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(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)

Basic Financial Statements and Supplementary Information
on Federal Awards Programs

September 30, 2015

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
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Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

September 30, 2015

Introduction

The following discussion presents an overview of the financial position and financial activities of the University of South Alabama (the University), including the University of South Alabama Hospitals (the Hospitals), a division of the University, at September 30, 2015 and 2014 and for the years then ended. This discussion was prepared by University management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto, which follow.

The basic financial statements of the University consist of the University and its component units. The financial position and results of operations of the component units are either blended with the University's financial position and results of operations or are discretely presented. The treatment of each component unit is governed by pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). As more fully described in note 1 to the basic financial statements, the University of South Alabama Professional Liability Trust Fund, University of South Alabama General Liability Trust Fund and USA HealthCare Management, LLC are reported as blended component units. The University of South Alabama Foundation, the University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation, the USA Research and Technology Corporation, and the Gulf Coast Regional Care Organization are discretely presented.

Because of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* in 2015, the University only presented financial statements for 2015 and management's discussion and analysis for 2015 and 2014. Management's discussion and analysis for 2014 does not reflect the impact of the adoption of GASB Statement No. 68 and therefore is not comparative to 2015.

Financial Highlights

At September 30, 2015 and 2014, the University had total assets and deferred outflows of $1,114,951,000 and $1,055,286,000, respectively; total liabilities and deferred inflows of $919,899,000 and $555,736,000, respectively; and net position of $195,052,000 and $499,550,000, respectively. As a result of 2015 activity, net position increased $9,239,000 during the year ended September 30, 2015 compared to an increase of $6,560,000 for the year ended September 30, 2014. Due to the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle as a result of the adoption of GASB Statement No. 68, there was a decrease in beginning net position of $313,737,000. See Note 12 for a complete explanation of the impact of GASB Statement No. 68.

An overview of each statement is presented herein along with a financial analysis of the transactions impacting each statement. Where appropriate, comparative financial information is presented to assist in the understanding of this analysis.

Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations

Statement of Net Position

The statement of net position presents the assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows and net position of the University at September 30, 2015. Net position is displayed in three parts: net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted net position may either be expendable or nonexpendable and is that net position that is restricted by law or external donors. Unrestricted net position is generally designated for specific purposes, and is available for use by the University to meet current expenses for any purpose. The statement of net position, along with all of the University's basic financial statements, is prepared under the economic resources

measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred by the University, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

Assets included in the statement of net position are classified as current or noncurrent. Current assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, investments, and net patient accounts receivable. Of these amounts, cash and cash equivalents, investments, and net patient accounts receivable comprise approximately 41%, 26% and 14%, respectively, of current assets at September 30, 2015. Noncurrent assets at September 30, 2015 consist primarily of capital assets, restricted cash and cash equivalents, and restricted investments.

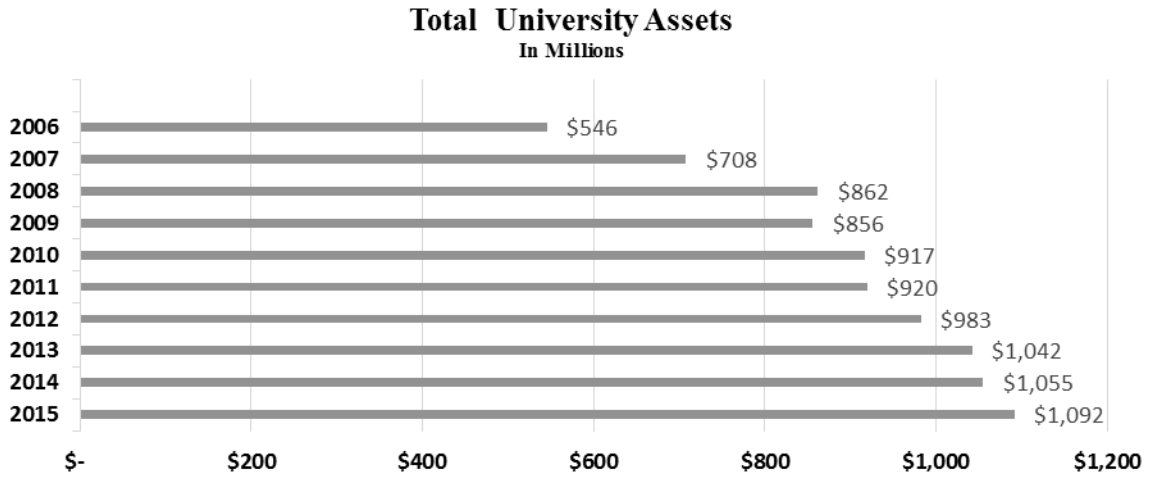
The Condensed Schedules of Net Position at September 30, 2015 and 2014 follow (in thousands):

Condensed Schedules of Net Position

		2015	2014
Assets:			
Current	$	233,940	303,272
Capital assets		609,630	578,303
Other noncurrent		248,539	173,711
Total assets		1,092,109	1,055,286
Deferred outflows		22,842	—
Total assets and deferred outflows	$	1,114,951	1,055,286
Liabilities:			
Current	$	132,128	120,646
Noncurrent		751,880	434,913
Total liabilities		884,008	555,559
Deferred inflows		35,891	177
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	$	919,899	555,736
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	$	246,567	237,851
Restricted, nonexpendable		43,425	40,191
Restricted, expendable		60,106	60,873
Unrestricted		(155,046)	160,635
Total net position	$	195,052	499,550

University cash, cash equivalents, and investments (current and noncurrent) decreased between September 30, 2014 and 2015 by $3,016,000 to $400,949,000.

Total assets of the University as of September 30 are as follows:



Net position represents the residual interest in the University's assets after liabilities are deducted. Net position is classified into one of four categories:

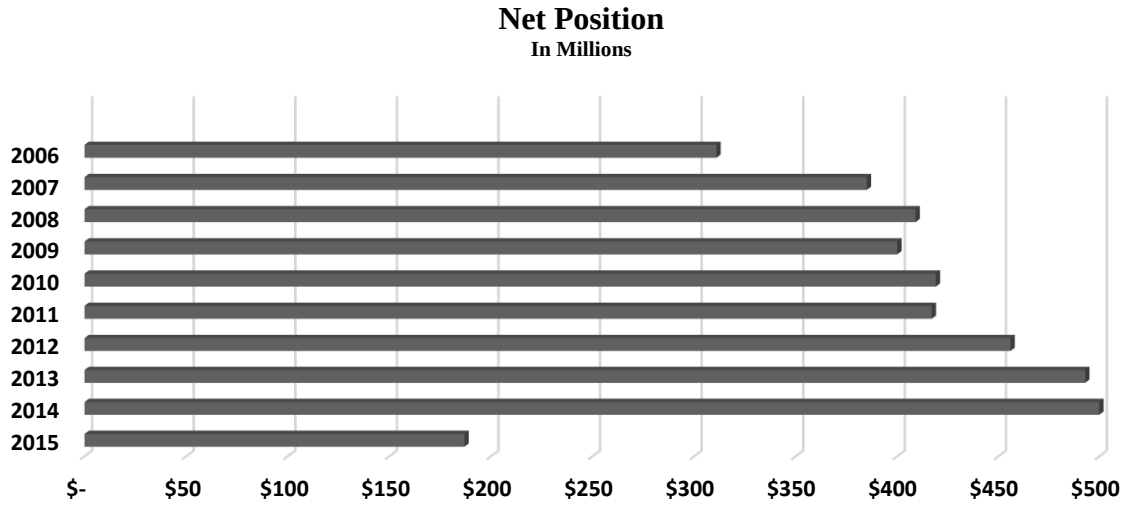
Net investment in capital assets represents the University's capital assets less accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of the debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted nonexpendable net position consists primarily of the University's permanent endowment funds. While earnings from these funds may be expended, the corpus may not be expended for any reason and must remain intact with the University in perpetuity.

Restricted expendable net position is subject to externally imposed restrictions governing their use. The funds are restricted primarily for debt service, capital projects, student loans, and scholarship purposes.

Unrestricted net position represents amounts not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Even though these funds are not legally restricted, the majority of the University's unrestricted net position has been internally designated for various projects, all supporting the mission of the University. Unrestricted net position includes funds for various academic and research programs, auxiliary operations (including the bookstore, student housing and dining services), student programs, capital projects and general operations. Also included in unrestricted net position at September 30, 2015 is the impact of the net pension liability recorded pursuant to the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68.

Net position of the University as of September 30 is as follows:



All categories of restricted net position increased by approximately 8% between September 30, 2015 and 2014, primarily due to the addition of restricted gifts to the University. Unrestricted net position decreased from $160,635,000 to $(155,046,000) between September 30, 2015 and 2014 due primarily to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 68. The impact of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68 on unrestricted net position at September 30, 2015 is summarized below:

Unrestricted net position related to net pension liability	$	(310,827)
Unrestricted net position related to other activity		155,781
Unrestricted net position	$	(155,046)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Changes in total University net position are based on the activity presented in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. The purpose of this statement is to present the change in net position resulting from revenues earned by the University, both operating and nonoperating, and the expenses incurred by the University, both operating and nonoperating, as well as any other revenues, expenses, gains, and losses earned or incurred by the University.

Generally, operating revenues have the characteristics of exchange transactions and are received or accrued for providing goods and services to the various customers and constituencies of the University. These include hospital patient care services, tuition and fees (net of scholarship discounts and allowances), most noncapital grants and contracts and revenues from auxiliary activities and sales and services of educational activities (primarily athletic

activities). Operating expenses are those expenses paid or incurred to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for the operating revenues, and to carry out the mission of the University.

Nonoperating revenues have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions and are revenues generally earned for which goods and services are not provided, such as investment income, capital appropriations, gifts and other contributions. State appropriations are required by GASB to be classified as nonoperating revenues. Nonoperating expenses are those expenses required in the operation and administration of the University, but not directly incurred to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for operating revenues. Such nonoperating expenses include interest on the University's indebtedness and losses related to the disposition of capital assets.

The Condensed Schedules of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 follow (in thousands):

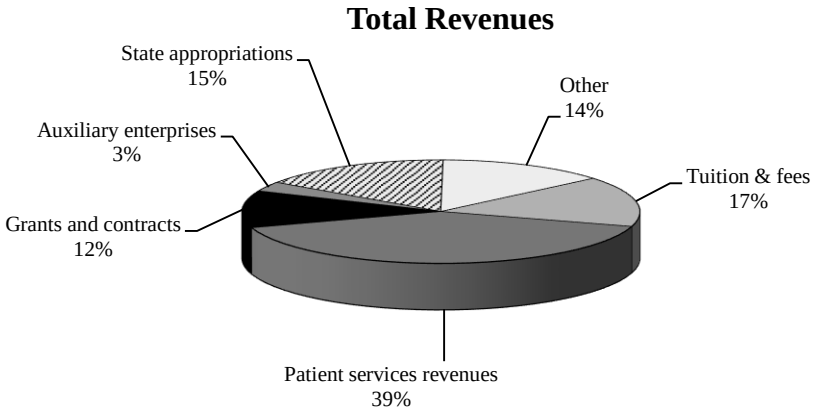
Condensed Schedules of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	2015	2014
Operating revenues:		
Tuition and fees	$ 120,265	104,448
Net patient service revenue	271,655	268,449
Federal, state and private grants and contracts	85,756	76,719
Other	78,845	54,010
	556,521	503,626
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits	433,679	419,966
Supplies and other services	169,873	158,615
Other	57,476	55,397
	661,028	633,978
Operating loss	(104,507)	(130,352)
Nonoperating revenues:		
State appropriations	103,974	103,695
Investment income (loss)	(10,718)	8,206
Other, net	13,259	14,475
Net nonoperating revenues	106,515	126,376
Income (loss) before capital appropriations, capital contributions, grants, and additions to endowment	2,008	(3,976)
Capital appropriations, capital contributions, grants, and additions to endowment	7,231	10,536
Increase in net position	9,239	6,560
Beginning net position, before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	499,550	492,990
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(313,737)	—
Beginning net position – as adjusted	185,813	492,990
Ending net position	$ 195,052	499,550

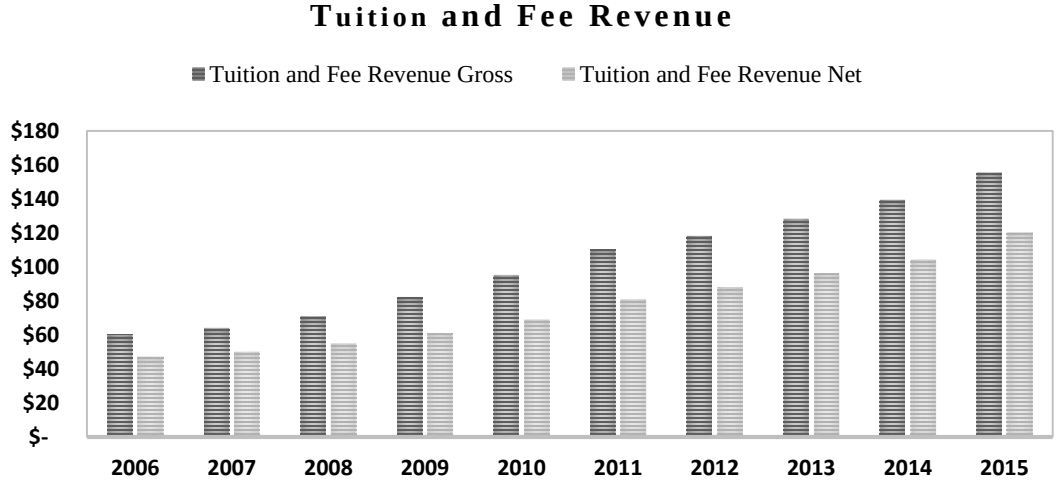
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In 2015 and 2014, approximately 39% and 40%, respectively, of total revenues of the University were net patient service revenue. Excluding net patient service revenue, net tuition and fees charged to students represent the largest component of total University revenues, approximately 17% of total revenues in fiscal 2015. Also in 2015, state appropriations and grants and contracts (federal, state and private) represented approximately 15% and 12% of total revenues, respectively.

A summary of University revenues for the year ended September 30, 2015 is presented below:

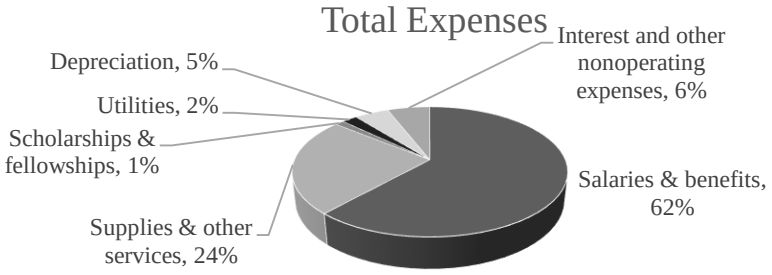


Tuition and fees have increased in each of the last ten years. These increases are due primarily to increases in tuition and fee rates charged to students as well as to an increase in the number of students enrolled and credit hours taken by those students. Additionally, net tuition and fees as a percent of total operating revenues continue to increase, from 9.5% of operating revenues in 2005 to 22% in 2015. Tuition and fees, gross and net of scholarship allowances, for the past ten fiscal years are as follows:



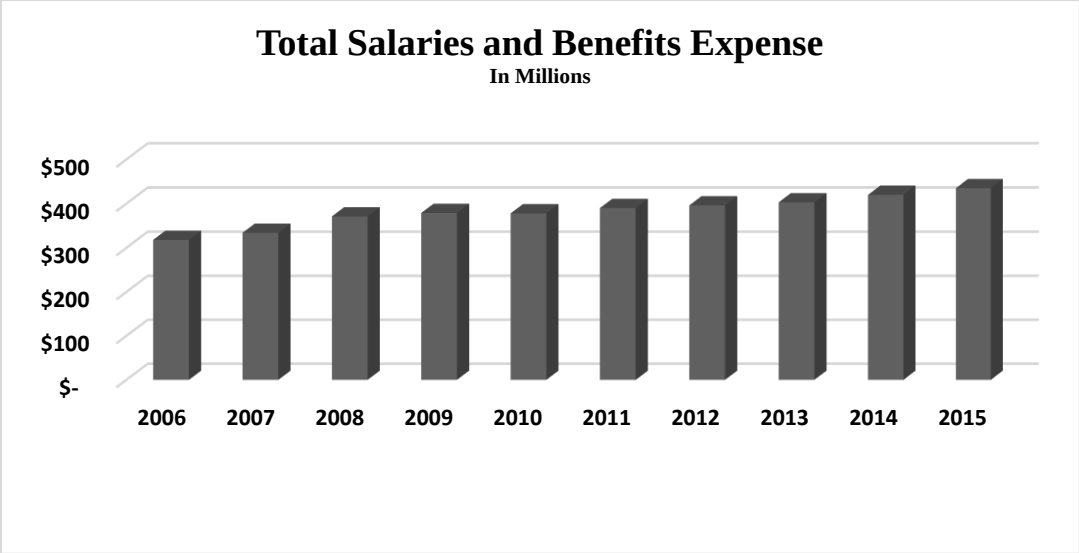
Capital contributions and grants increased from $790,000 in 2014 to $2,784,000 in 2015 due to a increase in grant funds received for construction of Shelby Hall and the ABSL-3 Laboratory Building. The University recognized no capital appropriations in 2015.

