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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma Northeastern State University Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northeastern State University (the "University"), a department of the Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), which is a component unit of the State of Oklahoma, and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University'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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the University's discretely presented component unit, the Northeastern State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"). Those financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Foundation, is based solely on the report of the 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 financial statements of the Foundation were not audited in accordance with *Governmental 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 auditor's 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditor, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the University and its discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements of the University are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of RUSO that is attributable to the transactions of the University. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of RUSO as of June 30, 2018, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 28, 2018, on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

November 28, 2018

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) Northeastern State University June 30, 2018

Introductory Synopsis

Founded on the rich educational heritage of the Cherokee Nation, the campuses of Northeastern State University (NSU) provide its diverse communities with lifelong learning through a broad array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional doctoral degree programs. With high expectations for student success, the University provides quality teaching, challenging curricula, research and scholarly activities, immersive learning opportunities, and service to local and professional communities. The institution's dedicated faculty and staff offer a service-oriented, supportive learning environment where students prepare to achieve professional and personal success in a multicultural and global society.

NSU, with a five-star rating, was honored as one of the region's Top Inclusive Workplace Cultures by Mosaic, the Tulsa Regional Camber's diversity business council. To gain recognition, an organization must meet certain criteria based on each of the five key metrics that drive Mosaic's work: CEO commitment, diverse suppliers, people, internal policies and community outreach. NSU was one of only 24 organizations in the region that received a five-star rating.

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education recognized NSU's College of Education Robotics Program as the winner of the 2018 AACTE Best Practice Award for the Innovative Use of Technology.



Over the past year, engineers completed a series of tests to determine the impact of water that penetrated some areas in the brick structure of Seminary Hall. Bids were received to find matching replacement bricks. Thanks to the gift from the Cherokee Nation work will continue in the months ahead to make exterior repairs.

Wilson Hall was selected to receive the 2018 State Historic Preservation Officer's Citation of Merit for the exterior rehabilitation completed during Phase I. Phase II of the renovation of Wilson Hall began with Academic Programming and continued this year with interior

demolition and restructuring.

April 2018 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Muskogee Campus. We appreciate the significant contribution of land and finances by the citizen of Muskogee in 1993 that helped lead us to where we are today.

The Preserve our Past, eNSUre our Future Campaign raised over \$21 million towards our goal of \$25,075,000 (almost 84% of the goal). The NSU Foundation received donations totaling over \$3.5 million, our third highest total in the Foundation's 47-year history. Last year, we awarded a record high of over \$848,000 in student scholarships. This is up 10% over the prior year's total, which was the previous all-time high.

Overview of Financial Statements and Financial Analysis

The financial statements of Northeastern State University are presented for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The most recent financial statements of the NSU Foundation are included in this presentation under the heading *Component Unit*. Financial analysis data is presented within this discussion for fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

Management's discussion and analysis is designed to focus on current activities, resulting changes, and current known facts. It should be read in conjunction with the University's financial statements and footnotes. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) principles and focus on NSU as a whole.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents current and non-current assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position (assets minus liabilities) as of the end of the fiscal year. The purpose of the Statement of Net Position is to present a fiscal snapshot of the University.

Net position is divided into three major categories. The first, Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Debt, provides the institution's equity in property, plant and equipment. Expendable restricted net position is available for expenditure by the university, but must be spent for purposes as determined by donors and/or external entities. Unrestricted assets are available to the University for any lawful purpose.

Statement of Net Position		
(Thousands of Dollars)		
	2018	2017
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 45,906	\$ 43,392
Capital assets, net	158,203	163,618
Other assets	11,915	11,814
Total Assets	\$216,024	\$218,824
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	\$ 11,739	\$ 10,491
Noncurrent liabilities	50,955	57,614
Total Liabilities	\$ 62,694	\$ 68,105
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred gain on OCIA lease restructure	\$ 503	\$ 556

Net Position:		
Invested in capital assets	\$108,463	\$111,190
Restricted, expendable	16,845	15,548
Unrestricted	27,519	23,424
Total Net Position	\$152,827	\$150,162



Total net position of the University increased \$2.6 million during fiscal year 2018.

Current assets increased \$2.5 million during fiscal year 2018 due to an increase in current unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

Capital assets are reflected net of depreciation. A schedule of capital assets including additions and retirements can be found in Note E to the financial statements. Net capital

assets decreased \$5.4 million during fiscal year 2018 primarily due to depreciation expensed in 2018 offset by the addition of Leoser Housing and University Center renovations. The chart below provides further information.

Change in Capital Assets	2018	2017
Additions: Buildings	\$ 7.6 million	\$ 12.5 million
Construction in Progress Equipment	(4.1 million) .7 million	(6.9 million) 2.2 million
Library Materials	(3.9 million)	(.05 million)
Deduction: Net Depreciation	(5.7 million)	(9.06 million)

Liabilities include both current liabilities, such as accounts payable, and noncurrent liabilities, such as bond and lease obligations. Total liabilities decreased \$5.4 million during fiscal year 2018. Current liabilities increased \$1.2 million. This amount includes an increase of \$1 million in current portion of noncurrent liabilities and increase of \$.2 million in unearned revenue. Noncurrent liabilities decreased \$6.6 million as debt obligations were paid down. Further information about long-term liabilities can be found in Note F to the financial statements.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position is used to display the sources and uses of funds of the university during the fiscal year. This information must be viewed over a period of time to determine if the goals of the institution are being met. Public institutions will normally have an excess of operating expenses over operating revenues as state appropriations are considered non-operating revenues under generally accepted accounting principles.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and	Changes in Net P	osition
(Thousands of Dollars)		
	Fiscal Year Ended	d June 30
	2018	2017
Operating revenues	\$53,597	\$51,072
Employee compensation and benefits	(64,121)	(65,689)
Depreciation expense	(10,628)	(10,243)
Other operating expense	(31,773)	(30,773)
Operating Income (Loss)	(52,925)	(55,633)
Federal, state and local grants	20,951	20,049
State appropriations	28,465	30,566
On behalf payments, gifts,		
investments and interest exp.	370	(453)
Capital gifts	1,353	121
State appropriations for capital purposes	4,451	4,441
Change in Net Position	2,665	(909)
Net Position, beginning of year	150,162	151,071
Net Position, end of year	\$ 152,827	\$ 150,162

Operating revenue includes tuition, fees, state and federal grants and contracts and revenue generated

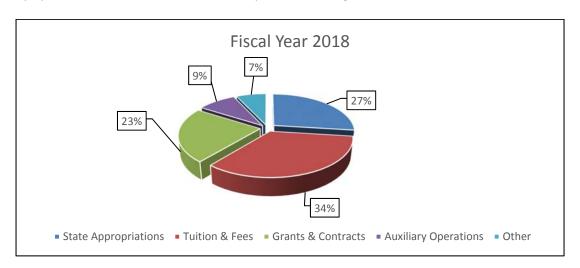


by auxiliary units. Total operating revenue increased \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2018. Student tuition and fee revenue increased \$1.5 million as the result of a tuition increase of 2.5% and increase in college fees. The remaining increase in revenue was in federal and state grants of \$.6 million, other operating revenue of \$.3 and optometry contracts of \$.2 million.

The primary sources of non-operating revenue include federal and state grants related to financial aid and state appropriations. Financial aid revenue increased \$.9 million during fiscal year 2018. State appropriations received cuts resulting in a decreased of \$2.1 million. On behalf payments, gifts, investment etc. is comprised of gifts totaling \$2.1 million, investment income of \$350 thousand and

interest expense of \$2.1 million. NSU received capital gifts totaling \$1.3 million from Sodexo University Center remodel and equipment donations.

The following is a graphical representation of the sources of NSU's revenue. State appropriations are 27% of total NSU revenue, student tuition and fees are 34%, grants and financial aid revenue 23% and Auxiliary operations and other sources make up the remaining 16%.



Operating expenses include employee compensation, student scholarships, depreciation, other necessary supplies and service expenses. For FY18 operating expenses stayed relatively the same with only a small decrease of \$182 thousand. The decrease in operating expense was a result of increase in scholarships of \$1.4 million, decrease in compensation of \$1.5 million and decrease of \$82 thousand in the remaining categories of operating expenses.

