total private gifts and grants revenue during fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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**(4) Land, Buildings, and Equipment, and Construction in Progress**

**(a) Land, Buildings, and Equipment**

Land, buildings, and equipment consist of the following as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Land	\$ 15,684,066	15,684,066
Buildings	179,826,659	172,896,839
Improvements	100,819,144	100,047,622
Equipment	25,995,228	24,195,087
	322,325,097	312,823,614
Less accumulated depreciation	(150,636,195)	(143,416,474)
	\$ 171,688,902	169,407,140

**(b) Construction in Progress**

Construction in progress consists of the following projects as of June 30, 2016 and 2015:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Edison Science	\$ 18,712,895	4,359,528
Wilson Hall Fire System	484,111	372,570
Football Stadium	1,721,461	1,213,862
Wilson Hall wiring	137,405	129,635
Woods Theatre renovations	—	174,282
Pozycki Hall	—	5,809,364
	\$ 21,055,872	12,059,241

Commitments outstanding on projects included in construction in progress as of June 30, 2016 amounted to approximately \$25.3 million. The Edison Science project is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2017.

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**(5) Notes Payable and Mortgage Notes Payable**

A summary of notes payable as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	2016	2015
<p>New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority Dormitory Safety Trust Fund Program, the University has been allocated up to \$1,243,700 for the purpose of purchasing and installing sprinklers in dormitories on campus. The University has borrowed \$1,243,700 of the available funds at an interest rate of 0%. Imputed interest at a rate of 4.7% is recorded as interest expense and offset by grant revenue. Payments of \$60,000 per year are required through 2018 on the 2003 bonds and payments of \$26,428 are required through 2016 on the 2001 bonds.</p>	\$ 120,000	206,430
<p>New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund, Series 2002 A, the University has been allocated \$4,587,539 for the purpose of addressing deferred maintenance and other specific capital needs. Of this amount, the University is to repay 50% or \$2,293,769 plus interest at rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.25%. Payments of principal commenced August 2006 and complete in June 2023.</p>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">1,483,898</div>	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black;">1,593,907</div>
	\$ 1,603,898	1,800,337

A summary of mortgage notes payable as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	2016	2015
<p>OceanFirst Bank \$20,000,000 mortgage loan, the proceeds of which were used to refinance temporary financing for the construction of new student housing and to refund and defease NJEFA Bonds 1993 Series A, 1997 Series C and 1998 Series C. Due in monthly installments at an interest rate of 5.875% per annum to April 15, 2021.</p>	\$ 11,130,770	13,067,286
<p>Brott Realty, LLC \$6,000,000 mortgage loan, the proceeds of which were used to finance the purchase of the Diplomat Apartments complex. Due in monthly installments at an interest rate of 5.5% to December 2027.</p>	5,005,575	5,309,440

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	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Anthony J. Bardaro Trust \$2,706,655 mortgage loan, the proceeds of which were used to finance the purchase of the Diplomat Apartments complex. Due in monthly installments at an interest rate of 5.5% to November 2022.	\$ <u>1,902,158</u>	<u>2,142,802</u>
	\$ <u><u>18,038,503</u></u>	<u><u>20,519,528</u></u>

On November 30, 2012, the University closed on the purchase of the Diplomat Apartments, later to be renamed by the University, The Bluffs. The University was previously leasing the majority of the apartments in the complex for additional student residence hall space. The selling price of the Diplomat Apartments was \$15,200,000. The Apartment Complex was purchased using \$6,000,000 of proceeds from a mortgage with the seller, Brott Reality, LLC, \$2,706,655 of proceeds from a mortgage with the Anthony J. Bardaro Trust, and the remainder of the funding coming from University funds.

The mortgage with Brott Reality, LLC holds a lien on the Diplomat Apartments and requires the University to repay the principal with interest at a rate of 5.5% in monthly installments of \$49,025 through December 1, 2027.

The mortgage with the Anthony J. Bardaro Trust holds a lien on the Diplomat Apartments that is subordinate to the Brott Reality, LLC lien and requires the University to repay the principal with interest at a rate of 5.5% in monthly installments of \$29,374 through November 30, 2022. The principal may not be prepaid in part and shall be pre-payable in whole only with the simultaneous payment of the following prepayment premium:

From January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018	\$ 1,350,000
From January 1, 2019 to November 29, 2022	900,000

Total debt service payments due over the next five years and thereafter applicable to all of the above described notes and mortgage notes payable are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Year ending June 30:			
2017	\$ 2,802,169	1,042,833	3,845,002
2018	2,966,238	876,113	3,842,351
2019	3,079,177	701,322	3,780,499
2020	3,261,462	518,668	3,780,130
2021	3,012,304	325,145	3,337,449
Thereafter	<u>4,521,051</u>	<u>673,698</u>	<u>5,194,749</u>
	\$ <u><u>19,642,401</u></u>	<u><u>4,137,779</u></u>	<u><u>23,780,180</u></u>

Total interest paid on notes and mortgage notes in 2016 and 2015 was \$1,189,624 and \$1,334,456, respectively.

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**(6) Operating Leases**

The University is obligated under noncancelable operating leases with terms in excess of one year relating to rental of facilities for off-campus programs and student housing. Rental expense was \$1,176,063 and \$1,268,564 during 2016 and 2015, respectively. The required minimum lease payments at June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2017	\$ 1,256,816
2018	654,904
2019	658,364
2020	509,685
2021 - 2022	64,107
	<u>\$ 3,143,876</u>

**(7) Retirement Plans**

**(a) Pension Plans**

The University offers a defined contribution retirement plan with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA), College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF), Equitable Financial Services and Fidelity Investments, which provide for the purchase of annuities and/or investments for employees.