University expenses are presented using their natural expense classifications. A summary of University expenses for the year ended September 30, 2015 is presented below:



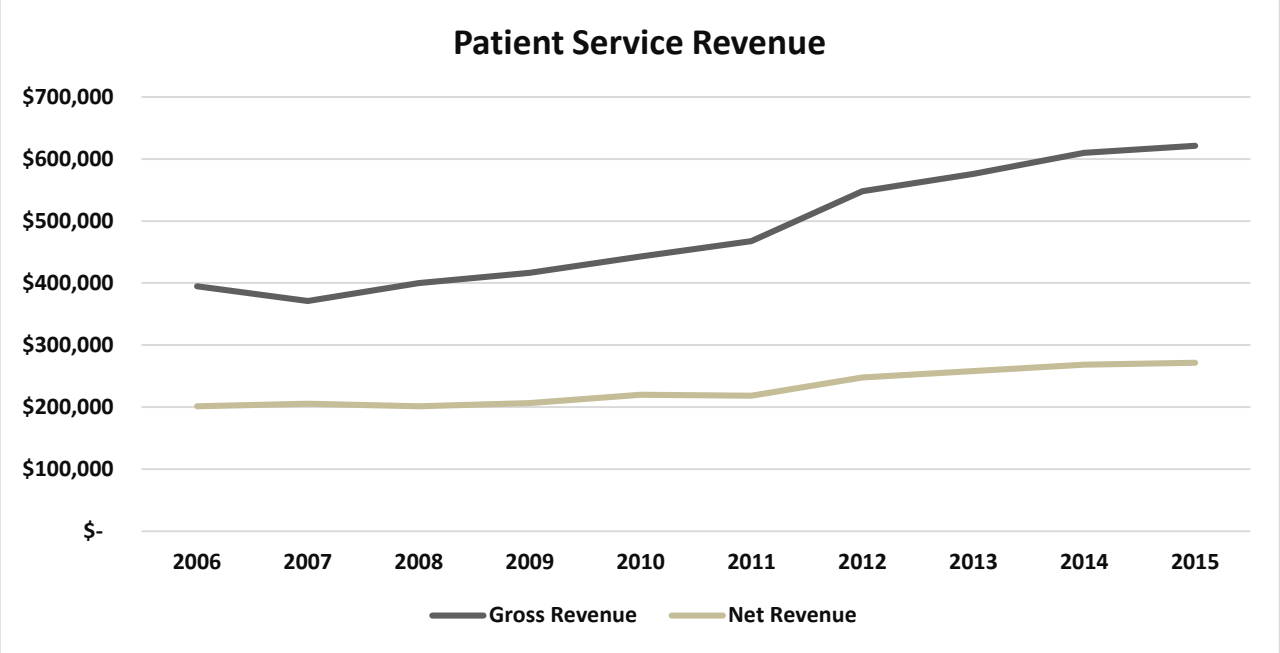
While the University reports its expenses on a natural expense classification basis, functional classifications represent expenses categorized based on the function within the University. Such University functions include instruction, research, public service, academic support, student services, institutional support, scholarships, and operation and maintenance of plant. Expenses related to auxiliary enterprise activities and the Hospitals are presented separately. Functional expense information is presented in note 17 to the basic financial statements.

In 2015 and 2014, approximately 62% and 66%, respectively, of the University's total operating expenses were salaries and benefits.



For the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, the University reported operating losses of approximately $104,507,000 and $130,352,000, respectively. Operating losses are offset partially by state appropriations, which are reported as nonoperating revenue. After adding state appropriations and other nonoperating revenues and expenses (primarily capital appropriations, capital contributions, and additions to endowment), and applying the cumulative effect of the change in accounting principle the total change in net position was approximately $(304,498,000) and $6,560,000, for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Hospitals represent a significant portion of total University revenues. Operating patient service revenues, gross and net, for the last ten fiscal years are presented below:



Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows presents information related to cash flows of the University. This statement presents cash flows by category: operating activities, noncapital financing activities, capital and related financing activities and investing activities. The net cash provided to, or used by, the University is presented by category.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Total capital asset additions for the University were approximately $65,446,000 in 2015. During 2015, the expansion of USA Children's and Women's Hospital was placed into service. Significant construction projects that remain in progress at September 30, 2015 include a new professional medical office building. Major projects completed and placed into service in fiscal 2014 included New Hall (residence hall) and a major renovation of the Student Center. At September 30, 2015, the University had outstanding commitments of approximately $30,800,000 for various capital projects.

In March 2014, the University issued the University Facilities Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014-A, with a face value of $41,245,000. The proceeds of this bond were used to refund the University's Series 2004 bonds in connection with the termination of the swaption, as discussed below.

In June 2015, the University issued the University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2015, with a face value of $6,000,000. The proceeds of this bond are being used to fund the acquisition of certain property and the construction of certain facilities to be used by the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute.

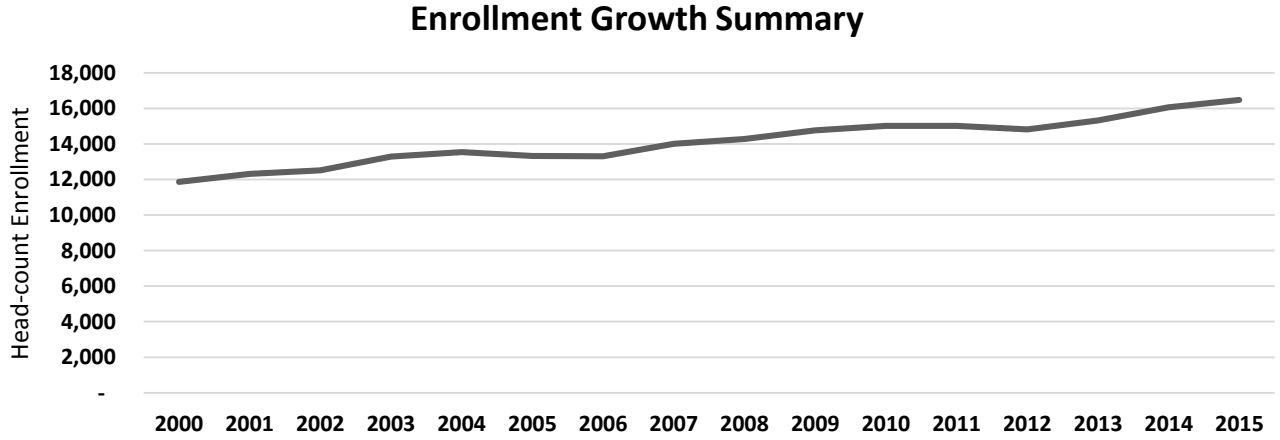
In order to realize debt service savings currently from future debt refunding, in January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to the counterparty and resulted in an up-front payment to the University totaling $9,328,000 in exchange for selling the counterparty the option to enter into an interest rate swap with respect to the Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. A portion of this payment was considered a borrowing and was included in the long-term debt of the University. The fair value component of the refunding associated with the swaps was considered an investment derivative and, as such, the change in the fair value component was reflected as a component of investment income (loss) in 2015 and 2014.

In December 2013, the counterparty exercised its option with respect to the 2004 swaption and forced the University into an underlying swap. The University refunded its Series 2004 bonds, and issued the 2014-A variable rate bond. As a result of the exercise of the option by the counterparty, the swaption was terminated and the borrowing arising from the Series 2004 swaption of $1,696,000 and the investment derivative of $5,213,000 were written off and an investment loss of $2,229,000 was recognized. A borrowing arising from the 2015 swap of $7,768,000 was recognized and is reported in the statement of net position at September 30, 2015.

The University's bond credit rating is A1 as rated by Moody's Investors Services and A+ as rated by Standard and Poor's Rating Services. Neither rate changed during 2015.

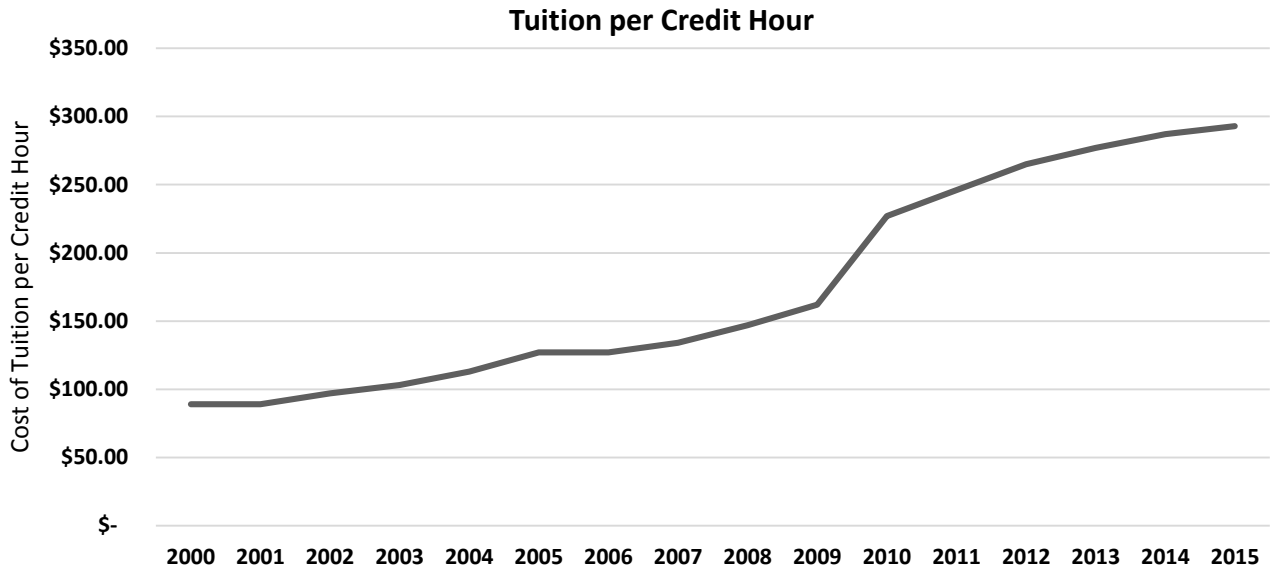
Economic Outlook

Student enrollment and tuition and fee rates have both increased over the past fifteen years. The University has experienced an increase in enrollment between 2000 and 2015, from 11,870 in 2000 to 16,462 for the 2015 Fall semester. The enrollment trend for the University between 2000 and 2015 is as follows:



In that same time period, in-state tuition per credit hour has increased by approximately 229%. The large increase in 2010 is the result of the University's bundling of tuition and required fees into a single per-hour charge.

Similar increases have been experienced in out-of-state tuition and College of Medicine tuition. The trend of in-state tuition per credit hour between 2000 and 2015 is as follows:



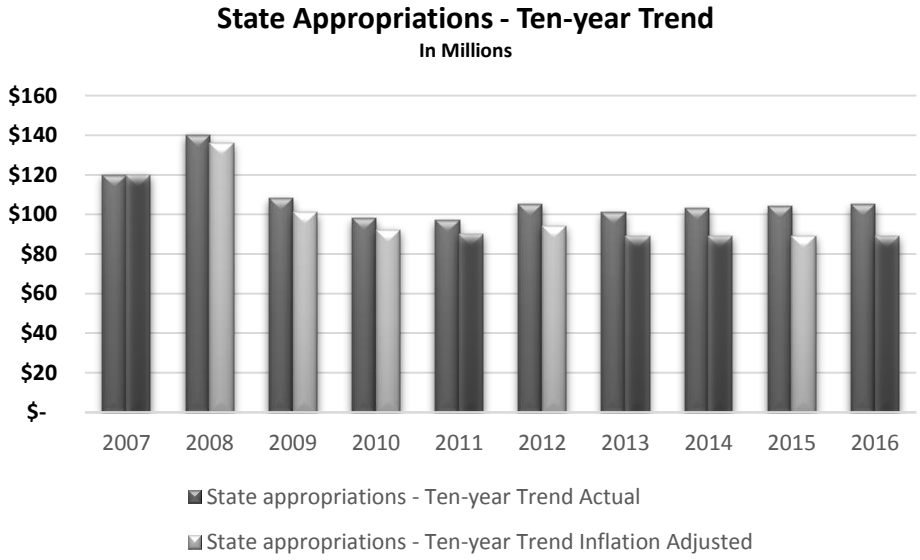
While enrollment and tuition have both increased in recent years, state appropriations prior to 2006 were relatively flat. However, in the 2008, 2007 and 2006 fiscal years, the University experienced increases of 16%, 19% and 17%, respectively, or approximately $19,349,000, $19,185,000 and $14,581,000, respectively, in its state appropriation. These increases were unusually high. For the 2009 fiscal year, the University's original state appropriation decreased 12.8% or approximately $17,882,000. Additionally, in December 2008 the Governor of Alabama announced proration of 9%, or approximately $10,967,000; and in July 2009, the Governor announced additional proration of 2%, or approximately $2,437,000.

A state appropriation in the amount of approximately $103,974,000 was authorized and received for the year ended September 30, 2015.

A state appropriation in the amount of approximately $103,695,000 was authorized and received for the year ended September 30, 2014.

A state appropriation in the amount of approximately $104,977,000 has been authorized for the year ending September 30, 2016. This represents a $1,003,000 increase from the fiscal 2015 appropriation received. While no announcement has been made, the University is aware that reductions in its 2016 appropriation are possible.

The ten-year trend of state appropriations for the University is as follows:



In addition to state appropriations, the University is subject to declines in general economic conditions in the United States and, specifically, the State of Alabama. Further weakening of the economy could have a potential further negative impact on the University's enrollment, extramural funding, endowment performance, and health care operations.

Other than the issues presented above, University administration is not aware of any other currently known facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on the University's financial position or results of operations during fiscal year 2016 beyond those unknown variables having a global effect on virtually all types of business operations.

Requests for Information

These basic financial statements are designed to provide a general overview of the University of South Alabama and its component units' financial activities and to demonstrate the University's accountability. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to G. Scott Weldon; Vice-President for Finance and Administration; University of South Alabama – Room 170; Mobile, Alabama 36688. These basic financial statements can be obtained from our website at http:www.southalabama.edu/financialaffairs/businessoffice/statements.html.

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
University of South Alabama:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the University of South Alabama, a component unit of the State of Alabama, (the University) and its aggregate discretely presented component units, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the 2015 consolidated financial statements of the University of South Alabama Foundation, which represents 87%, 101%, and 41%, respectively, of the 2015 assets, net assets, and revenues, gains and other support of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those 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 University of South Alabama 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 University of South Alabama Foundation, the University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation, the USA Research and Technology Corporation, the Gulf Coast Regional Care Organization, and the Professional and General Liability Trust Funds were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to 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.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the University and of its aggregate discretely presented component units as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in note 1(y) to the basic financial statements, in 2015, the University adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 1-12 and the schedule of the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of University's contributions on pages 68 and 69 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*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 13, 2015, on our consideration of the University's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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.