Change in net position reflects net income or loss for the year. The net income change for fiscal year 2018 is a increase of \$2.6 million.

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows presents detailed information about cash receipts and disbursements of



the university during the year. The statement is divided into five parts. The first shows the net cash used by the operating activities of the university. The second reflects cash flows from non-capital financing activities. The primary source of revenue for non-capital financing activities is from state appropriations. The third section is cash flows from investing activities, which shows the purchase, proceeds and interest received from investing activities. The fourth section deals with cash flows from capital and related financing activities, which includes the acquisition and construction of capital and related items. The fifth and final section reconciles the net cash used to the operating income reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets.

Statement of Cash Flows		
(Thousands of Dollars)		
	Fiscal Year End	ed June 30
	2018	2017
Cash provided (used) by		
Operating activities	\$(42,137)	\$(45,828)
Noncapital financing activities	51,590	52,137
Investing activities	304	661
Capital and related financing activities	(6,742)	(11,738)
Net Change in Cash	3,015	(4,768)
Cash, beginning of year	43,855	48,623
Cash, end of year	\$46,870	\$43,855

The net cash balance increased \$3.015 million during fiscal year 2018. Completion of capital construction projects have reduced when compared to prior years.



Component Units

The University Foundation meets the criteria for inclusion as a discretely presented component unit of the university. The most recent financial statements of the University Foundation are included in this presentation under the heading *Component Unit*.

Economic Outlook

As we began FY18 our base funding from state appropriations was \$28,266,464. In mid-February, we received a cut to the appropriation of \$172,427, lowering our base to \$28,094,037. Fortunately funding for Concurrent Enrollment Waiver reimbursements increased in FY19 from \$94,089 to \$379,327, National Guard Fee Waivers decreased from \$50,442 to \$24,914, and OK Clearinghouse for Literacy also decreased from \$49,475 to \$49,173. Therefore, NSU will see a year-to-date net increase of \$86,981 for FY19. Although we hoped for a larger restoration in state appropriations, we are grateful for the slight increase in overall state funding.

We are encouraged by an increase of 2.5% in headcount and 9.2% in credit hour production in our summer enrollment. Enrollment for the fall 2019 semester is slightly down compared to recent years.

To meet our budget needs, we increased our tuition by 6.0% for FY19 with no increase to our mandatory fees. Even with this increase, NSU's tuition is still the lowest of the RUSO institutions. This places NSU in the ninth position when ranking the tuition of the 11 comprehensive universities, from highest to lowest.

Our commitment to provide a relevant and rigorous education to Green Country students is strong and our resolve to accomplish our mission and strategic initiatives is unshakable. NSU's faculty and staff fully embrace our role in improving the lives of Oklahomans through degree completion while staying focused on creating efficiencies.



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

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ASSETS	_	University June 30, 2018	 Component Unit eccember 31, 2017
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,311,078	\$ 1,640,642
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		4,987,981	-
Restricted investments		-	31,276,453
Accounts receivable, net		5,763,926	-
Receivable from state agencies		952,081	-
Interest receivable		814,919	5,604
Inventories and other current assets		570,692	75,899
Current portion of notes receivable, net		505,000	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		45,905,677	32,998,598
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		9,570,758	-
Notes receivable, net		2,344,185	-
Capital assets, net		158,203,092	 46,000
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS	_	170,118,035	 46,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	216,023,712	\$ 33,044,598

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION--Continued

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

	University June 30,	Component Unit December 31,
LIABILITIES	2018	2017
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,342,325	\$ 5,433
Accrued payroll	605,602	-
Accrued interest	36,066	-
Unearned revenue	3,143,404	-
Deposits held in custody for others	86,223	-
Current portion of noncurrent liabilities	6,525,396	10,420
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	11,739,016	15,853
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued compensated absences	1,831,618	-
Other liabilities	-	2,576
Federal loan program contributions refundable	5,438,000	-
Unearned capital assets	100,000	-
Lease obligation payable to state agency	43,585,457	
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	50,955,075	2,576
TOTAL LIABILITIES	62,694,091	18,429
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred gain on OCIA lease restructure	502,761	-
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets Restricted:	108,463,278	-
Nonexpendable, primarily for scholarships Expendable:	-	17,542,698
Scholarships, instruction and other	7,080,351	12,319,243
Loans	392,755	-
Capital projects	5,970,285	-
Debt service	3,401,457	_
Unrestricted	27,518,734	3,164,228
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 152,826,860	\$ 33,026,169

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

		_	University Year Ended June 30, 2018		Component Unit Year Ended eccember 31, 2017
OPERATING REVENUES Student tuition and fees, net of scholarship		•	26214144	•	
discounts and allowances of \$15,935,080 Federal and state grants and contracts Housing and food service, net of scholarship		\$	36,314,144 3,169,644	\$	-
discounts and allowances of \$1,413,366			3,818,252		_
Optometry contracts and practice plan			5,476,033		-
Interest earned on loans to students			100,870		-
Gifts and contributions			-		4,049,128
Investment income			-		3,478,153
Other operating revenues		_	4,718,439		47,948
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		53,597,382		7,575,229
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Compensation			64,121,257		-
Contractual services			4,717,380		-
Supplies and materials			4,862,666		-
Depreciation			10,627,884		-
Utilities			3,393,072		-
Communication expense Scholarships and fellowships			191,626		1 5 41 6 40
Other operating expenses			10,940,962 7,667,556		1,541,648 745,030
Other operating expenses	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	_	106,522,403		2,286,678
	OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(52,925,021)		5,288,551
	OFERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(32,923,021)		3,200,331
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
State appropriations			28,464,829		-
Federal and state grants and contracts			20,951,040		-
Gifts and contributions			2,174,860		-
Investment income			352,541 (2.157.754)		-
Interest expense	NET MOMORED ATING DEVENING	_	(2,157,754) 49,785,516		<u>-</u>
	NET NONOPERATING REVENUES	_			<u>-</u>
Income (loss) before other revenues, expenses, gains and losses			(3,139,505)		5,288,551
State appropriations restricted for capital purposes			1,456,947		-
OCIA on-behalf payments			2,994,332		-
Contributed Capital		_	1,352,558		<u>-</u>
	CHANGE IN NET POSITION		2,664,332		5,288,551
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR			150,162,528		27,737,618
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR		\$	152,826,860	\$	33,026,169

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

Year Ended June 30, 2018

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Tuition and fees \$ Grants and contracts Other operating receipts	36,933,807
Grants and contracts	,,
Other operating receipts	3,218,754
o mar operating receipts	13,973,471
Payments to employees for salaries and benefits	(64,187,077)
Payments to suppliers	(32,328,128)
Loans made to students	(506,077)
Collection of student loans	757,922
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(42,137,328)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State appropriations	28,464,829
Nonoperating grants, primarily student financial assistance	20,951,040
Gifts for other than capital purposes	2,174,860
Direct loan/FFEL reciepts	34,133,273
Direct loan/FFEL payments	(34,133,273)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	51,590,729
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Investment income received	304,201
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	304,201
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND	
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Cash paid for capital assets	(4,057,173)
Capital appropriations received	1,456,947
Proceeds from capital debt and leases	623,397
Principal payments on capital debt and leases	(3,106,767)
Interest paid on capital debt and leases	(1,659,074)
NET CASH USED IN CAPITAL AND	((742 (70)
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(6,742,670)
NET INCREASE IN CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,014,932
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	43,854,885
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR §	46,869,817

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS--Continued

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

Year Ended June 30, 2018

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO		
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	ď	(52.025.021)
Operating loss	\$	(52,925,021)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss		
to net cash used by operating activities:		10 (27 004
Depreciation		10,627,884
Loss on the disposal of fixed assets		3,673
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable		262,791
Inventories		(66,072)
Loans receivable		251,845
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		181,533
Accrued payroll		7,176
Unearned revenue		265,859
Federal loan program contributions refundable		(674,000)
Compensated absences		(72,996)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	(42,137,328)
NONCASH INVESTING, NONCAPITAL FINANCING AND CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Principal on capital debt paid by OCIA on behalf of the University	\$	2,253,756
Interest on capital debt paid by OCIA on behalf of the University	\$	740,576
Non-cash capital grants and gifts	\$	1,352,558
	_	
Deferred gain on OCIA lease restructure	\$	502,761
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS TO STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,311,078
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Pastricted cash and cash equivalents		4 097 091
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		4,987,981
Noncurrent assets:		
*		4,987,981 9,570,758

See notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FEDUCIARY NET POSITION

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Fidu</u>	ciary Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	974,866
Total assets	\$	974,866
LIABILITIES		
LIABILITIES Due to OKHEEI	\$	974,866

See notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

June 30, 2018

NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Nature of Organization</u>: Northeastern State University (the "University") is a regional University operating under the jurisdiction of the Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO" or the "System") and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

<u>Reporting Entity</u>: The University is one of six institutions of higher education in Oklahoma that comprise part of the RUSO, which in turn is part of the Higher Education component unit of the State of Oklahoma.