Employees of the University are eligible to participate in the Plan and elect to have deferrals made on their behalf immediately upon hire. Employees who satisfy the eligibility criteria for their employee classification and contribute a minimum of 5% of eligible compensation are eligible to receive employer contributions. The University will contribute 8% of each faculty member's total compensation beginning the first day of the month following the completion of one year of service. For administrators, staff, police and facilities employees, the University will contribute 8% of total compensation beginning the first day of the month following the completion of two years of service.

The University's policy is to fund pension costs accrued. There is no past service liability. Pension expense under these plans aggregated \$4,732,671 and \$4,655,219 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

**(b) Postretirement Plan**

The University is required to recognize the total accumulated postretirement benefit obligation for the University's retiree healthcare plan.

The accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 is \$1,366,006 and \$1,186,264, respectively, and is recorded in accrued payroll and fringe benefits in the statement of financial position.

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**(8) Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets**

Temporarily restricted net assets as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 consist of contributions and other unexpended revenues and gains available for the following purposes:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Construction	\$ 8,946,172	11,045,551
Scholarships	5,474,330	5,124,286
Faculty chairs	3,524,253	3,304,928
Instruction	507,026	452,480
Research	2,315,532	2,138,401
Public service	234,741	236,653
Academic support	4,754,154	4,433,494
Time restricted	9,371,909	11,848,269
Operation and maintenance of plant	323,858	264,562
Other	221,801	131,898
	<u>\$ 35,673,776</u>	<u>38,980,522</u>

Permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 2016 and 2015 consist of endowment contributions from donors with income to be used primarily for the following purposes:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Scholarships	\$ 14,061,934	12,890,190
Faculty chairs	6,073,304	6,072,329
Instruction	576,984	572,984
Academic support	11,108,935	11,108,435
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,283,058	1,283,058
Student Service	295,595	295,595
Other	407,209	407,209
	<u>\$ 33,807,019</u>	<u>32,629,800</u>

**(9) Endowment**

The University's endowment consists of 245 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

**(a) Interpretation of Relevant Law**

The Monmouth University Board of Trustees has interpreted the New Jersey Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of



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the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. The University classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the University considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the organization
- (7) The investment policies of the organization

Endowment net assets consist of the following at June 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (81)	18,761	33,807	52,487
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>26,512</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>26,512</u>
Total endowed net assets	\$ <u>26,431</u>	<u>18,761</u>	<u>33,807</u>	<u>78,999</u>

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Endowment net assets consist of the following at June 30, 2015 (in thousands):

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (19)	20,444	32,630	53,055
Board-designated endowment funds	<u>27,291</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>27,291</u>
Total endowed net assets	\$ <u>27,272</u>	<u>20,444</u>	<u>32,630</u>	<u>80,346</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily restricted</u>	<u>Permanently restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2014	\$ <u>27,003</u>	<u>18,634</u>	<u>30,801</u>	<u>76,438</u>
Investment return:				
Investment income	\$ 470	680	—	1,150
Net appreciation	<u>240</u>	<u>430</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>670</u>
Total investment return	710	1,110	—	1,820
Contributions	5	2,082	1,829	3,916
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	(1,374)	(1,958)	—	(3,332)
Transfer from funds available for operations	500	—	—	500
Unspent appropriation returned to principal	381	556	—	937
Unspent appropriation related to underwater endowments returned to principal	<u>47</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>67</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2015	\$ <u>27,272</u>	<u>20,444</u>	<u>32,630</u>	<u>80,346</u>

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	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily restricted</b>	<b>Permanently restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
Investment return:				
Investment income	\$ 534	712	—	1,246
Net depreciation	(828)	(1,040)	—	(1,868)
Total investment return	(294)	(328)	—	(622)
Contributions	4	199	1,177	1,380
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	(1,576)	(2,066)	—	(3,642)
Transfer from funds available for operations	600	—	—	600
Unspent appropriation returned to principal	374	455	—	829
Unspent appropriation related to underwater endowments returned to principal	51	57	—	108
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2016	\$ 26,431	18,761	33,807	78,999

**(b) Funds with Deficiencies**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the University to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. Deficiencies of this nature that are reported in unrestricted net assets were approximately \$81,000 and \$19,000 as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Appropriations for these programs for the year ended June 30, 2016 were made from unrestricted funds.

**(c) Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The University has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the organization must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of various benchmark indices while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. The University expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return of approximately 10.5% annually. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

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**(d) *Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives***

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

**(e) *Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy***

The University has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year 5% of its endowment fund's average fair value over the prior 36 months through the calendar year-end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the University considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long-term, the University expects its spending policy to allow its endowment to maintain the purchasing power of its endowment assets while providing growth through new gifts and excess investment return. If the spending appropriations for individual endowments are not able to be expended for the restricted or designated purpose or activity during the fiscal year, the unspent appropriations are returned to principal for reinvestment. The Investment Committee determines on an annual basis the prudence of spending funds related to an endowment that is considered to be underwater. Under the Board approved endowment spending policy, the 2017 appropriation is \$3,951,245.

**(10) Subsequent Events**

The University evaluated events subsequent to June 30, 2016 and through October 28, 2016, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

On June 27, 2016, the State of NJ Secretary of Higher Education certified a list of approved projects for the State Capital Improvement Fund Program (CIF) and Building our Future Bond Act (Go Bonds). The Secretary's certification recommended the University to receive a \$3,184,500 CIF grant and \$1,815,500 in Go Bonds. The New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (NJEFA) intends to issue CIF Bonds during the fall to fund the grants. For the Go Bond program grant agreements will not be executed by the State until due diligence is completed on their part. The proceeds from these grants have been designated for the renovation and addition to the Edison Science Building.

The University concludes that there are no additional subsequent events to disclose.