KPMG LLP

Jackson, Mississippi
November 13, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	95,938
Investments		61,531
Net patient accounts receivable, (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $62,726)		31,747
Accounts receivable, affiliates		20,169
Accounts receivable, other		8,292
Notes receivable, net		5,365
Prepaid expenses, inventories, and other		10,898
Total current assets		233,940
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		31,324
Restricted investments		96,386
Investments		115,770
Accounts receivable		2,345
Notes receivable, net		481
Other noncurrent assets		2,233
Capital assets, net		609,630
Total noncurrent assets		858,169
Total assets		1,092,109
Deferred outflows		22,842
Total assets and deferred outflows		1,114,951
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		53,244
Unrecognized revenue		58,224
Deposits		2,302
Current portion of long-term debt		18,358
Total current liabilities		132,128
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt, less current portion		386,402
Net pension liability		297,734
Other long-term liabilities		67,744
Total noncurrent liabilities		751,880
Total liabilities		884,008
Deferred inflows		35,891
Total liabilities and deferred inflows		919,899
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets		246,567
Restricted, nonexpendable:		
Scholarships		20,844
Other		22,581
Restricted, expendable:		
Scholarships		12,629
Other		47,477
Unrestricted		(155,046)
Total net position	$	195,052

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA FOUNDATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	1,234
Investments:		
Equity securities		132,514
Timber and mineral properties		157,064
Real estate		66,320
Other		5,803
Other assets		580
Total assets	$	363,515
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$	322
Other liabilities		701
Total liabilities		1,023
Net assets:		
Unrestricted		96,885
Temporarily restricted		96,033
Permanently restricted		169,574
Total net assets		362,492
Total liabilities and net assets	$	363,515

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	13
Patient accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of approximately $5,201)		12,280
Other current assets		1,221
Total current assets		13,514
Interest in assets of University of South Alabama Professional Liability Trust Fund		16,593
Property and equipment, net		2,459
Total assets	$	32,566
Liabilities and Net Deficit		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$	1,012
Due to affiliates		17,924
Total current liabilities		18,936
Estimated professional liability costs		16,593
Total liabilities		35,529
Net deficit		(2,963)
Total liabilities and net deficit	$	32,566

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

USA RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Assets:		
Current assets:		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	$	695
Rent receivable		143
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		4
Total current assets		842
Noncurrent assets:		
Intangible assets, net		47
Capital assets, net		23,040
Total noncurrent assets		23,087
Deferred outflows		3,383
Total assets and deferred outflows		27,312
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Deposits, other current liabilities, and accrued expenses		166
Payable to University of South Alabama		162
Unrecognized rent revenue		378
Current portion of notes payable		1,001
Total current liabilities		1,707
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Notes payable, excluding current portion		21,316
Interest rate swap		3,383
Total noncurrent liabilities		24,699
Total liabilities		26,406
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets		574
Unrestricted		332
Total net position	$	906

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

GULF COAST REGIONAL CARE ORGANIZATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	147
Total current assets		147
Total assets		147
Liabilities:		
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Due to affiliate		50
Total noncurrent liabilities		50
Total liabilities		50
Net position:		
Unrestricted		97
Total net position	$	97

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Operating revenues:		
Tuition and fees (net of scholarship allowances of $34,910)	$	120,265
Net patient service revenue (net of provision for bad debts of $64,168)		271,655
Federal grants and contracts		16,811
State grants and contracts		8,727
Private grants and contracts		60,218
Auxiliary enterprises (net of scholarship allowances of $1,080)		21,777
Other operating revenues		57,068
Total operating revenues		556,521
Operating expenses:		
Salaries and benefits		433,679
Supplies and other services		169,873
Scholarships and fellowships		8,687
Utilities		15,061
Depreciation and amortization		33,728
Total operating expenses		661,028
Operating loss		(104,507)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
State appropriations		103,974
Investment loss		(10,718)
Interest expense		(15,758)
Other nonoperating revenues		36,669
Other nonoperating expenses		(7,652)
Net nonoperating revenues		106,515
Income before capital contributions, grants and additions to endowment		2,008
Capital contributions and grants		2,784
Additions to endowment		4,447
Change in net position		9,239
Net position:		
Beginning of year, before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		499,550
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle		(313,737)
Beginning balance, as adjusted		185,813
End of year	$	195,052

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA FOUNDATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended June 30, 2015

(In thousands)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total
Revenues, gains, and other support:				
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	$ 40,749	5,871	—	46,620
Rents, royalties and timber sales	4,006	168	14	4,188
Interest and dividends	192	1,948	6	2,146
Gifts	—	3	14	17
Required match of donor contributions	(18)	4	14	—
Interfund interest	(191)	191	—	—
Net assets released from program restrictions	3,061	(3,061)	—	—
Total revenues, gains, and other support	47,799	5,124	48	52,971
Expenditures:				
Program services:				
Faculty support	2,440	—	—	2,440
Scholarships	1,101	—	—	1,101
Other	1,190	—	—	1,190
Total program service expenditures	4,731	—	—	4,731
Management and general	1,869	—	—	1,869
Other investment expense	1,976	—	—	1,976
Depletion expense	4,898	—	—	4,898
Depreciation expense	95	—	—	95
Interest expense	46	—	—	46
Total expenditures	13,615	—	—	13,615
Increase in net assets	34,184	5,124	48	39,356
Net assets – beginning of year	62,701	90,909	169,526	323,136
Net assets – end of year	$ 96,885	96,033	169,574	362,492

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets (Deficit)

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Unrestricted revenues, gains and other support:		
Net patient service revenue	$	76,797
Provision for uncollectible accounts		(14,772)
Net patient service revenue less provision for uncollectible accounts		62,025
Other revenue		11,213
Total unrestricted revenues, gains, and other support		73,238
Expenses:		
Salaries and benefits		55,195
General and administrative		17,072
Depreciation and amortization		1,624
Total expenses		73,891
Operating loss		(653)
Nonoperating gains		1,622
Revenues over expenses		969
Transfer of capital to University of South Alabama, College of Medicine		(6,800)
Change in net assets (deficit)		(5,831)
Net assets at beginning of year		2,868
Net deficit at end of year	$	(2,963)

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

USA RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Operating revenues	$	3,647
Total operating revenues		3,647
Operating expenses:		
Building management and operating expenses		1,136
Depreciation and amortization		992
Legal and administrative fees		229
Insurance		3
Total operating expenses		2,360
Operating income		1,287
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income		2
Interest expense		(1,267)
Other		4
Net nonoperating expenses		(1,261)
Change in net position		26
Net position:		
Beginning of year		880
End of year	$	906

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

GULF COAST REGIONAL CARE ORGANIZATION
(Discretely Presented Component Unit)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Operating revenues:		
Contract revenues	$	1,879
Operating expenses:		
Third party administration expense		1,681
Management company expense		99
Other operating expense		2
Total operating expenses		1,782
Operating income		97
Change in net position		97
Net position:		
Beginning of year		—
End of year	$	97

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts related to tuition and fees	$	120,977
Receipts from and on behalf of patients and third-party payers		276,589
Receipts from grants and contracts		74,765
Receipts related to auxiliary enterprises		24,303
Payments to suppliers and vendors		(181,166)
Payments to employees and related benefits		(413,532)
Payments for scholarships and fellowships		(8,687)
Other operating receipts		59,390
Net cash used in operating activities		(47,361)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
State appropriations		103,973
Endowment gifts		4,447
Agency funds received		1,221
Agency funds disbursed		(1,226)
Student loan program receipts		142,053
Student loan program disbursements		(142,591)
Other nonoperating revenues		25,864
Other nonoperating expenses		(6,209)
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		127,532
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Capital contributions and grants		2,786
Purchases of capital assets		(48,115)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		3,846
Proceeds from issuance of capital debt		7,263
Principal payments on capital debt		(15,643)
Interest payments on capital debt		(10,846)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(60,709)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest and dividends on investments		15,028
Purchases of investments		(87,545)
Proceeds from sales of investments		52,068
Net cash used in investing activities		(20,449)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(987)
Cash and cash equivalents (unrestricted and restricted):		
Beginning of year		128,249
End of year	$	127,262

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
(A Component Unit of the State of Alabama)

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended September 30, 2015

(In thousands)

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Operating loss	$	(104,507)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense		33,728
Changes in assets and liabilities, net:		
Student receivables		(2,813)
Net patient accounts receivables		(1,403)
Grants and contracts receivables		(10,815)
Other receivables		2,483
Prepaid expenses, inventories, and other		3,644
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		26,131
Unrecognized revenue		6,191
Net cash used in operating activities	$	(47,361)
Noncash investing, noncapital financing, and capital and related financing transactions:		
Net decrease in fair value of investments recognized as a component of investment income	$	(14,238)
Addition of capital lease		17,226
Additional maturity on capital appreciation on bonds payable and other borrowings recorded as interest expense		1,627
Gifts of capital and other assets		70
Capitalization of construction period interest		390
Increase in accounts payable related to capital assets		722

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Reporting Entity

The accompanying basic financial statements present the financial position and activities of the University of South Alabama (the University), which is a component unit of the State of Alabama. The financial statements of the University are intended to present the financial position, changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of the basic financial statements and the aggregate discretely presented component units of the State of Alabama that is attributable to the transactions of the University.

The financial reporting entity, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units*, and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, consists of the primary government and all of its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable. In addition, the primary government may determine, through exercise of management's professional judgment, that the inclusion of an organization that does not meet the financial accountability criteria is necessary in order to prevent the reporting entity's financial statements from being misleading. In such instances, that organization is included as a component unit. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include the accounts of the University, as the primary government, and the accounts of the entities discussed below as component units.

The University has adopted GASB Statement No. 61, which amends GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 39, and provides criteria for determining whether certain organizations should be reported as component units based on the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government. Such criteria include the appointment of a voting majority of the board of the organization, the ability to impose the will of the primary government on the organization and the financial benefits/burden between the primary government and the potential component unit. The statement also clarifies reporting and disclosure requirements for those organizations. Based on these criteria as of September 30, 2015, the University reports the University of South Alabama Foundation (USA Foundation), the University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation (USAHSF), the USA Research and Technology Corporation (the Corporation), and the Gulf Coast Regional Care Organization (RCO) as discretely presented component units.

The University is also affiliated with the South Alabama Medical Science Foundation (SAMSF). This entity is not considered a component unit of the University under the provisions of GASB Statements No. 14, 39 and 61 because the University does not consider SAMSF significant enough to warrant inclusion in the University's reporting entity (see note 15 for further discussion of this entity).

GASB Statement No. 61 requires the University, as the primary government, to include in its basic financial statements, as a blended component unit, organizations that, even though they are legally separate entities, meet certain requirements as defined by GASB Statement No. 61. Based on these criteria, the University reports the Professional Liability Trust Fund, the General Liability Trust Fund

and the USA HealthCare Management, LLC as blended component units. All significant transactions among the University and its blended component units have been eliminated.

(b) USA HealthCare Management, LLC

In June 2010, the University's Board of Trustees approved the formation of the USA HealthCare Management, LLC (the HCM). The HCM was organized for the purpose of managing and operating on behalf of, and as agent for, substantially all of the health care clinical enterprise of the University. The University is the sole member of the HCM. The HCM commenced operations in October 2010 and is reported as a blended component unit (see note 18 for further discussion of, and disclosure for, this entity).

(c) Professional Liability and General Liability Trust Funds

The medical malpractice liability of the University is maintained and managed in its separate Professional Liability Trust Fund (the PLTF) in which the University, USAHSF, HCM and SAMSF are the only participants. In accordance with the bylaws of the PLTF, the president of the University is responsible for appointing members of the PLTF policy committee. Additionally, the general liability of the University, USAHSF, HCM, SAMSF and the Corporation is maintained and managed in its General Liability Trust Fund (the GLTF) for which the University, as defined by GASB Statement No. 18, is responsible. The PLTF and GLTF are separate legal entities which are governed by the University Board of Trustees through the University president. As such, PLTF and GLTF are reported as blended component units (see note 18 for further discussion of, and disclosure for, these entities).

(d) University of South Alabama Foundation

The USA Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that was organized for the purpose of promoting education, scientific research, and charitable purposes, and to assist in developing and advancing the University in furthering, improving, and expanding its properties, services, facilities, and activities. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and the USA Foundation, the USA Foundation is considered a component unit of the University. The Board of Directors of the USA Foundation is not appointed or controlled by the University. The University receives distributions from the USA Foundation primarily for scholarship, faculty and other support. Total distributions received or accrued by the University for the year ended September 30, 2015 were $4,639,000, and are primarily included in other nonoperating revenues and capital contributions and grants in the University's statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. The USA Foundation presents its financial statements in accordance with standards issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The USA Foundation is reported in separate financial statements because of the difference in the financial reporting format since the USA Foundation follows FASB rather than GASB pronouncements. The USA Foundation has a June 30 fiscal year end which differs from the University's September 30 fiscal year end. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, this discretely presented unit has been included with the most recent fiscal year. The accompanying consolidated statement of financial position and statement of activities and changes in net assets for the USA Foundation as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 are discretely presented.

(e) University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation

The USAHSF is a not-for-profit corporation that exists to provide a group medical practice for physicians who are faculty members of the University and to further medical education and research at the University. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and USAHSF, USAHSF is considered a component unit of the University. The USAHSF reimburses the University for salaries, certain administrative expenses, dean's clinical assessment and other support services. Total amounts received and accrued for such expenses were approximately $53,958,000 for the year ended September 30, 2015, and are reflected as private grants and contracts in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position of the University. The USAHSF presents its financial statements in accordance with standards issued by the FASB. The accompanying statement of financial position and statement of operations and changes in net assets (deficit) for the USAHSF for the year ended September 30, 2015 is discretely presented.

(f) USA Research and Technology Corporation

The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of furthering the educational and scientific mission of the University by developing, attracting, and retaining technology and research industries in Alabama that will provide professional and career opportunities to the University's students and faculty. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and the Corporation, the Corporation is considered a component unit of the University. The Corporation presents its financial statements in accordance with GASB. The accompanying statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the Corporation are discretely presented.

(g) Gulf Coast Regional Care Organization

The RCO is a not-for-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of creating and operating a community-led network to coordinate the heath care of Medicaid patients in a seven county region of southwest Alabama. The RCO commenced operations in April 2015. For the initial eighteen month period between April 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016, the RCO is operating a health home program that provides certain case management services to qualifying Medicaid beneficiaries. Beginning October 1, 2016, it is anticipated that the RCO will be responsible for the care of all Medicaid patients in the region. Because of the significance of the relationship between the University and the RCO, the RCO is considered a component unit of the University. The RCO presents its financial statements in accordance with GASB. The accompanying statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position for the RCO are discretely presented.

(h) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the University is considered a special purpose governmental agency engaged only in business type activities, as defined by GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Accordingly, the University's basic 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.

(i) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires that management make estimates and assumptions affecting the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, as well as disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In particular, laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates related to these programs could change by a material amount in the near term.

(j) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as petty cash, demand accounts, certificates of deposit, and any short-term investments that take on the character of cash. These investments have maturities of less than three months and include repurchase agreements and money market accounts.

(k) Investments and Investment Income

Investments are recorded at fair value. The fair value of alternative investments (low-volatility multi-strategy funds of funds), do not have readily ascertainable market values and the University values these investments in accordance with valuations provided by the general partners or fund managers of the underlying partnerships or companies. Because some of these investments are not readily marketable, the estimated fair value is subject to uncertainty and, therefore, may differ from the fair value that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed. Investments received by gift are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt. Changes in the fair value of investments are reported in investment income (loss).

(l) Derivatives

The University has adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 53, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*. GASB Statement No. 53 establishes a framework for accounting and financial reporting related to derivative instruments, requiring the fair value of derivatives to be recognized in the basic financial statements.