The Board of Regents has constitutional authority to govern, control and manage RUSO, which consists of six institutions and an administrative office. This authority includes but is not limited to the power to designate management, significantly influence operations, acquire and take title to real and personal property in its name, and appoint or hire all necessary officers, supervisors, instructors, and employees for member institutions.

Accordingly, the University is considered an organizational unit of RUSO reporting entity for financial reporting purposes due to the significance of its legal, operational, and financial relationships with the Board of Regents as defined in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards.

<u>Discretely Presented Component Units</u>: Northeastern State University Foundation, Inc. (the "University Foundation") is a component unit of the University under GASB 39 that should be discretely presented with the financial statements of the University. The University Foundation has a fiscal year ending December 31. The University is the beneficiary of the University Foundation. The Foundation is a separate legal entity with its own Board of Trustees. The University Foundation is administered to provide benefit to the University. The University Foundation uses all contributions, grants and other revenues to aid the University in charitable, benevolent, religious, educational, scientific and literary purposes.

<u>Financial Statement Presentation</u>: The University's financial statements are presented in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statement and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Public Colleges and Universities*. Under GASB Statements No. 34 and 35, the University is required to present a statement of net position classified between current and noncurrent assets and liabilities and deferred outflows and inflows of resources; a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, with separate presentation for operating and nonoperating revenues and expenses; and a statement of cash flows using the direct method.

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A DEPARTMENT OF THE REGIONAL UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF OKLAHOMA

June 30, 2018

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

<u>Basis of Accounting</u>: For financial reporting purposes, the University is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the University's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred. All significant intra-agency transactions have been eliminated.

<u>Cash Equivalents</u>: For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the University considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Funds invested through the State Treasurer's Cash Management Program are considered cash equivalents.

<u>Investments</u>: The University accounts for its investments at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, the University has disclosed its deposit and investment policies related to the risks identified in GASB Statement No. 40. Changes in unrealized gain (loss) on the carrying value of investments are reported as a component of investment income in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

<u>Restricted Cash and Investments</u>: Cash and investments that are externally restricted to make debt service payments, maintain sinking or reserve funds, or to purchase capital or other noncurrent assets, are classified as restricted assets in the statements of net position.

Accounts Receivable: Accounts receivable consists of tuition and fee charges to students and auxiliary enterprise services provided to students, faculty and staff, the majority of each residing in the State of Oklahoma. Accounts receivable also include amounts due from the federal government, state and local governments, or private sources, in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to the University's grants and contracts. Accounts receivable are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.

<u>Inventories</u>: Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

<u>Capital Assets</u>: Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition, or acquisition value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. For equipment, the University's capitalization policy includes all items with a unit cost of \$2,500 or more, and an estimated useful life of greater than one year. Renovations to buildings, infrastructure, and land improvements that significantly increase the value or extend the useful life of the structure are capitalized. Routine repairs and maintenance are charged to operating expense in the year in which the expense was incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 40 to 60 years for buildings, 20 to 30 years for infrastructure and land improvements, and 5 to 10 years for library materials and equipment. Depreciation expense includes amortization of assets held under capital lease obligations.

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<u>Unearned Revenue</u>: Unearned revenues include amounts received for tuition and fees and certain auxiliary activities prior to the end of the fiscal year but related to the subsequent accounting period. Amounts received from grant and contract sponsors that have not yet been earned, unless due to timing requirements, will be considered deferred revenue. Grant and contract sponsor amounts received but not recognized due to timing requirements will be reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

<u>Compensated Absences</u>: Employee vacation pay is accrued at year-end for financial statement purposes. The liability and expense incurred are recorded at year-end as accrued vacation payable in the statements of net position, and as a component of compensation and benefit expense in the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

Noncurrent Liabilities: Noncurrent liabilities include (1) principal amounts of revenue bonds payable, notes payable, and capital lease obligations with contractual maturities greater than one year, (2) estimated amounts for accrued compensated absences and other liabilities that will not be paid within the next fiscal year, and (3) other liabilities including the federal portion of the Perkins Loan Program, that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.

Net Position: The University's net position is classified as follows:

Net investment in capital assets: The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.

<u>Restricted net position</u>: Restricted net position includes resources which the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

<u>Unrestricted net position</u>: Unrestricted net position represents resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of educational departments and auxiliary enterprises. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the University, and may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any purpose. The included auxiliary enterprises, are substantially self-supporting activities that provide services for students, faculty and staff.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the University's policy is to first apply the expense towards restricted resources, and then toward unrestricted resources.

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<u>Income Taxes</u>: The University, a Department of RUSO which is a political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma, is exempt from all federal income taxes under Section 115(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. However, the University may be subject to income taxes on unrelated business income under the Internal Revenue Code Section 511(a)(2)(B).

<u>Use of Estimates</u>: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Classification of Revenues</u>: The University has classified its revenues as either operating or nonoperating revenues according to the following criteria:

Operating revenues: Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) student tuition and fees, net of scholarship discounts and allowances, (2) sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net of scholarship discounts and allowances, (3) certain grants and contracts, and (4) interest on institutional student loans.

<u>Nonoperating revenues</u>: Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenue sources that are defined as nonoperating revenues by GASB No. 9 *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary Fund Accounting*, and GASB No. 34, such as state appropriations, certain governmental and other pass-through grants, and investment income.

Scholarship Discounts and Allowances: Student tuition and fee revenues, and certain other revenues from students, are reported net of scholarship discounts and allowances in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the University and the amount that is paid by students and/or third parties making payments on the students' behalf. Certain governmental grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, state or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as nonoperating revenues in the University's financial statements. To the extent that revenues from such programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees and other student charges, the University has recorded a scholarship discount and allowance.

<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>: Deferred inflows are the acquisition of net position by the University that are applicable to a future reporting period. At June 30, 2018, the University's deferred inflows of resources were comprised of deferred gains on the restructuring of certain long term debt.

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New Accounting Pronouncements Effective in Fiscal Year 2018: The following new accounting pronouncements became effective during the year ended June 30, 2018:

Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

GASB Statement No. 75 was issued in June 2015, and addresses accounting and financial reporting for OPEB that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures.

For defined benefit OPEB, this Statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed. The application of this new accounting standard is effective for the University's year ended June 30, 2018. However, the University, as a department of the System, has determined this standard is applicable to the System but not to the individual Universities or departments of the System. Therefore, the accounting and reporting requirements of this standard has been adopted by the System, but not the University.

<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>: Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for third parties and therefore are not available to support University programs. The reporting focus is net position and changes in net position and uses accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

Agency Funds are used to report resources held by the University in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). Agency fund assets and liabilities are recognized using the accrual basis of accounting. The University has one agency fund for the Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Interlocal Group (OKHEEI).

NOTE B--DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

<u>Deposits</u>: *Custodial credit risk* for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the University's deposits may not be returned or the University will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. Generally, the University deposits its funds with the Office of the State Treasurer (OST) and those funds are pooled with funds of other state agencies and then, in accordance with statutory limitations, are placed in financial institutions or invested as the OST may determine, in the State's name.