The University entered into two interest rate swaptions in January 2008, the Series 2004 swaption and the Series 2006 swaption. As a result of entering into the swaptions, the University received up-front payments. Swaptions are considered hybrid instruments which are required to be bifurcated into the fair value of the derivative and a piece that reflects a borrowing for financial statement purposes, which will accrete interest over time. As more fully described in notes 5 and 10, in December 2013, the counterparty, Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. (Wells Fargo), exercised its option related to the Series 2004 swaption, and as a result, the University entered into an interest rate swap. As a result of the exercise

of the option, the Series 2004 swaption was terminated. The Series 2006 swaption remains outstanding at September 30, 2015.

The University determined that as of September 30, 2015, the remaining swaption was not a hedging derivative instrument. As a result of that determination, the swaption is required to be reported as an investment derivative with the change in fair value flowing through the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

The fair value of the outstanding swaption was $(22,468,000) at September 30, 2015. At September 30, 2015, the fair value of the swaption is included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying statement of net position. The change in fair value for the year ended September 30, 2015 was $(8,277,000), and was included in investment loss in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position for the year ended September 30, 2015. See note 5 for further discussion.

In March 2014, the University entered into an interest rate swap arrangement with a counterparty. The resulting derivative is a "receive-variable, pay-fixed" interest rate swap. The University pays the counterparty a fixed semi-annual payment based on an annual rate of 4.9753% and receives on a monthly basis a variable payment of 68% of the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 0.25%. The notional amount of the swap will at all times match the outstanding principal amount of the Series 2014-A bond. The change in the fair value of the swap ($44,000 at September 30, 2015) is reported as a deferred outflow and derivative liability on the 2015 statement of net position since the interest rate swap is a hedging derivative. See note 10 for further discussion.

(m) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable primarily result from net patient service revenue. Accounts receivable from affiliates primarily represent amounts due from USAHSF for salaries, and certain administrative and other support services. Accounts receivable – other includes amounts due from students, 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.

(n) Inventories

The University's inventories primarily consist of bookstore inventories and medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. Bookstore inventories are valued at the lower of cost (moving average basis) or market. Medical supplies and pharmaceuticals are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

(o) Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased or at fair value at date of donation. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable asset using the straight-line method. Major renewals and renovations are capitalized. Costs for repairs and maintenance are expensed when

incurred. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and the gain or loss, if any, is included in nonoperating revenues (expenses) in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

All capital assets other than land are depreciated using the following asset lives:

Buildings, infrastructure and certain building components	40 to 100 years
Fixed equipment	10 to 20 years
Land improvements	8 to 20 years
Library materials	10 years
Other equipment	4 to 15 years

Certain buildings are componentized for depreciation purposes.

Interest costs for certain assets constructed are capitalized as a component of the cost of acquiring those assets.

The University evaluates impairment in accordance with GASB Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*. For the year ended September 30, 2015, no impairments were recorded.

(p) Unrecognized Revenue

Student tuition, fees, and dormitory rentals are initially recorded as unrecognized revenue and then recognized over the applicable portion of each school term.

(q) Cost Sharing Multi-Employer Pension Plan

Employees of the University are covered by a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (TRS). The TRS financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized as revenues when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

(r) Classification of Net Position

The University's net position is classified as follows:

Net investment in capital assets reflects the University's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such debt is excluded from the calculation of *net investment in capital assets*.

Restricted, nonexpendable net position consists of endowment and similar type funds which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may either be expended or added to principal.

Restricted, expendable net position includes resources that the University is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted net position represents resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, net patient service revenue, sales and services of educational activities and auxiliary enterprises. Auxiliary enterprises are substantially self-supporting activities that provide services for students, faculty, and staff. While unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Trustees, they are available for use at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses for any purpose. Substantially all unrestricted net position is designated for academic and research programs and initiatives, and capital programs.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the University addresses each situation on a case-by-case basis prior to determining the resources to be used to satisfy the obligation.

(s) Scholarship Allowances and Student Financial Aid

Student tuition and fees, and certain other revenues from students, are reported net of scholarship discounts and allowances in the statement 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 either operating or nonoperating revenues in the University's basic financial statements based on their classification as either an exchange or non-exchange transaction. To the extent that revenues from such programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees and certain other student charges, the University has recorded a scholarship discount and allowance.

(t) Donor Restricted Endowments

The University is subject to the "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA)" of the Code of Alabama. This law allows the University, unless otherwise restricted by the donor, to

spend net appreciation, realized and unrealized, on the endowment. The law also allows the University to appropriate for expenditure or accumulate to an endowment fund such amounts as the University determines to be prudent for the purposes for which the endowment fund was established. The University's endowment spending policy provides that 5% of the three-year invested net asset moving average value (inclusive of net realized and unrealized gains and losses), as measured at September 30, is available annually for spending. The University's policy is to retain the endowment net interest and dividend income and net realized and unrealized appreciation with the endowment after distributions allowed by the spending policy have been made. These amounts, unless otherwise directed by the donor, are included in restricted, expendable net position.

(u) Classification of Revenues

The University has classified its revenues as either operating or nonoperating revenues.

Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions such as student tuition and fees, net of scholarship discounts and allowances; sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, net of scholarship allowances; most federal, state, and local grants and contracts; and, net patient service revenue.

Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, such as gifts and contributions, and other revenue sources such as state appropriations and investment income.

(v) Gifts and Pledges

Pledges of financial support from organizations and individuals representing an unconditional promise to give are recognized in the basic financial statements once all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, have been met. In the absence of such a promise, revenue is recognized when the gift is received. Endowment pledges generally do not meet eligibility requirements, as defined by GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions*, and are not recorded as assets until the related gift has been received. Unconditional promises that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

(w) Grants and Contracts

The University has been awarded grants and contracts for which funds have not been received or expenditures made for the purpose specified in the award. These awards have not been reflected in the basic financial statements, but represent commitments of sponsors to provide funds for specific research or training projects. For grants that have allowable cost provisions, the revenue will be recognized as the related expenditures are made. For grants with work completion requirements, the revenue is recognized as the work is completed. For grants without either of the above requirements, the revenue is recognized as it is received.

(x) Net Patient Service Revenue and Electronic Health Records Incentive Program

Net patient service revenue is reported at estimated net realizable amounts due from patients, third-party payers and others for healthcare services rendered, including estimated retroactive revenue adjustments due to future audits, reviews and investigations. Retroactive adjustments are considered in the recognition of revenue on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and such amounts are adjusted in future periods, as adjustments become known or as years are no longer subject to such audits, reviews and investigations.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that provide incentive payments for the meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology. CMS has defined meaningful use as meeting certain objectives and clinical quality measures based on current and updated technology capabilities over predetermined reporting periods as established by CMS. The Medicare EHR incentive program provides annual incentive payments to eligible professionals, and hospitals, that are meaningful users of certified EHR technology. The Medicaid EHR incentive program provides annual incentive payments to eligible professionals and hospitals for efforts to adopt, implement, and meaningfully use certified EHR technology. The Hospitals utilize a grant accounting model to recognize EHR incentive revenues. The Hospitals record EHR incentive revenue ratably throughout the incentive reporting period when it is reasonably assured that it will meet the meaningful use objectives for the required reporting period and that the grants will be received. The EHR reporting period for hospitals is based on the federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1 through September 30.

The Hospitals recognized Medicare EHR incentive revenues of $5,244,000 for the year ended September 30, 2015. EHR incentive revenues are included in other operating revenues in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

(y) Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In 2015, the University adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. GASB Statement No. 68 changes accounting and financial reporting for entities participating in a cost sharing plan. GASB Statement No. 68 required the University to record its share, as determined by an independent actuary, of the net unfunded pension liability, and its share of the changes in the net pension liability of the TRS. The adoption of the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68 resulted in a restatement of beginning unrestricted net position at October 1, 2014 by decreasing unrestricted net position $313,737,000. See note 12 for a further discussion.

(z) Compensated Absences

The University accrues annual leave for employees as incurred at rates based upon length of service and job classification.

(2) Income Taxes

The University is classified as both a governmental entity under the laws of the State of Alabama and as a tax-exempt entity under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in

Section 501(c)(3). Consistent with these designations, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying basic financial statements.

In addition, the University's discretely presented component units are tax-exempt entities under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3). Consistent with that designation, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying discretely presented financial statements.

(3) Cash

Pursuant to the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement Act, funds on deposit may be placed in an institution designated as a qualified public depository (QPD) by the State of Alabama. QPD institutions pledge securities to a statewide collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer's office. Such financial institutions contribute to this collateral pool in amounts proportionate to the total amount of public fund deposits at their respective institutions. The securities are held at the Federal Reserve Bank and are designated for the State of Alabama. Additional collateral was not required for University funds on deposit with QPD institutions. At September 30, 2015, the net public deposits subject to collateral requirements for all institutions participating in the pool totaled approximately $9,690,174,000. The University had cash and cash equivalents totaling $127,262,000 at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, restricted cash and cash equivalents consist of $2,300,000 related to cash included in the PLTF and GLTF to pay insurance liability claims, $1,689,000 related to collateral requirements of the HCM and $27,335,000 of unspent proceeds from the issuance of University bonds for capital purchases as outlined in the bond indenture.

(4) Investments

(a) University of South Alabama

The investments of the University are invested pursuant to the University of South Alabama "Non-endowment Cash Pool Investment Policies," the "Endowment Fund Investment Policy," and the "Derivatives Policy" (collectively referred to as the University Investment Policies) as adopted by the Board of Trustees. The purpose of the non-endowment cash pool investment policy is to provide guidelines by which pooled funds not otherwise needed to meet daily operational cash flows can be invested to earn a maximum return, yet still maintain sufficient liquidity to meet fluctuations in the inflows and outflows of University operational funds. Further, endowment fund investment policies exist to provide earnings to fund specific projects of the endowment fund, while preserving principal. The University Investment Policies require that management apply the "prudent person" standard in the context of managing its investment portfolio.

The investments of the blended component units of the University are invested pursuant to the separate investment policy shared by the PLTF and GLTF (the Trust Fund Investment Policy.) The objectives of the Trust Fund Investment Policy are to provide a source of funds to pay general and professional liability claims and to achieve long-term capital growth to help defray future funding requirements. Additionally, certain investments of the University's component units both blended and discretely

presented are subject to UPMIFA as well as any requirements placed on them by contract or donor agreements.

Certain investments, primarily related to the University's endowment assets, are pooled. The University uses this pool to manage its investments and distribute investment income to individual endowment funds.

Investments of the University, by type, at fair value, are as follows at September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

U.S. Treasury notes	$	8,869
U.S. federal agency notes		99,914
Pooled equity mutual funds		82,179
Pooled debt mutual funds		38,740
Managed income alternative investments (low-volatility multi-strategy funds of funds)		29,171
Other		14,814
	$	273,687

At September 30, 2015, $15,052,000 of appreciation in fair value of investments of donor-restricted endowments was recognized and is included in restricted expendable net position in the accompanying statement of net position.

Credit Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk

The University Investment Policies limit investment in corporate bonds to securities with a minimum "A" rating, at the time of purchase, by both Moody's and Standard and Poor's. Investments in corporate paper are limited to issuers with a minimum quality rating of P-1 by Moody's, A-1 by Standard and Poor's or F-1 by Fitch.

Additionally, the University Investment Policies require that not more than 10% of the cash, cash equivalents and investments of the University be invested in the obligations of a single private corporation and not more than 35% of the cash, cash equivalents and investments of the University be invested in the obligations of a single government agency.

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The University's exposure to credit risk and concentration of credit risk at September 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Credit rating	Percentage of total investments
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	AAA	8.7%
Federal Home Loan Bank Corporation	AAA	7.4
Federal National Mortgage Association	AAA	4.6
Common Fund Bond Fund	A+	12.3
PIMCO Pooled Bond Fund	A/BA/AA	1.9
Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation	AAA	15.1
Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation	AAA	0.8
Common Fund Equity Fund	N/A*	13.9

*****Credit rating not applicable.

Interest Rate Risk

At September 30, 2015, the maturity dates of the University's debt investments were as follows (in thousands):

		Years to maturity			
	Fair value	Less than 1	1 – 5	6 – 10	More than 10
U.S. Treasury notes	$ 8,869	3,698	5,171	—	—
U.S. federal agency notes	99,914	9,388	90,526	—	—
Pooled debt mutual funds	38,740	1,192	33,658	3,890	—
	$ 147,523	14,278	129,355	3,890	—

Pooled debt mutual funds are classified based on the weighted average maturity of the individual investment instruments within each fund.

The University's Investment Policies do not specifically address the length to maturity on investments which the University must follow; however, they do require that the maturity range of investments be consistent with the liquidity requirements of the University.

Mortgage-Backed Securities

The University, from time to time, invests in mortgage backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA) and the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), agencies of the United States government. The University invests in these securities to increase the yield and return on its investment portfolio given the available alternative investment opportunities.

The fair value of mortgage-backed securities is generally based on the cash flows from principal and interest receipts on the underlying mortgage pools. These securities include collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs). In CMOs, the cash flow from principal and interest payments from one or more mortgage pass-through securities or a pool of mortgages may be reallocated to multiple security classes with different priority claims and payment streams (commonly referred to as tranches). A holder of the CMO security thus chooses the class of security that best meets its risk and return objectives. CMOs are subject to significant market risk due to fluctuations in interest rates, prepayment rates and various liquidity factors related to their specific markets. There were no CMOs in the University's investment portfolio at September 30, 2015.

At September 30, 2015, restricted investments consist of $46,408,000 related to investments included in the PLTF and GLTF to pay insurance liability claims and $49,978,000 in required collateral related to the 2006 swaption and the interest rate swap.

(b) University of South Alabama Foundation

Investments in securities consist primarily of equity securities totaling $132,514,000 at June 30, 2015.

Investment income was comprised of the following for the year ended June 30, 2015 (in thousands):

Unrealized gains	$	42,901
Realized gains		3,719
Timber sales		3,360
Interest and dividends		2,146
Rents		713
Royalties		115
	$	52,954

Investment related expenses in the amount of $322,000 are included in the USA Foundation's management and general expenses in the accompanying 2015 consolidated statement of activities and changes in net assets.

Real estate at June 30, 2015 consisted of the following property held (in thousands):

Land and land improvements – held for investment	$	65,269
Building and building improvements – held for investment		1,051
	$	66,320

Timber and mineral properties are stated at fair value. Depletion of mineral properties is recognized over the remaining producing lives of the properties based on total estimated production and current

period production. Depletion of timber properties is recognized on a specific identification basis as timber rights are sold or on a unit basis for sales made on that basis. Reforestation costs consisting of site preparation and planting of seedlings are capitalized.

Investments at June 30, 2015, include an equity interest in a timberland management company. The company's primary assets consist of timberland. The Foundation's proportionate share of the fair value of the company is based upon the valuation of the trustee responsible for the management of the company and the timber valuation.

The Foundation has adopted Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, (formally FASB Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*). ASC 820 provides a single definition of fair value and a hierarchical framework for measuring it, as well as establishing additional disclosure requirements about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities. Fair value measurements are classified as either observable or unobservable in nature. Observable fair values are derived from quoted market prices for investments traded on an active exchange or in dealer markets where there is sufficient activity and liquidity to allow price discovery by substantially all market participants (Level 1). The Foundation's observable values consist of investments in exchange-traded equity securities with a readily determinable market price. Other observable values are fair value measurements derived either directly or indirectly from quoted market prices (Level 2). Investments that are not traded on an active exchange and do not have a quoted market price are classified as unobservable (Level 3). The Foundation's unobservable values consist of investments in timber and real estate with fair values based on independent third-party appraisals performed by qualified appraisers specializing in timber and real estate investments.

The Foundation's investment assets at June 30, 2015, are summarized based on the criteria of ASC 820 as follows (in thousands):

		Fair value measurements at June 30, 2015			
Description		**Level 1**	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
Equity securities	$	72,836	59,678	—	132,514
Timber and mineral properties		—	—	157,064	157,064
Real estate		—	—	66,320	66,320
Other investments		—	—	5,803	5,803
	$	72,836	59,678	229,187	361,701

For the year ended June 30, 2015, activity in investment assets valued at fair value based on unobservable values is as follows (in thousands):

Description	Timber and mineral properties	Real estate	Other investments	Total
Beginning balance	$ 156,320	31,007	6,054	193,381
Total gains (losses) (realized/unrealized)	4,667	35,346	(251)	39,762
Dispositions	(81)	—	—	(81)
Reforestation	1,056	—	—	1,056
Depreciation/depletion	(4,898)	(33)	—	(4,931)
Ending balance	$ 157,064	66,320	5,803	229,187

As of June 30, 2015, the Foundation has no outstanding commitments to purchase securities or other investments. Additionally, substantially all of the Foundation's equity securities at June 30, 2015 are considered readily liquid. Timber and mineral properties, real estate, and other investments are generally considered illiquid.

(5) Derivative Transactions – Swaption

In January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds with a counterparty. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to the counterparty. The transactions resulted in an up-front payment to the University totaling $9,328,000, which was recorded as a liability, in exchange for selling the counterparty the option to enter into an interest rate swap with respect to the Series 2004 and 2006 bonds in 2014 and 2016, respectively.

Objective of the Derivative Transaction

The objective of this transaction was to realize debt service savings currently from future debt refunding and create an economic benefit to the University.

Terms

A summary of the transactions is as follows:

Issue	Date of issue	Option expiration date	Effective date of swap	Termination date	Payment amount
Series 2004 bonds	2-Jan-08	16-Dec-13	15-Mar-14	15-Mar-24	$ 1,988,000
Series 2006 bonds	2-Jan-08	1-Sep-16	1-Dec-16	1-Dec-36	7,340,000

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As further discussed in note 10, in December 2013, the counterparty exercised its option with respect to the 2004 swaption. The University refunded its Series 2004 bonds, and issued the Series 2014-A variable rate bond. As a result of the exercise of the option by the counterparty, the swaption was terminated and the borrowing arising from the Series 2004 swaption of $1,696,000 and the investment derivative (liability) of $5,213,000 were written off and an investment loss of $2,229,000 was recognized and reported in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the year ended September 30, 2014. An original borrowing arising from the 2014 swap of $9,138,000 was recognized and is reported, net of current year amortization, as long-term debt, in the amount of $6,595,000, in the statement of net position at September 30, 2015.

As outlined in the 2008 agreement, if the counterparty exercises its option in 2016 related to the 2006 swaption, the University would, at the counterparty's option, be compelled to enter into an underlying swap. If the option is exercised, the University would begin to make payments on the notional amount, currently $100,000,000 for the 2006 bonds of the underlying swap contract. Simultaneously, the University would call outstanding 2006 bonds and issue variable rate demand notes (VRDNs) in their place. Under the swap contract, the University would pay a fixed rate of 5.0% on the 2006 bonds to the counterparty and would receive payments based on 68% of the one-month LIBOR index plus 0.25%. Alternatively, although it is not anticipated that this option would be to the University's advantage, the University could, at its option, cash settle the swap and retain its right to refund the 2006 bonds.

If the interest rate environment is such that the counterparty chooses to not exercise its option related to the 2006 swaption, the swaption would be canceled and the University would have no further obligation under this agreement.

Financial Statement Presentation

A swaption is considered a hybrid instrument and as such the payment by the counterparty to the University must be bifurcated into two components, a borrowing component and an embedded derivative component, and each component treated separately. The embedded derivative value of the swaption represents the fair value resulting from the fact that the fixed rate stated in the swaption is greater than the at-the-market rate. The initial value of the borrowing is the difference between the upfront payment and the fair value of the embedded derivative and represents the time value to the counterparty for holding the option, or the probability-weighted, discounted values of a range of future possible outcomes. The values of the derivatives and borrowings at the date of execution of this transaction were as follows:

		2004 Bonds	**2006 Bonds**
Embedded derivatives	$	918,000	3,343,000
Borrowings		1,070,000	3,997,000
	$	1,988,000	7,340,000

The values of any remaining borrowings are included in long-term debt on the University's 2015 statement of net position. Interest is being accreted on, and added to, the borrowings through the expiration date of the

option. For the year ended September 30, 2015, $355,000 was accreted and is included in interest expense in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

The fair value of the embedded investment derivative is reported as an investment asset, if the swaption derivative is an asset, or other noncurrent liability, depending on the fair value of the swaption derivative. The change in the fair market value of the swaption derivative is reported as a component of investment income (loss) in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. At September 30, 2015, the negative fair value of the swaption derivative is approximately $22,468,000 and is included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying statement of net position. For the year ended September 30, 2015, the change in the fair value of the derivative was ($8,277,000).

Fair Value

At September 30, 2015, the total of the embedded derivative associated with the outstanding swaption had a negative fair value of $22,468,000. The fair value of this swaption derivative was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the instruments, assuming that the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero-coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement.

Risks Associated with this Transaction

Certain risks are inherent to derivative transactions.

Interest rate risk. Interest rate risk, as a result of rising short-term interest rates causing higher interest rate payments, is effectively hedged by the University's fixed rate bonds. If the counterparty exercises its options, the underlying swap is expected to effectively hedge the potentially higher payments on VRDNs as well. The University is also subject to interest rate risk, as a result of changes in long-term interest rates, which may cause the value of fixed rate bonds or interest rate derivative to change. If long-term interest rates fall subsequent to the execution of this transaction, the value of the swaption will change, with negative consequences for the University.

Market access risk. This transaction assumes that VRDNs will be issued as a replacement of the 2006 bonds. If the University is unable to issue variable rate bonds after the counterparty exercises its right under the remaining swaption, the University would still be required to begin making periodic payments on the swap, even though there are no related bonds. Alternatively, the University could choose to liquidate the swap, which may create a substantial cash outlay.

Basis risk. If the counterparty exercises its option, there is a risk that the floating payments received under the swap will not fully offset the variable rate payments due on the assumed VRDNs.

Credit risk. Although the underlying swap exposes the University to credit risk should the swap be executed, the swaption itself does not expose the University to credit risk. If the option is exercised, the University would begin to make payments on the appropriate notional amount of the underlying swap contract. In that situation, if the fair value of the swap is positive, the University would be exposed to credit risk on the swap

in the amount of its fair value. As of September 30, 2015, the swap counterparty was rated Aa1 by Moody's Investors Services and AA- by Standard and Poor's Rating Services.

Termination risk. The University may be required to terminate the swaption or swap under certain circumstances, such as credit downgrades or other events specified in the contracts. In the event that a position needs to be terminated, the University may owe a substantial amount of money to terminate the contracts. At September 30, 2015, no events of termination have occurred.

(6) Capital Assets

(a) University of South Alabama

A summary of the University's capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2015 follows (in thousands):

	Beginning balance	Additions	Transfers	Reductions	Ending balance
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land and other	$ 22,516	—	—	—	22,516
Construction-in-progress	108,311	51,300	(76,698)	—	82,913
	130,827	51,300	(76,698)	—	105,429
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Land improvements	31,395	56	956	(46)	32,361
Buildings, fixed equipment, and infrastructure	601,425	4,849	72,109	(1,552)	676,831
Other equipment	150,682	5,909	3,633	(9,563)	150,661
Library materials	60,632	3,332	—	—	63,964
	844,134	14,146	76,698	(11,161)	923,817
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(18,419)	(871)	27	45	(19,218)
Buildings, fixed equipment, and infrastructure	(221,060)	(18,589)	719	1,282	(237,648)
Other equipment	(110,871)	(11,377)	(746)	9,338	(113,656)
Library materials	(46,308)	(2,786)	—	—	(49,094)
	(396,658)	(33,623)	—	10,665	(419,616)
Capital assets being depreciated, net	447,476	(19,477)	76,698	(496)	504,201
Capital assets, net	$ 578,303	31,823	—	(496)	609,630

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At September 30, 2015, the University had commitments of approximately $30,800,000 related to various construction projects.

(b) USA Research and Technology Corporation

Changes in capital assets for the year ended September 30, 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

	Beginning balance	Additions	Transfers	Reductions	Ending balance
Land improvements	$ 2,199	—	—	—	2,199
Buildings	27,917	6	—	—	27,923
Tenant improvements	913	59	—	—	972
Construction in progress	—	143	—	—	143
Other equipment	256		—	—	256
	31,285	208	—	—	31,493
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Land improvements	(936)	(94)	—	—	(1,030)
Buildings	(5,867)	(717)	—	—	(6,584)
Tenant improvements	(547)	(125)	—	—	(672)
Other equipment	(141)	(26)	—	—	(167)
	(7,491)	(962)	—	—	(8,453)
Capital assets, net	$ 23,794	(754)	—	—	23,040

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(7) Noncurrent Liabilities

A summary of the University's noncurrent liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2015 follows (in thousands):

	Beginning balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending balance	Less amounts due within one year	Noncurrent liabilities
Long-term debt:						
Bonds payable	$ 395,306	7,627	(14,579)	388,354	14,978	373,376
Notes payable	—	1,264	—	1,264	1,264	—
Capital lease obligation	—	17,226	(2,084)	15,142	2,116	13,026
Total long-term debt	395,306	26,117	(16,663)	404,760	18,358	386,402
Other non-current liabilities						
Net pension liability	—	337,603	(39,869)	297,734	—	297,734
Other long-term liabilities	65,924	35,228	(26,726)	74,426	6,682	67,744
Total other non-current liabilities	65,924	372,831	(66,595)	372,160	6,682	365,478
Total noncurrent liabilities	$ 461,230	398,948	(83,258)	776,920	25,040	751,880

Other long-term liabilities primarily consist of net pension liability, self-insurance liabilities, liabilities related to compensated absences, and the fair value of derivatives. Amounts due within one year are included in accounts payable, accrued liabilities and unrecognized revenue.

(8) Bonds Payable

Bonds payable consisted of the following at September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

University Tuition Revenue Bonds, Series 1999 Capital Appreciation, 4.70% to 5.25%, payable November 2011 through November 2018	$	24,933
University Tuition Revenue Refunding and Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2006 5.00%, payable through December 2036		100,000
University Facilities Revenue and Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008, 3.00% to 5.00%, payable through August 2038		101,715
University Facilities Revenue and Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2010, 3.81%, payable through August 2030		24,330
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2012-A, 2.92% payable through August 2032		22,067
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2012-B, 2.14% payable through August 2018		3,990
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2013-A, 2.83% payable through August 2033		29,542
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2013-B, 2.83% payable through August 2033		7,386
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2013-C, 2.78% payable through August 2025		8,892
University Facilities Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014-A, variable rate payable at 68% of LIBOR plus .73%, payable through March 2024		40,775
University Facilities Revenue Capital Improvement Bond, Series 2015, 2.47% payable through August 2030		5,625
Borrowing arising from swaption, Series 2006 Bonds		6,595
Borrowing arising from interest rate swap		7,768
		383,618
Plus unamortized premium		4,904
Less unaccreted discount		(23)
Less unamortized debt extinguishment costs		(145)
	$	388,354

Substantially all student tuition and fee revenues secure University bonds. Additionally, security for Series 2008 bonds includes Children's and Women's Hospital revenues in an amount not exceeding $10,000,000. Series 1999 Current Interest Bonds began maturing November 2002, and Capital Appreciation Bonds began maturing in November 2011. Series 1999 Bonds are not redeemable prior to maturity. Series 2006 Bonds begin maturing in December 2024 and are redeemable beginning in December 2016. Series 2008 Bonds began maturing in August 2009 and are redeemable beginning in August 2018. The Series 2010 Bond began maturing in August 2011 and is redeemable beginning in February 2020. The 2012-A and 2012-B Bonds began maturing in August 2013. The 2012-A Bond is redeemable beginning in

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August 2021. The 2012-B Bond is redeemable beginning in January 2015. The 2013-A, 2013-B and 2013-C Bonds began maturing in August 2014 and are redeemable beginning in June 2023. The Series 2014-A bond began maturing in March 2015 and is redeemable at any time. The Series 2015 bond began maturing in August 2015 and is redeemable beginning in June 2020.

In January 2008, the University entered into a synthetic advance refunding of the outstanding Series 2004 and 2006 bonds. This transaction was effected through the sale of two swaptions by the University to a counterparty. The proceeds from each sale, totaling $9,328,000, consist of two components, a borrowing and an embedded derivative. The borrowing component is included in long-term debt. As a result of this transaction, the counterparty has the option to compel the University to redeem its 2006 bonds at their respective redemption dates. See note 5 for a complete description of this transaction.

During the year ended September 30, 2015, the maturity value of the Capital Appreciation Bonds increased $1,272,000, over the original principal amount of $19,810,000, reflecting accretion of interest.

Approximately $2,594,000 of proceeds from the issuance of the Series 2012 Bond remained unspent at September 30, 2015 and is included in restricted cash and cash equivalents in the 2015 statement of net position. These funds are restricted for capital purposes as outlined in the indenture.

Approximately $20,616,000 of proceeds from the issuance of the Series 2013-A Bond remained unspent at September 30, 2015 and is included in restricted cash and cash equivalents in the 2015 statement of net position. These funds are restricted for capital purposes as outlined in the indenture.

Approximately $4,125,000 of proceeds from the issuance of the Series 2015 Bonds remained unspent at September 30, 2015 and is included in restricted cash and cash equivalents in the 2015 statement of net position. These funds are restricted for capital purposes as outlined in the indenture.

The University is subject to arbitrage restrictions on its bonded indebtedness prescribed by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service. As such, amounts are accrued as needed in the University's basic financial statements for any expected arbitrage liabilities. At September 30, 2015, no amounts were due or recorded in the financial statements.

The University is subject to restrictive covenants related to its bonds payable. At September 30, 2015, management believes the University was in compliance with such financial covenants.

In April 2015, the University signed a seven-year purchase agreement as a method of financing the purchase of certain computer software and hardware for the USA Health System. Also, in July 2015, the University signed a second seven-year purchase agreement as a method of financing additional laboratory software and hardware for the USA Health System. See Note 9 for further disclosure.

In March 2015, the University entered into a variable interest rate revolving line of credit with Compass Bank to, among other reasons, fund the acquisition of certain real property by the USA Health System. The total amount available under the line of credit is $5,000,000 and interest on the outstanding amounts accrued at the rate of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.00%. The maturity date is March 26, 2016.

The amount outstanding at September 30, 2015 is $1,264,000 and is reported in current portion of long-term debt in the current liabilities section of the statement of net position. See Note 16(c) for further disclosure.

Debt Service on Long-Term Obligations

Total debt service (which includes bonds and notes payable) by fiscal year is as follows as of September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

	Debt service on note and bonds			
	Principal	Interest	Additional maturity	Total
2016	$ 16,095	14,154	(1,099)	29,150
2017	18,552	13,427	(782)	31,197
2018	18,900	13,081	(427)	31,554
2019	17,831	12,763	(49)	30,545
2020	16,823	12,278	—	29,101
2021-2025	89,772	52,000	—	141,772
2026-2030	88,541	37,588	—	126,129
2031-2035	80,556	19,476	—	100,032
2036-2038	40,169	3,040	—	43,209
Subtotal	387,239	177,807	(2,357)	562,689
Plus (less):				
Additional maturity	(2,357)			
Unamortized bond premium	4,904			
Unaccreted bond discount	(23)			
Unamortized debt extinguishment costs	(145)			
Total	$ 389,618			

The principal amount of debt service due on bonds at September 30, 2015 includes $2,356,000 representing additional maturity value on Series 1999 Capital Appreciation Bonds. These bonds mature through 2019. Also included in the principal amount of debt service due on bonds at September 30, 2015, is $188,000 representing additional maturity value of the borrowing resulting from the Series 2006 swaption. As described in note 5, additional maturity will continue to accrue until the swaption option period in 2016. Although this additional maturity is presented as principal on the debt service schedule above, it is also recognized as interest expense on an annual basis in the University's basic financial statements as it accretes.

(a) USA Research and Technology Corporation

Notes Payable

Notes payable consisted of the following at September 30, 2015 (in thousands):

Wells Fargo, N.A. promissory note, one-month LIBOR plus 0.85% (1.043% at September 30, 2015) payable through 2028	$	13,772
PNC Bank promissory note, 4.50%, payable through 2021		8,545
	$	22,317

The note payable to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. was incurred by the Corporation to acquire Buildings II and III in the USA Technology & Research Park and to provide funds for renovations and tenant finishing costs. The loan is a fully amortizing promissory note with a 20-year term. As more fully described below, the Corporation entered into a "receive-variable, pay-fixed" type of interest rate swap on the promissory note, which will yield a synthetic fixed interest rate of 6.1%. The promissory note payable is secured by an interest in the ground lease with respect to the parcels of land on which Buildings II and III stand, an interest in Buildings II and III, an interest in tenant leases for Buildings II and III, and an interest in income received from rental of Buildings II and III.