There is \$47,945,810 in cash and cash equivalents on deposit with the State Treasurer as of June 30, 2018, of which \$946,115 represents amounts held in agency funds. Of the \$47,945,810 on deposit with the State Treasurer, \$21,949,359 represents amounts held within *OK INVEST*, an internal investment pool. State Agencies and funds that are considered to be part of the State's reporting entity in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report are allowed to participate in *OK INVEST*. Oklahoma statutes and the State Treasurer establish the primary objectives and guidelines governing the investment of funds in *OK INVEST*.

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Safety, liquidity, and return on investment are the objectives that establish the framework for the day-to-day *OK INVEST* management of funds with an emphasis on safety of the capital and the probable income to be derived while also meeting the State's daily cash flow requirements. Guidelines in the State Treasurer's Investment Policy address credit quality requirements, diversification percentages and the types and maturities of allowable investments. The specifics regarding these policies can be found on the State Treasurer's website at http://www.ok.gov/treasurer/. An evaluation of the use and purpose of the various State Agencies and funds participation in the internal investment pool has determined that the amount on deposit with *OK INVEST* are treated as demand accounts and reported as cash equivalents.

Interest rate risk is the risk that during periods of rising interest rates, the yield and market value of the securities will tend to be lower than prevailing market rates; in periods of falling interest rates, the yield will tend to be higher. Credit/default risk is the risk that an issuer or guarantor of a security, or a bank or other financial institution that has entered into a repurchase agreement, may default on its payment obligations. Liquidity risk is the risk that OK INVEST will be unable to pay redemption proceeds within the stated time period because of unusual market conditions, an unusually high volume of redemption requests, or other reasons. U.S. Government securities risk is the risk that the U.S. government will not provide financial support to U.S. government agencies, instrumentalities or sponsored enterprises if it is not obligated to do so by law. Various investment restrictions and limitations are enumerated in the State Treasurer's Investment Policy to mitigate those risks; however, any interest in OK INVEST is not insured or guaranteed by the State of Oklahoma, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

<u>Investments</u>: Investment *credit risk* is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Generally, the University's investments are managed by the State Treasurer. In accordance with state statutes the State Treasurer may only purchase and invest in (a) obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; (b) prime banker's acceptances; (c) investment grade obligations of state and local governments; (d) money market funds; (e) collateralized or insured certificates of deposits; (f) negotiable certificates of deposits; (g) prime commercial paper; and (h) repurchase agreements. The University does not have a policy addressing credit risk.

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NOTE B--DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS—Continued

Investments that are held for longer periods of time are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. Neither the University nor state statutes limit investment maturities as a means of managing exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates; however, the OST Investment policy limits the average maturity on its portfolio to four (4) years, with certain individual securities having more restrictive limits as defined in the policy. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the University's investment in a single issuer. Neither the University's investment policy nor state statutes place limits on amounts that can be invested in any one issuer; however, the OST Investment Policy states that, with the exception of U.S. Treasury securities, no more than 50% of the State's total funds may be invested in a single security type or with a single financial institution, with diversification percentages being more restrictive on individual securities. Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the University will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. As of June 30, 2018, the University did not have any qualifying investments.

NOTE C--ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consisted of the following at June 30, 2018:

Student tuition and fees	\$ 3,843,739
Auxiliary enterprises and other operating activities	871,702
Federal, state, and private grants and contracts	761,347
Cancelled Perkins loans	 2,114,246
	7,591,034
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	 (1,827,108)
Net accounts receivable	\$ 5,763,926

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NOTE D--LOANS RECEIVABLE

Student loans made through the Federal Perkins Loan Program (the "Program") comprise substantially all of the loans receivable at June 30, 2018. Under this program, the federal government provides funds for approximately 75% of the total contribution for student loans with the University providing the balance. Under certain conditions such loans can be forgiven at annual rates of 10% to 30% of the original balance up to maximums of 50% to 100% of the original loan. The federal government reimburses the University for the amounts forgiven. Amounts refundable to the U.S. Government upon cessation of the Program of \$5,438,000 at June 30, 2018, are reflected in the accompanying statements of net position as noncurrent liabilities.

As the University determines loans are uncollectible and not eligible for reimbursement by the federal government, the loans are written off and assigned to the U.S. Department of Education. The allowance for uncollectible loans only applies to University funded loans and the University portions of federal student loans, as the University is not obligated to fund the federal portion of uncollected student loans. The University has provided an allowance for uncollectible loans that, in management's opinion, is sufficient to absorb loans that will ultimately be written off.

At June 30, 2018 loans receivable consisted of the following:

Perkins loans receivable	\$ 3,096,791
Other loans receivable	 300
Total loans receivable	3,097,091
Less: Allowance for uncollectible loans	 (247,906)
Net loans receivable	\$ 2,849,185

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NOTE E--CAPITAL ASSETS

Following are the changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2018:

	June 30, 2		Additions	<u> </u>	Transfers	 etirements/		Balance June 30, 2018
Capital assets not being depreciated Land Construction in progress		912,238 740,827	\$ - 1,102,2	. \$	(5,197,545)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$	7,912,238 4,645,503
Total assets not being depreciated	\$ 16,	653,065	\$ 1,102,2	21 \$	(5,197,545)	\$ _	\$	12,557,741
Other capital assets								
Non-major infrastructure networks Buildings and improvements Art	229,	088,404 159,434 250,000	\$ 2,482,3	- \$ 374 -	5,197,545 -	\$ - - -	\$	8,088,404 236,839,353 250,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment Library materials	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	866,975 015,118	1,392,8 239,2		- -	(684,246) (4,168,567)		25,575,625 10,085,799
Total other capital assets	276,	379,931	4,114,5	518	5,197,545	(4,852,813)		280,839,181
Less: accumulated depreciation for Non-major infrastructure networks	4,	102,813	346,4	188	-	-		4,449,301
Buildings and improvements Art	93,	005,237 25,000	8,031,9 12,5		-	-		101,037,140 37,500
Furniture, fixtures and equipment Library materials	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	041,752 240,284	1,626,2 610,7		- -	 (680,573) (4,168,567)		21,987,387 7,682,502
Total accumulated depreciation	129,	415,086	10,627,8	884		 (4,849,140)		135,193,830
Other capital assets, net	\$ 146,	964,845	\$ (6,513,3	866) \$	5,197,545	\$ (3,673)	\$	145,645,351
Capital asset summary: Capital assets not being depreciated Other capital assets, at cost		653,065 379,931	\$ 1,102,2 4,114,5		5 (5,197,545) 5,197,545	\$ (4,852,813)	\$	12,557,741 280,839,181
Total cost of capital assets	293,	032,996	5,216,7	39	-	(4,852,813)		293,396,922
Less: accumulated depreciation	129,	415,086	10,627,8	884	-	 (4,849,140)	_	135,193,830
Capital assets, net	\$ 163,	617,910	\$ (5,411,1	.45) \$	-	\$ (3,673)	\$	158,203,092

At June 30, 2018, the cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets held under capital lease obligations and included in the above amounts were \$72,044,940 and \$30,809,864, respectively.

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 was as follows:

	 Balance June 30, 2017	 Additions	 Reductions	Jı	Balance ane 30, 2018	 Amounts due within one year
Capital lease ovligations						
ODFA Master Lease	\$ 35,472,000	\$ -	\$ (2,639,082)	\$	32,832,918	\$ 2,653,833
Premium on ODFA lease obligation	1,178,990	-	(136,401)		1,042,589	132,733
OCIA lease obligation	15,686,998	-	(2,253,756)		13,433,242	2,330,531
Presidio NSU master lease-Data Center	1,754,877	-	(385,070)		1,369,807	401,711
Presidio NSU master lease-Wireless	-	339,864	(67,877)		271,987	60,917
Enterprise master lease	 	 283,533	 (14,736)		268,797	 54,158
Total capital leases	54,092,865	623,397	(5,496,922)		49,219,340	5,633,883
Other liabilities						
Unearned capital assets	200,000	-	(50,000)		150,000	50,000
Federal loan program contributions	6,112,000	-	(674,000)		5,438,000	-
Accrued compensated absences	 2,746,127	 -	 (72,996)		2,673,131	 841,513
Total other liabilities	 9,058,127	 	 (796,996)		8,261,131	 891,513
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 63,150,992	\$ 623,397	\$ (6,293,918)	\$	57,480,471	\$ 6,525,396

Capital Lease Obligations:

Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority Leases

In November 2005, OCIA issued its OCIA Bond Issues, 2005 Series F and G. Of the total bond indebtedness, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education allocated the University \$22,876,760 and \$96,640 for the Series 2005F and 2005G, respectively. Concurrently with the allocation, the University entered into a lease agreement with OCIA for those amounts. The lease agreement provides for the University to make specified monthly payments to OCIA over the terms of the agreements. The proceeds of the bonds and subsequent leases are to provide for capital improvements at the University.