The promissory note payable to PNC Bank has a 10-year term and amortization is based on a 20-year term. During December 2014, the Corporation negotiated a reduction in the interest rate from 4.88% to 4.5%. All other terms of the note remain unchanged. PNC Bank acquired the promissory note as part of its acquisition of RBC Bank (USA) on March 20, 2012. The Corporation agreed not to transfer or encumber the buildings or its leasehold interest in the real estate on which the buildings stand. The promissory note payable is secured by an interest in tenant leases for Building I and the dialysis services building, and an interest in income received from rental of Building I and the dialysis services building.

In connection with each note, the University entered into an agreement with the lender providing that for any year in which the Corporation's debt service coverage ratio is less than 1 to 1, the University will pay the Corporation rent equal to the amount necessary to bring the ratio to 1 to 1. The debt service coverage ratio is calculated by dividing the sum of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year (reduced by current year capital assets additions) and current year change in net position (determined without depreciation, amortization, and interest expense) by current year debt service. For fiscal 2015 the Corporation's debt service coverage ratio was 1.33 to 1. Management believes the Corporation was in compliance with its debt covenants, including the debt service coverage ratio covenant, at September 30, 2015. Further, management believes that, based on existing leases and service contracts and agreements, the debt service coverage ratio for fiscal 2016 will still exceed 1 to 1.

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Debt Service on Long-Term Obligations

At September 30, 2015, total debt service by fiscal year is as follows (in thousands):

	Debt service on note and loan		
	Principal	**Interest**	**Total**
2016	$ 1,001	1,212	2,213
2017	1,062	1,151	2,213
2018	1,119	1,094	2,213
2019	1,194	1,020	2,214
2020	1,264	949	2,213
2021–2025	12,822	2,244	15,066
2026–2028	3,855	336	4,191
Total	$ 22,317	8,006	30,323

Derivative Transaction

The Corporation is a party to a derivative with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the counterparty (successor to Wachovia Bank, N.A. the original counterparty). The derivative is a "receive-variable, pay-fixed" interest rate swap entered into in connection with the promissory note to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Objective of the derivative transaction. The Corporation utilizes the interest rate swap to convert its variable rate on the promissory note to a synthetic fixed rate.

The swap will terminate on May 1, 2028, when the loan matures. The notional amount of the swap will at all times match the outstanding principal amount of the loan. Under the swap, the Corporation pays the counterparty a fixed payment of 6.10% and receives a variable payment of the one-month LIBOR rate plus 0.85%. Conversely, the loan bears interest at the one-month LIBOR rate plus 0.85%. The Corporation paid $725,945 under the interest rate swap agreement for the year ended September 30, 2015, which is reflected as an increase in interest expense.

Fair value. The interest rate swap had a negative fair value of $(3,383,221) at September 30, 2015. The changes in fair value are reported as deferred outflows on the accompanying statement of net position since the interest rate swap is a hedging derivative instrument.

The fair value of the interest rate swap was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the swap, assuming that the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement.

Interest rate risk. On the Corporation's "receive-variable, pay-fixed" interest rate swap, as LIBOR decreases, the net payment on the swap increases.

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Credit risk. As of September 30, 2015, the Corporation was not exposed to credit risk on the interest rate swap because it had a negative fair value. However, if interest rates change and the fair value of the derivative becomes positive, the Corporation would have a gross exposure to credit risk in the amount of the derivative's fair value. The counterparty was rated Aa1 by Moody's Investors Services and AA- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services as of September 30, 2015.

Termination risk. The interest rate swap contracts use the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement, which includes standard default and termination events, such as failure to make payments, breach of agreement, and bankruptcy. At September 30, 2015, no events of default or termination had occurred. If the interest rate swap is terminated, interest rate risk associated with the variable rate debt would no longer be hedged. Also, if at the time of termination the interest rate swap had a negative fair value, the Corporation would be liable to the counterparty for a payment equal to the interest rate swap's fair value. To allow the Corporation the maximum flexibility to manage the utilization of Buildings II and III while at the same time providing protection for the counterparty, the Corporation granted the counterparty a $2,000,000 mortgage secured by an interest in the ground lease with respect to the parcel of land on which Building II stands, an interest in Building II, a security interest in Building II tenant leases, and a security interest in income received from rental of Building II.

Derivative payments and hedged debt. As interest rates fluctuate, variable rate debt interest and net derivative payments will fluctuate. Using interest rates as of September 30, 2015, debt service requirements by fiscal year of the variable rate debt and net derivative payments, assuming current interest rates remain the same in the future, are as follows (in thousands):

	Variable rate loan		Interest rate swap, net	Total
	Principal	Interest		
2016	$ 738	142	691	1,571
2017	787	134	650	1,571
2018	832	127	613	1,572
2019	893	116	562	1,571
2020	949	106	516	1,571
2021–2025	5,719	366	1,772	7,857
2026–2028	3,854	57	280	4,191
Total	$ 13,772	1,048	5,084	19,904

(9) Capital Lease Obligation

In April 2015, the University signed a seven-year purchase agreement as a method of financing the purchase of certain computer software and hardware for the USA Health System. Also, in July 2015, the University signed a second seven-year purchase agreement as a method of financing additional laboratory software and hardware for the USA Health System.

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Future minimum capital lease payments at September 30, 2015, are as follows (in thousands).

Year ending September 30:		
2016	$	2,609
2017		2,609
2018		2,609
2019		2,609
2020		2,609
Thereafter		3,913
		16,958
Less amounts representing interest		(1,816)
Net minimum lease payments	$	15,142

(10) Derivative Transaction – Interest Rate Swap

The University is a party to a derivative with Wells Fargo Bank, the counterparty. As more fully described in note 5, in December 2013, Wells Fargo exercised its option with respect to the synthetic advance refunding of the Series 2004 bonds to enter into an interest rate swap agreement with the University with an effective date of March 15, 2014. The resulting derivative is a "receive-variable, pay-fixed" interest rate swap. As part of the overall plan of the synthetic refunding of the 2004 bonds, the University redeemed those bonds in April 2014 with proceeds from the 2014-A bond.

Objective of the transaction. As noted the interest rate swap was the result of the original January 2008 synthetic advance refunding of the Series 2004 bonds. The objective of that transaction was to realize debt service savings currently from future debt refunding and create an economic benefit to the University.

The swap will terminate in March 2024, when the 2014-A bond matures. The notional amount of the swap will at all times match the outstanding principal amount of the bond. Under the swap, the University pays the counterparty a fixed semi-annual payment based on an annual rate of 4.9753% and receives on a monthly basis a variable payment of 68% of the one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 0.25%. Conversely, the Series 2014-A bond bears interest on a monthly basis at 68% of the one-month LIBOR rate plus 0.73%.

Fair value. The interest rate swap had a negative fair value of approximately $(9,138,000) at its inception. This amount, net of any amortization, is reported as a borrowing arising from the 2015 interest rate swap as long-term-debt in the amount of $7,768,000 the 2015 statement of net position.

The change in the fair value of the swap, $44,000, at September 30, 2015, is reported as a deferred outflow and derivative liability on the statement of net position since the interest rate swap is a hedging derivative instrument.

The fair value of the interest rate swap was estimated using the zero-coupon method. This method calculates the future net settlement payments required by the swap, assuming the current forward rates implied by the yield curve correctly anticipate future spot interest rates. These payments are then discounted using the spot rates implied by the current yield curve for hypothetical zero-coupon bonds due on the date of each future net settlement.

Interest rate risk. As the LIBOR rate decreases, the net payment on the swap increases. This, however, is mitigated by the fact that a decline in the LIBOR rate will also result in a decrease of the University's interest payment on the Series 2014-A bond. The University's exposure is limited to 0.48% of the notional amount, the difference in the payment from the counterparty and the interest payment on the 2014-A bond.

Credit risk. As of September 30, 2015, the University was not exposed to credit risk on the interest rate swap because it had a negative fair value. However, if interest rates change and the fair value of the derivative becomes positive, the University would have a gross exposure to credit risk in the amount of the derivative's fair value. The counterparty was rated Aa1 by Moody's Investor Services and AA – by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services as of September 30, 2015.

Termination risk. The University may be required to terminate the swap based on certain standard default and termination events, such as failure to make payments, breach of agreement, and bankruptcy. As of the current date, no events of termination have occurred.

Derivative payments and hedged debt. As interest rates fluctuate, variable rate debt interest and net derivative payments will fluctuate. Using interest rates as of the current date and assuming those current interest rates remain the same in the future; debt service requirements, including swap payments, by fiscal year are as follows (in thousands):

	Variable rate loan		Interest rate	
	Principal	Interest	swap, net	Total
2016	$ 490	643	1,568	2,701
2017	615	917	1,265	2,797
2018	640	1,088	1,060	2,788
2019	665	1,185	925	2,775
2020	6,925	1,136	768	8,829
2021–2024	31,440	2,235	1,301	34,976
Total	$ 40,775	7,204	6,887	54,866

(11) Net Patient Service Revenue

The Hospitals have agreements with governmental and other third-party payers that provide for reimbursement at amounts different from their established rates. Contractual adjustments under third-party reimbursement programs represent the difference between the Hospitals' billings at established rates for services and amounts reimbursed by third-party payers.

A summary of the basis of reimbursement with major-third party payers follows:

Medicare – Substantially all acute care services rendered to Medicare program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates. These rates vary according to patient classification systems that are based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Additionally, the Hospitals are reimbursed for both direct and indirect medical education costs (as defined), principally based on per-resident prospective payment amounts and certain adjustments to prospective rate-per-discharge operating reimbursement payments. The Hospitals generally are reimbursed for certain retroactively settled items at tentative rates, with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospitals and audits by the Medicare fiscal intermediary. During fiscal year 2015, USA Medical Center has received a final settled 2010 and 2011 cost report. USA Medical Center's 2012 and 2013 cost reports are still not settled. Audit work has been ongoing during this fiscal year on 2012 with no settlements received. The 2013 cost report was amended and the 2014 cost report was filed. During fiscal year 2015, USA Children's and Women's Hospital's 2011 and 2012 cost reports were resettled. The 2013 cost report was amended and the 2014 cost report was filed. Revenue from the Medicare program accounted for approximately 17% of the Hospitals' net patient service revenue for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Blue Cross – Inpatient services rendered to Blue Cross subscribers are paid at a prospectively determined per diem rate. Outpatient services are reimbursed under a cost reimbursement methodology. For outpatient services, the Hospitals are reimbursed at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospitals and audits thereof by Blue Cross. The Blue Cross retroactive settlements for USA Medical Center and USA Children's and Women's Hospital for 2013 were issued in October 2014. 2014 cost reports were filed timely during 2015 and USA Medical Center has been audited and was settled in July 2015. The 2014 cost report for USA Children's and Women's Hospital has been audited but not settled. The settlement due is fully reserved, and repayment is due to begin in November 2015. Revenue from the Blue Cross program accounted for approximately 23% of the Hospitals' net patient service revenue for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Medicaid – Inpatient services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed at all-inclusive prospectively determined per diem rates. Outpatient services are reimbursed based on an established fee schedule.

The Hospitals qualify as Medicaid essential providers and, therefore, also receive supplemental payments based on formulas established by the Alabama Medicaid Agency. There can be no assurance that the Hospitals will continue to qualify for future participation in this program or that the program will not ultimately be discontinued or materially modified.

Revenue from the Medicaid program accounted for approximately 36% of the Hospitals' net patient service revenue for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Other – The Hospitals have also entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The bases for payments to the Hospitals under these agreements include discounts from established charges and prospectively determined daily and case rates.

The composition of net patient service revenue for the year ended September 30, 2015 follows (in thousands):

Gross patient service revenue	$	621,147
Less provision for contractual and other adjustments		(285,324)
Less provision for bad debts		(64,168)
	$	271,655

Changes in estimates related to prior cost reporting periods resulted in an increase of approximately $8,010 in net patient service revenue for the year ended September 30, 2015.

(12) Defined Benefit Cost Sharing Pension Plan

Employees of the University are covered by a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the TRS.

Plan description

The TRS was established in September 1939, under the provisions of Act 419 of the Legislature of 1939 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other specified benefits for qualified persons employed by State-supported educational institutions. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of the TRS is vested in its Board of Control. The TRS Board of Control consists of 15 trustees. The plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). Title 16-Chapter 25 of the code of Alabama grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the TRS Board of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

Benefits provided

State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the TRS. Benefits for TRS members vest after ten years of creditable service. Tier 1 TRS members who retire after age sixty with ten years or more creditable service or with twenty-five years of services (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the higher monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the TRS are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest three of the last ten years) for each year of service.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 TRS members are eligible for retirement after age sixty-two with ten years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the TRS are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest five of the last ten years) for each year of service. Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have ten years of

credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated form further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits are calculated and paid to the beneficiary based on the member's age, service credit, employment status, and eligibility for retirement.

Contributions

Covered members of the TRS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, covered members of the TRS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered Tier 1 members of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation.

Tier 2 covered members of the TRS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation.

Participating employers' contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2014 was 11.71% of annual pay for Tier 1 members and 11.08% of annual pay for Tier 2 members. These required contribution rates are a percent of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the University were $22,798,000 for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2015, the University reported a liability of $297,734,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The collective net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2014 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actual valuation as of September 30, 2013. The University's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the employers' shares of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating TRS employers. At September 30, 2014, the University's proportion was 3.322348%, which was a decrease of 0.167423% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2013.

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For the year ended September 30, 2015, the University recognized pension expense of approximately $19,747,000. At September 30, 2015, the University reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	$ —	22,630,000
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	—	13,261,000
Employer contributions subsequent to measurement date	22,798,000	—
	$ 22,798,000	35,891,000

Approximately $22,798,000 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from University contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending September 30,	
2016	$ 8,741,000
2017	8,741,000
2018	8,741,000
2019	8,741,000
2020	927,000
	$ 35,891,000

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2013 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Investment rate of return*	8.00%
Projected salary increases	3.50% - 8.25%

*Net of pension plan investment expense

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The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2013, were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the TRS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2010. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes on January 27, 2012, which became effective at the beginning of the fiscal year 2012. Mortality rates for TRS were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA projected to 2015 and set back one year for females.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rate of return for each major asset class are as follows:

	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return*
Fixed Income	25.00%	5.00%
U. S. Large Stocks	34.00	9.00
U. S. Mid Stocks	8.00	12.00
U. S. Small Stocks	3.00	15.00
International Developed Market Stocks	15.00	11.00
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.00	16.00
Real Estate	10.00	7.50
Cash	2.00	1.50
	100.00%	

* Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following table presents the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8%, as well as what the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (7%) or 1-percentage point higher (9%) than the current rate (in thousands):

	1% Decrease (7.00%)	Current Rate (8.00%)	1% Increase (9.00%)
University's proportionate share of collective net pension liability	$405,606	$297,734	$206,305

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 67 Report for the TRS prepared as of September 30, 2014. The auditors' report dated May 1, 2015 on the total pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense for the sum of all participating entities as of September 30, 2014 along with supporting schedules is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

(13) Other Employee Benefits

(a) Other Pension Plans

Employees of the University also participate in a defined contribution pension plan. The defined contribution pension plan covers certain academic and administrative employees, and participation by eligible employees is optional. Under this plan, administered by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), contributions by eligible employees are matched equally by the University up to a maximum of 3% of current annual pay. The University and the employees each contributed $759,000 in 2015, representing 343 employees participating in this Plan.

All employees of the HCM working at least half time are eligible to participate in a defined contribution pension plan. Under this plan, contributions by eligible employees are matched equally by the HCM up to a maximum of 5% of current annual pay. The HCM and the employees contributed $3,111,000 in 2015 representing 1,090 employees participating in this plan. University employees as of September 30, 2010 who later transfer to the HCM are immediately vested in the plan. All other employees do not vest until they have held employment with the HCM for thirty-six months; at which time they become 100% vested in the plan.