In August 2010, the University's 2005F lease agreement with the OCIA was restructured through a partial refunding of OCIA's 2005F bond debt. OCIA issued two new bonds, Series 2010A and 2010B. The University's lease agreements with OCIA secures the OCIA bond debt and any future debt that might be issued to refund earlier bond issues. OCIA issued this new debt to provide budgetary relief for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 by extending and restructuring debt service. Consequently, the University's lease agreement with OCIA automatically restructured to secure the new bond issues.

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

Capital Lease Obligations--Continued:

During the year ended June 30, 2018, OCIA made lease principal and interest payments totaling \$2,318,299 on behalf of the University. These on-behalf payments have been recorded as restricted state appropriations in the University's statements of revenues, expenses and change in net position.

In 2014, the OCIA restructured the 2005F by issuing new bonds 2014 Series A. This restructuring was a partial refunding of the 2005F issue. The restructured lease agreement with OCIA secures the OCIA bond indebtedness and any future indebtedness that might be issued to refund earlier bond issues. The University's aforementioned lease agreement with OCIA was automatically restructured to secure the new bond issues.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, OCIA made principal and interest payments totaling \$528,929 on behalf of the University for the 2014A and remaining 2005F issues. These on-behalf payments have been recorded as restricted state appropriations in the University's statements of revenues, expenses and change in net position.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, OCIA made lease principal and interest payments totaling \$147,104 on behalf of the University for the Series 2014B. These on-behalf payments have been recorded as restricted state appropriations in the University's statements of revenues, expenses and change in net position.

Oklahoma Development Finance Authority Master Lease Program

Series 2003B, 2003C and 2004A

The Oklahoma Development Finance Authority (ODFA) issued the ODFA Master Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2003B, 2003C, and 2004A (Bonds) in the University's fiscal year that ended June 30, 2004. The Bonds were issued to fund capital improvements at several state colleges and universities in Oklahoma. ODFA allocated the Bonds' proceeds to colleges and universities in the form of financing leases. The University's portion of this allocation was \$1,650,000, \$2,226,000 and \$7,445,000 for the 2003B Bonds, 2003C Bonds and 2004A Bonds, respectively. The University has recorded capital improvements funded by the lease and the resulting capital lease obligation in its statement of net position.

The lease agreement calls for monthly payments to ODFA in an amount that equals debt service requirements on the portion of the bonds used to finance the lease. The final payments on the leases are June 18, 2018, and June 1, 2024. After payment of bond closing costs, the net proceeds were \$10,850,000.

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

Capital Lease Obligations--Continued:

Oklahoma Development Finance Authority Master Lease Program--Continued

Series 2010A

The ODFA issued the ODFA Master Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A in the University's fiscal year that ended June 30, 2010. The Bonds were issued to fund capital improvements at several state colleges and universities in Oklahoma. ODFA allocated the Bonds' proceeds to colleges and universities in the form of financing leases. Northeastern State University's portion of this allocation was \$3,000,000.

Series 2011A

The ODFA issued the ODFA Master Real Property Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A in the University's fiscal year that ended June 30, 2012. The Bonds were issued to fund capital improvements at several state colleges and universities in Oklahoma. ODFA allocated the Bonds' proceeds to colleges and universities in the form of financing leases. Northeastern State University's portion of this allocation was \$5,990,000 to fund the constructions of a new Multi-Purpose Events Center.

The lease agreement calls for monthly payments to ODFA in an amount that equals debt service requirements on the portion of the bonds used to finance this lease. The final payment on the lease is May 15, 2031. After payment of bond closing costs, the net proceeds were \$6,000,000 to the project fund. The University has spent all of the net proceeds in connection with the specified project.

Series 2013B

In January 2014, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2013B in the amount of \$2,832,000 to refinance the University Center Revenue Bonds Series 1996. Total lease payments over the term of the agreement, beginning January 23, 2014 through May 15, 2021, will be \$3,202,465. Payments will be made monthly ranging from \$33,910 to \$86,681.

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

Capital Lease Obligations--Continued:

Oklahoma Development Finance Authority Master Lease Program--Continued

Series 2014A – Equipment Courtside

In January 2014, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2014A in the amount of \$290,000 to refinance the ODFA Master Lease Revenue Bond Series 2003B. Total lease payments over the term of the agreement, beginning January 23, 2014 through May 15, 2018, will be \$313,984. Payments will be made monthly ranging from \$6,333 to \$7,395.

Series 2014A – Equipment Energy

In June 2014, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2014A in the amount of \$4,139,000 to refinance the ODFA Master Lease Revenue Bond Series 2004A. Total lease payments over the term of the agreement, beginning January 23, 2014 through May 15, 2024, will be \$4,967,513. Payments will be made monthly ranging from \$41,089 to \$46,000.

Series 2014A - Housing

In February 2014, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2014A in the amount of \$14,517,000 for the construction of student housing. Lease payments over the term of the agreement, including interest, total \$21,055,975. Payments began March 15, 2014, and go through May 15, 2033, and will range from \$91,009 to \$95,407 annually. As of June 30, the University has approximately \$132,286 of its allotment available to be drawn.

Series 2014B

In February 2014, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2014B in the amount of \$11,115,000 to refinance Cherokee County Economic Development Authority 2003 Series A tax-exempt Revenue Bonds and Series B taxable Revenue Bonds. Lease payments over the term of the agreement, including interest, total \$15,604,957. Payments began March 20, 2014, and go through November 15, 2033, and will range from \$65,604 to \$69,348 annually.

Series 2016B

In June 2016, the University entered into capital lease obligation Series 2016B in the amount of \$4,509,000 to refinance Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges Northeastern State University Revenue Bonds Series 2004. Lease payments over the term of the agreement, including interest, total \$5,246,160. Payments began July 15, 2016, and go through May 15, 2024, and will range from \$58,251 to \$54,388 monthly.

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

<u>Capital Lease Obligations--Continued:</u>

Future minimum lease payments under the University's capital lease obligations to OCIA and ODFA are as follows:

	Principal	Interest		Total
Year Ending June 30:				
2019	\$ 4,984,364	\$ 1,866,207	\$	6,850,571
2020	2,760,473	1,664,108		4,424,581
2021	2,808,084	1,568,447		4,376,531
2022	2,546,833	1,457,449		4,004,282
2023	3,669,712	1,369,307		5,039,019
2024-2028	15,566,991	4,824,660		20,391,651
2029-2033	13,614,703	1,590,903		15,205,606
2034-2038	315,000	12,600		327,600
	\$ 46,266,160	\$ 14,353,681	\$	60,619,841

Capital Leases:

In 2017, the University entered into a lease agreement with Presidio Technology Capital for financing of a data center. The lease was issued in December 2016 for an amount of \$2,215,784 with an interest rate of 2.82% maturing January 2022.

The scheduled principal and interest payments related to the capital lease are as follows:

	Principal		Interest		Total	
Year Ending June 30:		_				
2019	\$	401,711	\$	59,196	\$	460,907
2020		419,071		41,836		460,907
2021		437,181		23,726		460,907
2022		111,844		5,247		117,091
	\$	1,369,807	\$	130,005	\$	1,499,812

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

Capital Leases--Continued:

In 2018, the University entered into a lease agreement with Presidio Technology Capital for financing of a wireless network. The lease was issued in July 2017 for an amount of \$339,864 with an interest rate of 2.56% maturing November 2021.