(b) Compensated Absences

Regular University employees accumulate vacation and sick leave and hospital and clinical employees accumulate paid time off. These are subject to maximum limitations, at varying rates depending upon their employee classification and length of service. Upon separation of employment, employees who were hired before January 1, 2012 are paid all unused accrued vacation at their regular rate of pay up to a maximum of two times their annual accumulation rate. Employees hired after January 1, 2012 are not eligible for payment of unused accrued vacation or PTO hours upon separation of employment. The accompanying statement of net position includes accruals for vacation pay and paid time off of approximately $15,163,000 at September 30, 2015. The current portion of the accrual is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the noncurrent portion is included in other long term liabilities in the accompanying basic financial statements. No accrual is recognized for sick leave benefits since no terminal cash benefit is available to employees for accumulated sick leave.

(c) Other Postretirement Employee Benefits

As the provider of postretirement benefits to state retirees, the state is responsible for applying GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. In September 2003, the State of Alabama Legislature passed legislation that requires all colleges and universities to fund the healthcare premiums of its participating retirees. In prior years, such costs have been paid by the State. Beginning in October 2003, the University was assessed a monthly premium by the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) based on the number of retirees in the system and an actuarially determined premium. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the University's expense related to PEEHIP was $8,461,000.

(14) Risk Management

The University, USAHSF, HCM and SAMSF participate in the professional liability trust fund and the University, USAHSF, HCM, SAMSF and the Corporation participate in the general liability trust fund. Both funds are administered by an independent trustee. These trust funds are revocable and use contributions by the University and USAHSF, together with earnings thereon, to pay liabilities arising from the performance of its employees, trustees and other individuals acting on behalf of the University. If the trust funds are ever terminated, appropriate provision for payment of related claims will be made and any remaining balance will be distributed to the participating entities in proportion to contributions made.

As discussed in note 1, the PLTF and GLTF are blended component units of the University, as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, and as such are included in the basic financial statements of the University for the year ended September 30, 2015. Claims and expenses are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Those losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported and the future costs of handling claims. These liabilities are generally based on actuarial valuations and are reported at their present value.

The University and HCM participate in a self-insured health plan, administered by an unaffiliated entity. Administrative fees paid by the University for such services were approximately $1,849,000 in 2015. Contributions by the University and its employees, together with earnings thereon, are used to pay liabilities

arising from healthcare claims. It is the opinion of University administration that plan assets are sufficient to meet future plan obligations.

The changes in the total self-insurance liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2015 for the PLTF, GLTF and health plan are summarized as follows (in thousands):

Balance, beginning of year	$	29,792
Liabilities incurred and other additions		56,829
Claims, administrative fees paid and other reductions		(63,491)
Balance, end of year	$	23,130

Self-insurance liabilities due within one year are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and the noncurrent portion is included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying statement of net position.

(15) Other Related Party

SAMSF is a not-for-profit corporation that exists for the purpose of promoting education and research at the University. At September 30, 2015, SAMSF had total assets of $12,986,000, net assets of $9,887,000, and total revenues of $4,062,000. SAMSF reimburses the University for certain administrative expenses and other related support services. Total amounts received for such expenses were approximately $600,000 in 2015, and are reflected as private grants and contracts in the accompanying statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

(16) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Grants and Contracts

At September 30, 2015, the University had been awarded approximately $23,610,000, in grants and contracts for which resources had not been received and for which reimbursable expenditures had not been made for the purposes specified. These awards, which represent commitments of sponsors to provide funds for research or training projects, have not been reflected in the accompanying basic financial statements as the eligibility requirements of the award have not been met. Advances include amounts received from grant and contract sponsors which have not been earned under the terms of the agreements and, therefore, have not yet been included in revenues in the accompanying basic financial statements. Federal awards are subject to audit by Federal agencies. The University's management believes any adjustment from such audits will not be material.

(b) Letter of Credit

In connection with the Hospitals' participation in the State of Alabama Medicaid Program, the University has established a $77,000 irrevocable standby letter of credit with Wells Fargo, N.A. The Alabama Medicaid Agency is the beneficiary of this letter of credit. No funds were advanced under this letter during the year ended September 30, 2015.

(c) Line of Credit

In March 2015, the University entered into a variable interest rate revolving line of credit with Compass Bank to, among other reasons, fund the acquisition of certain real property by the USA Health System. The total amount available under the line of credit is $5,000,000 and interest on the outstanding amounts accrue at the rate of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus 1.00% with a maturity date of March 26, 2016. The amount outstanding at September 30, 2015 is $1,264,000 and is reported as debt in the current liabilities section of the statement of net position as of September 30, 2015.

(d) Letter of Credit

In connection with RCO participation in the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Home Health Regional Care Organization Program, the HCM has established a $1,689,000 irrevocable standby letter of credit with Hancock Bank. The Alabama Medicaid Agency is the beneficiary of this letter of credit. No funds were advanced under this letter during the year ended September 30, 2015. As a requirement of the issuance of this letter of credit, the HCM is required to establish collateral in the same amount as the letter of credit. As such, a collateral account in the amount of $1,689,000 has been established and is included in restricted cash and cash equivalents on the statement of net position as of September 30, 2015.

(e) HCM Commitment

In September 2015, the HCM entered into a commitment to the RCO. This letter commits the HCM to contribute cash or other assets to the RCO only upon the execution of a contract between the RCO and the Alabama Medicaid Agency to provide medical services to Medicaid patients on a capitated basis. The amount of the commitment is $6,644,000. As of September 30, 2015, no amounts have been paid to the RCO.

(f) Federal Program Review

In November 2014, the University was the subject of a program review conducted by the U. S. Department of Education. The program review assessed the University's administration of Title IV, HEA programs for the 2013-2014 fiscal year and the first two months of the 2015 fiscal year. A draft report has been subsequently received by the University and a response to this draft has been sent to the U.S. Department of Education. No final report has been issued. Management believes that there will be no liability to the University beyond that which is reported in the financial statements.

(g) Litigation

Various claims have been filed against the University alleging discriminatory employment practices and other matters. University administration and legal counsel are of the opinion the resolution of these matters will not have a material effect on the financial position or the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position of the University.

(h) Rent Supplement Agreements

The University has entered into two irrevocable rent supplement agreements with the Corporation and a financial institution. The agreements require that, in the event the Corporation fails to maintain a debt service coverage ratio of one to one with respect to all of its outstanding indebtedness, the University will pay to the Corporation any and all rent amounts necessary to cause the Corporation's net operating income to be equal to the Corporation's annual debt service obligations (see note 8). As of September 30, 2015, no amounts were payable pursuant to these agreements.

(i) Sale of Brookley Campus

On September 29, 2010, the University and the USA Foundation executed a purchase and sale agreement calling for the University to sell approximately 327 acres on Mobile Bay, known as the Brookley campus, to the Foundation. The terms of the agreement required the Foundation to pay the University $20,000,000; $4,000,000 at closing and $4,000,000 annually thereafter through the 2015 fiscal year. The sale closed on November 10, 2010 and the initial payment was received by the University at that point. The transaction was recorded as an installment sale. As such, during the year ended September 30, 2015, the University reported a gain on the sale of $2,289,000, which is reported as other nonoperating revenues in the 2015 statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position.

(j) USA Research and Technology Corporation Leases

The Corporation leases space in Building I to three tenants under operating leases. One lease has a 5-year initial term expiring in October 2018 with two 5-year renewal options. Another lease has a 10-year initial term expiring in May 2021, an option to cancel at the end of 6 years, and two 5-year renewal options. The third lease has a 67-month initial term expiring in December 2018 with no renewal options.

Space in Buildings II and III is leased under operating leases to the University and various other tenants. These leases have terms varying from month-to-month to ten years.

The Corporation leases from the University the third floor of a campus building. Located on that floor is the Coastal Innovation Hub (the Hub), a technology incubator, which currently houses three tenants with month-to-month leases.

Under leases for Buildings I, II, and III, the Corporation must pay all operating expenses of the buildings, including utilities, janitorial, maintenance, property taxes, and insurance. Tenants will reimburse the Corporation for such expenses only as the total expenses for a year increase over the total expenses for the base year of the lease (the Corporation's fiscal year beginning after the date the lease is signed). Under Hub leases, the Corporation must pay all operating expenses of the space, without reimbursement from tenants.

Space under lease to the University was 47,218 square feet at September 30, 2015.

The Corporation owns a building located on the premises of the USA Medical Center which is leased to a single tenant. The Corporation paid for construction of the building shell and land improvements while the tenant paid for the cost of finishing the building's interior. The lease has a ten year initial term expiring in March 2020 with three five-year renewal options. Under the lease, the tenant must also pay for utilities, taxes, insurance, and interior repairs and maintenance. The Corporation is responsible for repairs and maintenance to the exterior and HVAC system.

The Corporation, as lessor, had three ground leases in place at September 30, 2015. One lease is for a 40-year initial term expiring in October 2046 with 20-year, and 15-year renewal options. The second lease is for a 30-year initial term expiring in October 2046 with four 5-year renewal options. The third lease has a 38.5-year initial term expiring in September 2036 with 20-year and 15-year renewal options.

Minimum future rentals by fiscal year are as follows (in thousands):

2016	$	1,982
2017		1,792
2018		1,601
2019		999
2020		653
2021–2046		6,262
Total	$	13,289

(17) Functional Expense Information

Operating expenses by functional classification for the year ended September 30, 2015 are listed below (in thousands). In preparing the basic financial statements, all significant transactions and balances among accounts have been eliminated (in thousands).

Instruction	$	125,495
Research		23,132
Public service		44,677
Academic support		20,097
Student services		31,348
Institutional support		29,925
Operation and maintenance of plant		31,503
Scholarships		7,602
Hospital		295,447
Auxiliary enterprises		18,074
Depreciation and amortization		33,728
	$	661,028

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(18) Blended Component Units

As more fully described in notes 1(b) and 1(c), the HCM, PLTF and GLTF are considered component units pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 61. In accordance with that statement, the HCM, PLTF and GLTF are reported as blended component units. Required combining financial information of the aggregate blended component units is presented below (in thousands):

Current assets	$	14,032
Noncurrent assets		48,709
Total assets		62,741
Noncurrent liabilities		62,026
Total liabilities		62,026
Net position	$	715
Operating revenues	$	131,622
Operating expenses		(131,410)
Operating income		212
Nonoperating expenses		(20)
Change in net position	$	192

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(19) Significant New (Future) Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application.* GASB Statement No. 72 provides hierarchical guidance for determining a fair value measurement for assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and also provides guidance for required disclosures related to fair value measurements and is effective for the University's fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68.* Statement No. 73 establishes requirements for defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans that are not within the scope of Statement No. 68 and, with certain modifications, extends the accounting and reporting approach established in Statement No. 68 to all pensions. GASB Statement No. 73 is effective for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. In June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.* GASB Statement No. 75 changes accounting and financial reporting for entities which participate in plans providing postemployment benefits other than pensions and will be effective for the University's year ending September 30, 2018. Also in June 2015, the GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. Statement No. 76 identifies the hierarchy of generally accepted accounting principles for entities, reduces the GAAP hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP, and addresses the use of authoritative and non-authoritative literature in the event that the accounting treatment of a transaction is not specified within a source of authoritative GAAP. GASB Statement No. 76 is effective for the University's fiscal year ending September 30, 2016.

The effect of the implementation of GASB Statements Nos. 72, 73, 75 and 76 on the University has not yet been determined.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

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Schedule of the University's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Unaudited)

Teachers' Retirement Plan of Alabama

September 30, 2015

University's proportion of the net pension liability		3.322348%
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$	297,734,000
University's covered-employee payroll		201,858,000
University's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		147.50%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		71.01%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

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Schedule of University's Contributions (Unaudited)

Teachers' Retirement Plan of Alabama

September 30, 2015

Contractually required contribution	$	23,524,000
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		23,524,000
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$	—
University's covered-employee payroll	$	201,858,000
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		11.65%

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

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(1) Summary of Cost Sharing Pension Plan Provisions and Assumptions

Employees of the University of South Alabama (the University) are covered by a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) of the State of Alabama.

(a) Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2013 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.00%
Investment rate of return*	8.00
Projected salary increases	3.50–8.25

*Net of pension plan investment expense

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2013, were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the TRS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2010. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes on January 27, 2012, which became effective at the beginning of the fiscal year 2012.

Mortality rates for TRS were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA projected to 2015 and set back one year for females. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

(b) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Federal sponsor/Program title	CFDA	Pass-through award number	Pass-through entity	Direct expenditures	Pass-through expenditures	Total expenditures
Student Financial Aid Cluster*:						
U.S. Department of Education:						
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program	84.007			$ 347,526	—	347,526
Federal Work Study Program	84.033			451,923	—	451,923
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063			20,341,848	—	20,341,848
Federal Direct Student Loan Program	84.268			119,900,135	—	119,900,135
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education	84.379			16,873	—	16,873
Nurse Faculty Loan Program	93.264			112,748	—	112,748
Total Student Financial Aid Cluster				141,171,053	—	141,171,053
Research and Development Cluster:						
U.S. Department of Agriculture:						
Plant and Animal Disease Pest Control and Animal Care	10.025			153,532	—	153,532
Plant and Animal Disease Pest Control and Animal Care	10.025			8,912	—	8,912
Total CFDA				162,444	—	162,444
Wetlands Reserve Program	10.072			1,100	—	1,100
Forestry Research	10.652			(12,582)	—	(12,582)
Forestry Research	10.652			83,423	—	83,423
Total CFDA				70,841	—	70,841
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				234,385	—	234,385
U.S. Department of Commerce:						
Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations	11.302			70,753	—	70,753
Sea Grant Support	11.417	USM-GR04867-01	Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant	—	24,118	24,118
Sea Grant Support	11.417	USM-GR03924-R/HCE-04-PD	University of Southern Mississippi	—	9,934	9,934
Sea Grant Support	11.417	USM-GR05069-01	University of Southern Mississippi	—	1,712	1,712
Sea Grant Support	11.417	080100.340557.01	Mississippi State University	—	9,531	9,531
Sea Grant Support	11.417	130206	University of Southern Mississippi	—	15,570	15,570
Total CFDA				—	60,865	60,865
Fisheries Development and Utilization Research	11.427			122,422	—	122,422
Marine Fisheries Initiative	11.433			130,596	—	130,596
Cooperative Fishery Statistics	11.434	150294	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	—	2,183	2,183
Unallied Management Projects	11.454			(3,718)	—	(3,718)
Unallied Management Projects	11.454	15–15	Texas A&M University	—	7,442	7,442
Total CFDA				(3,718)	7,442	3,724
Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research – Coastal Ocean	11.478			28,441	—	28,441
Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research – Coastal Ocean	11.478	ORSP-10097-20096-1	Florida Gulf Coast University	—	88,545	88,545
Total CFDA				28,441	88,545	116,986
Arrangements for Interdisciplinary Research Infrastructure	11.619	140453	Colorado State University	—	21,834	21,834
Total U.S. Department of Commerce				348,494	180,869	529,363
U.S. Department of Defense:						
Procurement Technical Assistance For Business Firms	12.002	140151	Small Business Innovation	—	6,095	6,095
Procurement Technical Assistance For Business Firms	12.002	150228	Small Business Innovation	—	16,879	16,879
Procurement Technical Assistance For Business Firms	12.002	150027	DxDiscovery, Inc.	—	37,088	37,088
Total CFDA				—	60,062	60,062
Basic and Applied Scientific Research	12.300	TAI-13-1113	Thermoanalytics, Inc.	—	37,434	37,434
Basic Scientific Research – Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction	12.351			653,582	—	653,582
Military Medical Research and Development	12.420	130457	The Geneva Foundation	—	3,652	3,652
Basic Scientific Research	12.431			(2,015)	—	(2,015)
Basic Scientific Research	12.431			57,228	—	57,228
Basic Scientific Research	12.431	DARPA2015A-02	Sage Bionetworks	—	3,792	3,792
Total CFDA				55,213	3,792	59,005
Basic, Applied, and Advanced Research in Science and Engineering	12.630	RSC15035	University of Dayton Research Institute	—	35,071	35,071
Research and Technology Development	12.910	RD198-S1	Georgia Institute of Technology	—	18,966	18,966
Total U.S. Department of Defense				708,795	158,977	867,772