The scheduled principal and interest payments related to the capital lease are as follows:

	P	Principal		nterest	Total	
Year Ending June 30:				_		
2019	\$	60,917	\$	7,056	\$ 67,973	
2020		62,497		5,476	67,973	
2021		64,118		3,854	67,972	
2022		84,455		2,271	86,726	
	\$	271,987	\$	18,657	\$ 290,644	

In 2018, the University entered into a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for financing of rental vehicles. The lease was issued in December 2017 for an amount of \$283,533 with an interest rate ranging from 2.66% to 2.69% maturing March 2023.

The scheduled principal and interest payments related to the capital lease are as follows:

	Principal		I	Interest		Total	
Year Ending June 30:		_		<u>.</u>			
2019	\$	54,158	\$	6,539	\$	60,697	
2020		55,625		5,070		60,695	
2021		57,134		3,562		60,696	
2022		58,683		2,012		60,695	
2023		43,197		465		43,662	
	\$	268,797	\$	17,648	\$	286,445	

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NOTE F--LONG-TERM LIABILITIES--Continued

Unearned Capital Assets

In April 2010, the University entered into a management agreement with an unrelated third party (the "Contractor"). In connection with the agreement, the Contractor agreed to provide the University \$500,000 for equipment and renovation of the University's food service facilities. The equipment and related capital assets are owned by the University; however, if the agreement is terminated prior to completion (10 years), the University must reimburse the Contractor for the unamortized portion of the capital assets, and is amortizing it over the 10 year term of the agreement. The annual amortization for fiscal year 2018 was \$50,000.

NOTE G--RETIREMENT PLANS

The University's academic and nonacademic personnel are covered by various retirement plans. The plans available to University personnel include the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS), which is a State of Oklahoma public employees retirement system, the Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA), a single employer defined benefit pension plan available to employees hired prior to July 1, 1995, and a defined contribution 403(b) plan. Personnel may also be eligible to participate in the Other Post-Employment Insurance (OPEB) plan, as described further in Note H. The University does not maintain the accounting records, hold the investments for, or administer these plans.

The accounting and financial reporting for OTRS Pension, OTRS OPEB, the SRA, and the single employer trusted and non-trusted OPEB plans are recorded at the reporting entity level in the Regional University System of Oklahoma financial statements. That report may be obtained by writing to the Regional University System of Oklahoma, 3555 N.W. 58th Street, Suite 320, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, or by calling (405) 924-8817.

All payments made to these plans by the University are accounted for as compensation expense in the accompanying financial statements.

The application of GAAP at the departmental level does not include certain liabilities incurred by the System as a whole. Those liabilities relate to the participation of System employees in the Oklahoma Teachers Retirement System, the Supplemental Retirement Plan, and the Postemployment Healthcare Plan. The accounting and reporting of these can be located in the financial statements of RUSO.

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NOTE G--RETIREMENT PLANS--Continued

Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS)

<u>Plan Description</u>: The University contributes to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (OTRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan and defined benefit OPEB plan sponsored by the State of Oklahoma. OTRS provides defined retirement benefits based on members' final compensation, age and term of service. In addition, the retirement program provides for benefits upon disability and to survivors upon the death of eligible members. The plan also provides a health insurance subsidy for retirees in an amount of \$100 to \$105 per month. The benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the legislature of the State of Oklahoma. Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 17-101 through 116.9, as amended, assigns the authority for management and operations of the Plan to the Board of Trustees of OTRS. OTRS is not required to provide for a cost of living adjustment. OTRS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ok.gov/TRS.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: The University is required by state statute to contribute a fixed percentage of annual compensation on behalf of active members. The employer contribution rate, as determined by state statute, was 8.55% for 2018, 2017, and 2016, and was applied to annual compensation. This single rate is allocated by OTRS to fund both the pension and OPEB benefits.

Employees' contributions are also determined by state statute. For all employees, the contribution rate was 7% of covered salaries and fringe benefits in 2018, 2017, and 2016. For compensation in excess of \$25,000, the employee's contributions are paid directly by the University to the OTRS.

The University's contributions to the OTRS for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, were approximately \$5,921,000, \$6,132,000, and \$6,233,000, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. These contributions included the University's statutory contribution and the share of the employee's contribution paid directly by the University.

The State of Oklahoma is also required to contribute to the OTRS on behalf of the participating employers. For 2018, the State of Oklahoma contribution was 5% of state revenues from sales and use taxes and individual income taxes, to the OTRS on behalf of participating employers. These amounts and other system-wide related amounts are reported in the RUSO financial statements and not at the individual department level.

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NOTE G--RETIREMENT PLANS--Continued

Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA)

<u>Plan Description</u>: The University's SRA plan is a single employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by the University's Board of Regents. The SRA was established by the University's Board of Regents to provide supplemental retirement and death benefits to University employees who were hired prior to July 1, 1987, or to those eligible employees' beneficiaries. Effective December 1, 2002, the SRA was amended to provide supplemental retirement and death benefits to University employees who were hired between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1995. Effective October 1, 2003, the SRA plan was changed to eliminate the TIAA offset in the benefit calculation. The authority to amend the SRA's benefit provisions rests with the University's Board of Regents. The SRA is included in the financial report of the RUSO reporting entity, and does not issue separate, stand-alone financial statements.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: The authority to establish and amend eligible employees' and employer contribution obligations to the SRA rests with the University's Board of Regents. Eligible employees are not required to make contributions to the SRA. The University is required to contribute to the SRA an actuarially determined amount on an annual basis. Under a policy adopted in December 2002, the Plan must achieve 80% funding of the pension benefit obligation by December 1, 2022.

The University's contributions to the SRA for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, were approximately \$1,000,000, \$1,015,000, and \$-0-, respectively.

Defined Contribution Plan

The University also has a defined contribution 403(b) plan (DCP) available to full-time employees. The DCP is administered by the RUSO System, and the plan provisions are established and may be amended by the Board of Regents. Plan members may make voluntary contributions in accordance with IRS regulations. The University has no contribution requirements, and no contributions were made during the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016.

NOTE H--OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Trusted Plan

<u>Plan Description</u>: The University's postemployment healthcare plan is a single employer defined benefit plan administered by the Board of Regents. The plan provides medical and life insurance benefits to eligible retired employees until age 65. A retiring employee must have been employed full-time in the System for not less than ten years immediately preceding the date of retirement; been a member of the OTRS during that time; and elected to receive a vested benefit under the provision of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System. As of June 30, 2018, there were 398 active participants in the plan. The retirement insurance program was adopted by the Board of Regents in 1985. In March of 2008, the Retiree Medical Trust for Regional University System of Oklahoma was established to hold assets and pay benefits on behalf of the University's postemployment

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NOTE H--OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS--Continued

Plan Description--Continued

healthcare plan, and was administered by The Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. The plan is included in the financial report of the RUSO reporting entity.

That report may be obtained by writing to RUSO, 3555 N.W. 58th Street, Suite 320, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, or by calling (405) 924-8817.

<u>Funding Policy</u>: The contribution requirements of the University are established and may be amended by the Board of Regents. The University is required to contribute the actuarially determined employer contribution amount in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 75. The current year amount is approximately \$113,000.

The University's contributions to the plan for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, were approximately \$113,000, \$196,000, and \$342,000, respectively.

Non-Trusted

<u>Plan description</u> – The University's defined benefit OPEB plan, Retiree Benefits Plan, provides OPEB to eligible retirees and their dependents. The RUSO Board of Trustees has the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

<u>Benefits provided</u> – The University provides medical, dental, and vision benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents through the Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Interlocal Group. The retiree pays the full contribution rate for the retiree's coverages and for any other elected dependent dental and vision coverages. The medical rates for pre-65 retirees are the same as the rates for active employees so the benefit being provided is an implicit rate subsidy. Retirees and dependents age 65 or older are provided a Medicare supplement that is not subsidized by the College.

NOTE I--FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY OTHERS

Beneficial Interest in State School Land Funds: The University has a beneficial interest in the "Section Thirteen Fund State Educational Institutions" and the "New College Fund" administered by the Commissioners of the Land Office as trustees for the various educational institutions entitled thereto. The University has the right to receive annually 3.7% of the distributions of income produced by "Section Thirteen Fund State Educational Institutions" assets and 100% of the distributions of income produced by the University's "New College Fund". The University received approximately \$1,117,000 during the year ended June 30, 2018, which is restricted to the construction or acquisition of buildings, equipment, or other capital items. These amounts are recorded as state appropriations for capital purposes in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. State law prohibits the distribution of any corpus of these funds to the beneficiaries. The cost basis of the total trust reserve for the University, held in trust by the commissioners of Land Office, was approximately \$19,816,000 at June 30, 2018.

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NOTE I--FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY OTHERS--Continued

Oklahoma State Regents Endowment Trust Fund: In connection with the Oklahoma State Regents' Endowment Program (the Endowment Program), the State of Oklahoma has matched contributions received under the program. The state match amount, plus any retained accumulated earnings, totaled approximately \$1,777,000 at June 30, 2018, and is invested by the Oklahoma State Regents on behalf of the University. The University is entitled to receive an annual distribution of 5% of the market value at year end on these funds. As legal title of the State Regents matching endowment funds is retained by the Oklahoma State Regents, only the funds available for distribution, approximately \$189,000 at June 30, 2018, have been reflected as assets in the statement of net position. In connection with the program, private contributions totaling approximately \$2,424,000 as of June 30, 2018, are being held by the University Foundation for the benefit of the University. Additional private contributions of approximately \$498,000 as of June 30, 2018, are held by the Oklahoma State Regents on behalf of the University. As legal title rests with the Oklahoma State Regents, these funds are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

Additional amounts are being managed and held by the Oklahoma State Regent's for Higher Education for the Endowed Chair and Herb Rozell endowments in the amount of \$763,421 on behalf of the University and is reported as a receivable in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE J--RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The University is beneficiary of the Northeastern Oklahoma Public Facilities Authority (the "Authority"), a public trust created under Title 60, Section 176, of the Oklahoma statutes. The University received \$130,000 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

NOTE K--COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The University had outstanding commitments under construction contracts of approximately \$2,721,000 at June 30, 2018.

The University participates in a number of federally assisted grant and contract programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantor or their representatives. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursements to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. The amount of expenditures that may be disallowed by the granting agencies cannot be determined at this time, although it is believed by the University that the amount, if any, would not be significant.

The University began participation in the Federal Direct Loan Program on July 1, 2010. For the year ended June 30, 2018, \$34,133,273 of Direct Loan funds were disbursed to University students.

During the ordinary course of business, the University may be subjected to various lawsuits and civil action claims. Management believes that resolution of any such matters pending at June 30, 2018, will not have a material adverse impact to the University.

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NOTE L--RISK MANAGEMENT

The University is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruptions; employee injuries and illness; natural disasters; and employee health, life, and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters other than torts, property, and workers' compensation. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

The University, along with other state agencies and political subdivisions, participates in the State of Oklahoma Risk Management Program which is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for its members. The University pays annual premiums to the pools for tort, property, and liability insurance coverage. The Oklahoma Risk Management Pool's governing agreement specifies that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial carriers for claims in excess of specified stop-loss amounts.

The University also participates in the College Association of Liability Management (CALM) Workers' Compensation Plan for its workers' compensation coverage. CALM is an Interlocal Cooperative Act Agency that was organized to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for participating colleges and universities through CompSource Mutual. CALM is a political subdivision of the State of Oklahoma and is governed by a board of trustees elected from members of the participating colleges and universities.

The University also began participating, during fiscal year 2017, in the Oklahoma Higher Education Employee Interlocal Group Health Insurance Pool "OKHEEI". University employees are provided health insurance coverage through OKHEEI. OKHEEI is an Interlocal Cooperative Act Agency organized as a public entity risk pool health insurance program for participating Colleges and Universities in the State. The University pays monthly health insurance premiums to OKHEEI for employee health insurance coverage based on the health coverage elected by the employee and the maximum benefit provide by the University for health coverage. Amounts of premiums exceeding benefits are payable by the employee. The governing agreement for OKHEEI specifies that the pool will be self-sustaining through premiums received and with additional stop-loss coverages obtained. If health care claims exceed reserves and reinsurance coverages, additional assessments may be made to participating Colleges and Universities. As of June 30, 2018, additional assessments did not occur.

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NOTE M--NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOUNDATION, INC.

The following are significant disclosures of Northeastern State University Foundation, Inc.:

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Fair Value Measurements</u>: The Foundation accounts for its financial assets and liabilities in accordance with ASC 820.10. This codified standard defines fair value measurement based on an exit price. An exit price, the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The codified standards also establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. These include, but are not limited to, cash and cash equivalents, common and preferred stocks, and mutual funds;
- Level 2: Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. These include but are not limited to government agency issues, corporate bonds and municipal securities;
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These include but are not limited to non-public common stocks.

Financial assets and liabilities are carried at fair value on a recurring basis and therefore currently subject to the codified standard which include investments and beneficial interest in assets, if any, held by others. All financial instruments of the Foundation are valued using inputs qualifying as Level 1 and Level 2 in the above-defined hierarchy.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are composed of cash equivalents with maturity greater than three months, stocks, bonds and mutual funds investing in debt and equity securities and are carried at fair value. See the explanation of fair value measurements included in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies. These investments are overseen by investment advisors. The advisors are provided with the investment policy adopted by the Board of Trustees and directed to follow that policy. Additionally, the Foundation maintains an investment committee that provides oversight with regard to the investments.

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NOTE M--NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOUNDATION, INC. --Continued

INVESTMENTS--Continued

Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2017:

		Prices in Active	Other	Significant
		Markets for	Observable	Unobservable
		Identical Assets	Inputs	Inputs
Description	12/31/2017	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)
Cash and Cash				
Equivalents	\$ 6,111,887	\$ 6,111,887	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Securities	25,164,566	25,164,566		<u> </u>
Total	\$ 31,276,453	\$ 31,276,453	\$ -	\$ -

(The Foundation has no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis.)

The Foundation's overall investment objective is "growth and income". The intent of the objective is to provide both current income and future growth to accommodate the Foundation's spending policy plus normal inflation; thereby, preserving the constant dollar value and purchasing power of the Foundation for future generations. Investment performance is judged over a three to five year time frame. The goal of each asset class is to achieve the total return of its benchmark while maintaining a risk level less than that of the benchmark. The overall goal for the Foundation is to achieve a 5% annual real rate of return after inflation.

The Foundation aims for the equity investments portion of its portfolio to constitute a minimum of 50% and a maximum of 70% of total endowment assets. The fixed income portion is expected to constitute a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 50% of total endowment assets. The alternative investment portion is expected to constitute no more than 15% of total endowment assets. In order to achieve these goals, the investment committee meets with the investment advisors at least once a year. The investment advisors are required to provide periodic statements reporting transactions involving fund assets and current fund asset values. The investment committee reports on the performance and holdings of the fund once a year to the board.

The Foundation allocates investment return only on endowment funds. No investment return is allocated on custodial or pass through accounts. The return on investment attributable to individual endowment accounts is allocated to the account annually. An annual service fee is charged to each individual endowment account and this fee is transferred to unrestricted funds. The service fee rate is 1.5%.

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NOTE M--NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOUNDATION, INC. --Continued

INVESTMENTS--Continued

Generally, income generated from investments, regardless of restrictions, is available for either general use or restricted use.

The Foundation makes available for spending each year 5% of the average of five market values of its total endowment - the value six months before the beginning of the fiscal year, the value 18 months before the beginning of the year, the value 30 months before the beginning of the year, the value 42 months before the beginning of the year and the value 54 months before the beginning of the year. Individual endowments must have been placed with the Foundation at least six months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year to be eligible to participate for that year. Eligible individual endowments share in the amount available to be spent on a pro rata basis.

ENDOWMENT DISCLOSURES

The Foundation's endowment consists of 260 individual donor-restricted funds which are managed and controlled by the Foundation and are primarily established for scholarships, programs, or capital projects. As required by GAAP, net position associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law: The Board of Trustees of the Foundation has interpreted the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("SPMIFA") as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift on the gift date of the donor- restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net position (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. In accordance with SPMIFA, the Foundation 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

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NOTE M--NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOUNDATION, INC.--Continued

ENDOWMENT DISCLOSURES--Continued

<u>Funds with Deficiencies</u>: 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 SPMIFA requires the NSU Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, there were four endowments of this nature with total underwater amounts of \$8,271 at December 31, 2017. The amount is not material to the financial statements. Of those four endowment funds, three were brought into the pooled endowment fund during the fourth quarter of the year and therefore suffered market variation for a short period. The fourth fund has a matching cash account that is greater than the amount the fund is underwater. The Foundation does not anticipate any 2018 spending from any of these funds.

<u>Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy</u>: The Foundation has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year amounts up to, but not to exceed 5% of market value averaged over the last five years. Since the Foundation has a policy of designating unrestricted funds each year for investment, it feels that this policy protects the purchasing power of the endowment. In light of current market fluctuations and the future needs of the Foundation, it evaluates the spending policy annually to ensure that it remains in accordance with the long-term objectives of the Foundation.

REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma Northeastern State University Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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 Northeastern State University (the "University"), a department of the Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), which is a component unit of the State of Oklahoma, and its discretely presented component unit, that comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2018. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Northeastern State University Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), the University's discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on the University's financial statements. The financial statements of the Foundation were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and accordingly this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with the Foundation.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the University'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. 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 the University's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 University's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the University's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

November 28, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Regents Regional University System of Oklahoma Northeastern State University Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northeastern State University's (the "University"), a department of the Regional University System of Oklahoma ("RUSO"), which is a component unit of the State of Oklahoma, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the University's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The University's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the University's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the University's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the University's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the University complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the University is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the University's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over compliance.

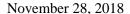
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of the University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2018, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Federal CFDA	Pass-Through Entity	i	Federal
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Number	Identifying Number	Expenditures	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
Student Financial Assistance Cluster				
Federal Pell Grants	84.063	N/A	\$	14,447,831
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants	84.007	N/A		368,222
Federal TEACH Grant	84.379	N/A		128,284
Federal Work Study Program	84.033	N/A		308,120
Federal Perkins Loans	84.038	N/A		3,606,807
Federal Direct Loan Program	84.268	N/A		34,133,273
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			-	52,992,537
TRIO Program Cluster				
TRIOTalent Search	84.044	P044A110142-349		139,107
TRIOTalent Search	84.044	P0044A160174-176		332,870
TRIOStudent Support Services	84.042	P042A100730		599
TRIOStudent Support Services	84.042	P042A151515-16		67,128
TRIOStudent Support Services	84.042	P042A151515-17		242,730
TRIO Upward Bound	84.047A	P047A171205		102,535
Total TRIO Program Cluster	0 110 111 1			884,969
Other Programs				001,707
Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions	84.382	P382C160013		74,394
Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions	84.382	P382C160013-17		187,675
Pass-through Maryetta Public Schools				,
Indian EducationSpecial Programs for Indian Children	84.299	S299A140053		3,618
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367B	2017-18 ESEA Grant PL 107-110		26,402
Pass-through Stilwell Public Schools	01.507B	2017 TO ESERT GRANETE TO 7 TTO		20,102
Indian EducationSpecial Programs for Indian Children	84.299	S299A160081		43,907
Pass-through Cherokee Nation-American Indian Resource Center	01.277	525771100001		15,507
Indian Education-Special Programs for Indian Children	84.299	S200B1600012		1,965
Total Other Programs	0255	520051000012	-	337,961
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				54,215,467
Research and Development (R&D) Cluster				
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
National Institute for Health				
Pass-through OU Health Science Center				
Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-83		6,396
Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-113		7,194
Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-110		6,938
Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-110		71,273
Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-123		68,900
Biomedical Research and Research Training Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-147 RS20132225-139		1,925
e e				
Biomedical Research and Research Training Biomedical Research and Research Training	93.859	RS20132225-158		19,881
S	93.859	N/A		5,737
Biomedical Research and Research Training Subtotal for CFDA #93.859	93.859	N/A		188,249
*				100,279
Extramural Research Programs in Neurosciences	02 052	5R03NS095246-03		14527
& Neurological Disorders	93.853	3KU3INSU93Z40-U3		14,527
TOTAL FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH				202,776

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS--Continued

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	Federal CFDA	Pass-Through Entity	Federal
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Number	Identification Number	Expenditures
Research and Development (R&D) ClusterContinued ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Pass-through Oklahoma Conservation Commission Water Pollution Control State, Interstate, and Tribal Program Support	66.419	N/A	4,620
TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			4,620
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION Pass-through Oklahoma State University Education and Human Resources Education and Human Resources	47.076 47.076	AA-5-56595-NSU 1-5-56595-NSU	1,000 60,226
Subtotal for CFDA #47.076			61,226
Office of International Science and Engineering Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.079 47.070	N/A 1659235	3,613 25,638
TOTAL FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION			90,477
TOTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER			297,873
Other Federal Programs			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Pass-through University of New York			
Child Welfare Research Training or Demonstration Child Welfare Research Training or Demonstration	93.648 93.648	RF-1135853-16-76397 18-11-79280	57,241 81,101
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<i>y</i> 5.0.0	10 11 //200	138,342
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking on Campus Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault,	16.525	2012-WA-AX-0012	13,280
and Stalking on Campus	16.525	2017-WA-AX-0047	16,230
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			29,510
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS Pass-through Oklahoma Humanities Council			
Promostion of the Arts Grants to Organizations and Individuals Promotion of the Arts Partnership Agreements Promotion of the Arts Partnership Agreements	45.024 45.025 45.025	19888 FY2018-00106052 FY2018-00106051	14,381 4,800 3,600
TOTAL NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS			22,781
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES			
Pass-through Oklahoma Humanities Council Promotion of the Humanities Federal/State Partnership Pass-through Utah Humanities/Utah Division of St. History	45.129	Y17-051	6,000
Promotion of the Humanities Federal/State Partnership	45.129	OH 18.03	1,156
TOTAL NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES			7,156
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Pass-through Okla Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence			
Manufacturing Extension Partnership	11.611	70NANB15H354	45,772
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			45,772
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 54,756,901

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY A Department of the Regional University System of Oklahoma

Year Ended June 30, 2018

NOTE A--BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Northeastern State University (the "University") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the University, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the University.

NOTE B--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The University has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C--FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

The University participates in the Federal Direct Loan Program (the Program), CFDA number 84.268, which includes the Federal Subsidized Direct Loan, the Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan, the Federal Graduate Student PLUS Direct Loan and Federal Direct Loans Parents of Undergraduate Students. The Federal Direct Loan Program requires the University to draw down cash; and the University is required to perform certain administrative functions under the Program. Failure to perform such functions may require the University to reimburse the loan guarantee agencies. The University is not responsible for the collection of these loans. The value of loans made during the audit period are considered Federal awards expended for the audit period.

NOTE D--SUBRECIPIENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the University did not provide any federal awards to subrecipients.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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Section I--Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial statements		
Type of auditor's report issued on whether the financial statements were in accordance with GAAP:	Unmod	ified
Internal control over financial reporting:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	<u>X</u> no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes	X none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	yes	<u>X</u> no
Federal Awards		
Internal control over major federal programs:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	yes	X no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	yes	X none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	Unmodifi	ed
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	yes	X no
Identification of major federal programs:		
Program Student Financial Assistance Cluster		CFDA Number *
*Refer to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for CFDA number	ers related to	these programs.
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$	750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	X yes	no

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS--Continued

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Section II--Findings Required to be Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards:*

None to report for the June 30, 2018 period.

Section III--Finding Required to be Reported in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance:

None to report for the June 30, 2018 period.

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

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No matters were reportable.