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U.S. Department of Interior:						
Mineral Management Services Environmental Studies Program	15.423	159	University of New Orleans	$ —	33,377	33,377
Sport Fish Restoration Program	15.605	140103	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	—	95,743	95,743
Sport Fish Restoration Program	15.605	150159	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	—	45,130	45,130
Sport Fish Restoration Program	15.605	140425	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	—	27,018	27,018
Total CFDA				—	167,891	167,891
National Park Service Conservation, Protection, Outreach and Education	15.954			47,574	—	47,574
National Park Service Conservation, Protection, Outreach and Education	15.954	P11AC90959	National Park Service	—	11,211	11,211
Total CFDA				47,574	11,211	58,785
Total U.S. Department of Interior				47,574	212,479	260,053
U.S. Department of Transportation:						
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	140473	Neel-Schaffer, Inc.	—	1,258	1,258
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	930-841R	Alabama Department of Transportation	—	49,262	49,262
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	930-839R	Alabama Department of Transportation	—	66,588	66,588
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	930-856R	Alabama Department of Transportation	—	24,986	24,986
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	TASK ORDER 5000	Kilgore Consulting & Management	—	6,908	6,908
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	130073	The University of Alabama	—	1,981	1,981
Total CFDA				—	150,983	150,983
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				—	150,983	150,983
National Aeronautics and Space Administration:						
Exploration	43.003	XHAB 2016-7 15280	National Space Grant Foundation	—	4,086	4,086
Education	43.008	XHAB 2014-02	National Space Grant Foundation	—	2,507	2,507
Education	43.008	2013-067	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	3,634	3,634
Education	43.008	XHAB 2014-02	National Space Grant Foundation	—	(655)	(655)
Education	43.008	140277	National Space Grant Foundation	—	17,480	17,480
Total CFDA				—	22,966	22,966
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration				—	27,052	27,052
National Science Foundation:						
Engineering Grants	47.041			26,139	—	26,139
Engineering Grants	47.041			59,978	—	59,978
Engineering Grants	47.041			2,595	—	2,595
Engineering Grants	47.041			667,000	—	667,000
Engineering Grants	47.041	4101-66727	Purdue University	—	5,321	5,321
Total CFDA				755,712	5,321	761,033
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049			50,157	—	50,157
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049			27,944	—	27,944
Mathematical and Physical Sciences	47.049			42,430	—	42,430
Total CFDA				120,531	—	120,531
Geosciences	47.050			18,629	—	18,629
Geosciences	47.050			75,297	—	75,297
Geosciences	47.050			104,724	—	104,724
Geosciences	47.050			24,407	—	24,407
Total CFDA				223,057	—	223,057
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070			154,724	—	154,724
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070			68,403	—	68,403
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070			436,220	—	436,220
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070			40,120	—	40,120
Computer and Information Science and Engineering	47.070			904	—	904
Total CFDA				700,371	—	700,371
Biological Sciences	47.074			177,264	—	177,264
Biological Sciences	47.074	NYBG-120619710-USAM	New York Botanical Gardens	—	7,013	7,013
Biological Sciences	47.074	14-BS-200511-USA	Auburn University	—	5,324	5,324
Total CFDA				177,264	12,337	189,601
Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences	47.075			35,617	—	35,617

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Education and Human Resources	47.076			$ 10,060	—	10,060
Education and Human Resources	47.076			108,771	—	108,771
Education and Human Resources	47.076	USM-GR05135-002	University of Southern Mississippi	—	24,196	24,196
Total CFDA				118,831	24,196	143,027
Polar Programs	47.078			22,884	—	22,884
Office of Experimental Programs	47.081	34-21530-200-76190	Tuskegee University	—	31,655	31,655
Total National Science Foundation				2,154,267	73,509	2,227,776
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency:						
Dendritic Polymers as Biocompatible	66.509	1614-218-2008962	Clemson University	—	3,681	3,681
Total U. S. Environmental Protection Agency				—	3,681	3,681
U.S. Department of Energy:						
Basic Energy Sciences University and Science Education	81.049	DE-SC0002470	University of Alabama	—	20,264	20,264
Basic Energy Sciences University and Science Education	81.049	UA13-073	University of Alabama	—	347	347
Total CFDA				—	20,611	20,611
Nuclear Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration	81.121	246281	Battelle Memorial Institute, Pacific NW Division	—	33,557	33,557
Island World: A Small World Simulation	81.UNK	4000137203	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	—	9,524	9,524
Total U. S. Department of Energy				—	63,692	63,692
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:						
Environmental Health	93.113	HSR-SSS-S-14-003667	Social and Scientific Systems Inc.	—	581,754	581,754
Environmental Health	93.113	130272	Lynntech, Inc.	—	46,148	46,148
Environmental Health	93.113	150121	Trevigen Inc.	—	97,911	97,911
Total CFDA				—	725,813	725,813
Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	93.307			1,252,436	—	1,252,436
Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	93.307	USM-GR04826-01	University of Southern Mississippi	—	58,137	58,137
Total CFDA				1,252,436	58,137	1,310,573
Trans – NIH Research Support	93.310			46,485	—	46,485
Nursing Research	93.361			69,474	—	69,474
National Center for Research Resources	93.389			5,863	—	5,863
Cancer Cause and Prevention Research	93.393			1,226,225	—	1,226,225
Cancer Cause and Prevention Research	93.393	000369558-001	University of Alabama at Birmingham	—	1,031	1,031
Total CFDA				1,226,225	1,031	1,227,256
Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research	93.394			72,120	—	72,120
Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research	93.394			263,022	—	263,022
Total CFDA				335,142	—	335,142
Cancer Treatment Research	93.395			499,273		499,273
Cancer Treatment Research	93.395	27469-02	University of Alabama	—	430	430
Cancer Treatment Research	93.395	9500080215-12C	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia	—	80,053	80,053
Total CFDA				499,273	80,483	579,756
Cancer Biology Research	93.396			880,250	—	880,250
Cancer Research Manpower	93.398			26,118	—	26,118
NIH Recovery Act Research Support	93.701	9500010213	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia	—	(73,178)	(73,178)
ARRA – National Center for Research Resources, Recovery Act Construction Support	93.702			(2,250)	—	(2,250)
Cardiovascular Diseases Research	93.837			382,101	—	382,101
Cardiovascular Diseases Research	93.837			245,875	—	245,875
Cardiovascular Diseases Research	93.837	PS#107223	Brigham and Women’s Hospital	—	3,656	3,656
Total CFDA				627,976	3,656	631,632
Lung Diseases Research	93.838			3,457,818	—	3,457,818
Lung Diseases Research	93.838	080-18007-S11201	Thomas Jefferson University	—	63,880	63,880
Total CFDA				3,457,818	63,880	3,521,698
Blood Diseases and Resources Research	93.839	130317	Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center	—	7,429	7,429
Blood Diseases and Resources Research	93.839	T098327	Emory University	—	150,620	150,620

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Blood Diseases and Resources Research	93.839	136444	Children's Hospital Medical Center	$ —	218	218
Total CFDA				—	158,267	158,267
Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders	93.853	0019741(121423-1)	University of Pittsburgh	—	24,027	24,027
National Institutes of Health	93.UNK	150238	University of Maryland	—	3,375	3,375
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855			438,292	—	438,292
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855			102,455	—	102,455
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855			(981)	—	(981)
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855			306,406	—	306,406
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855	2012-2764	The Regents of the University of California	—	48,987	48,987
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855	USA-13597-3	Seattle Biomedical Research Institute	—	19,643	19,643
Total CFDA				846,172	68,630	914,802
Pharmacology Physiology and Biological Chemistry	93.859			157,627	—	157,627
Pharmacology Physiology and Biological Chemistry	93.859			213,500	—	213,500
Pharmacology Physiology and Biological Chemistry	93.859	130270	Exscien	—	68,324	68,324
Total CFDA				371,127	68,324	439,451
Aging Research	93.866			22,702	—	22,702
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				9,664,811	1,182,445	10,847,256
Total Research and Development Cluster				13,158,326	2,053,687	15,212,013
Other federal assistance:						
U.S. Department of Commerce:						
Congressionally Identified Projects	11.617			854,723	—	854,723
Total U.S. Department of Commerce				854,723	—	854,723
U.S. Department of Transportation						
Highway Research and Development Program	20.200	TASK ORDER 12005	Kilgore Consulting & Management	—	1,624	1,624
Total U.S. Department of Transportation				—	1,624	1,624
National Aeronautics and Space Administration:						
Aerospace Education Services Program	43.001	SUB 2010-178-A14-01	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	12,566	12,566
Aerospace Education Services Program	43.001	SUB2010-176-A12	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	(50)	(50)
Aerospace Education Services Program	43.001	SUB2010-176-A16	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	4,219	4,219
Aerospace Education Services Program	43.001	140244	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	212	212
Aerospace Education Services Program	43.001	SUB2010-176-A16	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	657	657
Total CFDA				—	17,604	17,604
Technology Transfer	43.002	Various	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	20,594	20,594
Education	43.008	140309	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	60,191	60,191
Education	43.008	150366	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	3,000	3,000
Education	43.008	150366	University of Alabama in Huntsville	—	1,888	1,888
Total CFDA				—	65,079	65,079
Total National Aeronautics and Space Administration				—	103,277	103,277
National Science Foundation:						
Education and Human Resources	47.076	150374	University of Southern Mississippi	—	1,194	1,194
Education and Human Resources	47.076	12-120333	Mobile Area Education Foundation Inc.	—	27,244	27,244
Education and Human Resources	47.076	000398033-006	University of Alabama at Birmingham	—	52,941	52,941
Education and Human Resources	47.076			461,160	—	461,160
Total CFDA				461,160	81,379	542,539
ARRA - Trans-NSF Recovery Act Research Support	47.082			173,764	—	173,764
Total National Science Foundation				634,924	81,379	716,303
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency:						
Science to Achieve Results	66.514			6,480	—	6,480
U.S. Department of Education:						
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	15-150303	Alabama State Department of Education	—	14,264	14,264
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	15-15304	Alabama State Department of Education	—	10,000	10,000
TRIO Cluster:						
TRIO Talent Search	84.044			308,092	—	308,092

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended September 30, 2015

Federal sponsor/Program title	CFDA	Pass-through award number	Pass-through entity	Direct expenditures	Pass-through expenditures	Total expenditures
TRIO Upward Bound	84.047			$ 244,815	—	244,815
Total TRIO Cluster				552,907	—	552,907
Special Education – State Personnel Development	84.323	U500130	Alabama State Department of Education	—	30,664	30,664
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	84.366	U400315	Alabama State Department of Education	—	64,946	64,946
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	84.366	U400316	Alabama State Department of Education	—	101,868	101,868
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	84.366	Various	Alabama State Department of Education	—	370,568	370,568
Total CFDA				—	537,382	537,382
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	Various	Alabama State Department of Education	—	48,103	48,103
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	Various	Alabama Commission on Higher Education	—	203,495	203,495
Total CFDA				—	251,598	251,598
Total U.S. Department of Education				—	843,908	843,908
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:						
Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States	93.051	13-130338	South Alabama Regional Planning Commission	—	12,691	12,691
Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation	93.094	C50119148(GC-15-264)	Center for Disease Control and Prevention	—	11,098	11,098
Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation	93.094	C50119148(GC-15-264)	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	3,179	3,179
Total CFDA				—	14,277	14,277
HIV Demonstration Program for Children, Adolescents	93.153			366,809	—	366,809
HIV Demonstration Program for Children, Adolescents	93.153			1,608	—	1,608
Total CFDA				368,417	—	368,417
Advanced Education Nursing Grant Programs	93.247			279,044	—	279,044
Universal Newborn Hearing Screening	93.251	C50119125(CG-15-224)	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	7,412	7,412
Centers for Disease Control	93.283	Various	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	72,187	72,187
The Affordable Care Act: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	93.283	150209	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	6,308	6,308
Total CFDA				—	78,495	78,495
Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	93.307	USM-GR04826-01	University of Southern Mississippi		32,800	32,800
Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships	93.358			224,030	—	224,030
Nurse Education, Practice Quality, and Retention Grants	93.359			508,276	—	508,276
Health Care Innovation Awards	93.610	9185-01	Alabama Medicaid Agency	—	19,522	19,522
Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns	93.611			319,623	—	319,623
Strong Start for Mothers and Newborns	93.611			30,138	—	30,138
Total CFDA				349,761	—	349,761
Foster Care Title IV-E	93.658	140348	University of Alabama	—	105,231	105,231
ARRA-Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers Program	93.718			863,677	—	863,677
State Children's Insurance Program	93.767	150019	University of Alabama at Birmingham	—	3,303	3,303
Medicaid	93.778	11-152A9279	Alabama Medicaid Agency	—	358,283	358,283
Grants for Primary Care Training and Enhancement	93.884			141,700	—	141,700
Grants for Primary Care Training and Enhancement	93.884			189,462	—	189,462
Grants for Primary Care Training and Enhancement	93.884			197,874	—	197,874
Total CFDA				529,036	—	529,036
National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program	93.889	Various	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	1,153,472	1,153,472
HIV Care Formula Grants	93.917	140276	United Way of Central Alabama	—	34,924	34,924
HIV Care Formula Grants	93.917	150312	United Way of Central Alabama	—	6,828	6,828
Total CFDA				—	41,752	41,752
Cooperative Agreements to Support State-Based Infant	93.946	140012	Mobile County Health Department	—	117,965	117,965
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant	93.994	Various	State of Alabama Department of Public Health	—	1,933	1,933
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				3,122,241	1,947,136	5,069,377
Corporation for National and Community Service:						
AmeriCorp Recovery	94.006			23,444	—	23,444
Office of National Drug Control Policy						
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program	95.001	3HUS	State of Alabama Department of Public Safety	—	(2,135)	(2,135)
Total other federal assistance				4,641,812	2,975,189	7,617,001
Total federal expenditures				$ 159,524,098	5,028,876	164,552,974

*Indicates major program

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

(1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the University of South Alabama (the University) and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

(2) Campus-Based Loan Programs

Outstanding campus-based federal loans made by the University are included in notes receivable in the University's 2015 statement of net position and consist of the following loan programs:

	CFDA #	Outstanding amount at September 30, 2015	Amount advanced in 2015
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	$ 3,511,372	596,750
Nurse Faculty Loan Program	93.264	513,042	112,748
Nurse Faculty Loan Program ARRA	93.408	22,027	—
		$ 4,046,441	709,498

(3) Contingencies

The University's federal programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by grantor agencies which may result in disallowed expenditures and affect the University's continued participation in specific programs.

(4) Federal Direct Student Loans (CFDA #84.268)

The University's Federal Direct Student Loan Program (Direct Loan) included in the Schedule represents loans advanced to students of the University during fiscal year 2015, which were not originated by the University. Accordingly, Direct Loan amounts are not reflected in the University's basic financial statements. It is not practicable to determine the balance of loans outstanding to students and former students of the University under these programs as of September 30, 2015.

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During the year ended September 30, 2015, the University advanced to students the following amounts of new loans under Direct Loan Programs:

		Amount advanced
Stafford loans	$	22,821,960
Unsubsidized Stafford loans		75,188,689
Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students		21,889,486
Total	$	119,900,135

(5) Subrecipients

Of the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule, the University provided federal awards to subrecipients under the following programs during the year ended September 30, 2015:

	Federal CFDA #		Amounts expended
Marine Fisheries Initiative	11.433	$	124,593
Unallied Management Projects	11.454		(2,862)
Basic Scientific Research- Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction	12.351		209,099
National Park Service Conservation Protection Outreach and Education	15.954		4,477
Engineering grants	47.041		1,873
Geosciences	47.050		16,012
Education and Human Resources	47.076		12,068
HIV Demonstration Program for Children Adolescents and Women	93.153		9,818
Trans- NIH Research Support	93.310		24,675
Cancer Cause and Prevention Research	93.393		316,967
ARRA-Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers Program	93.718		232,506
Cancer Biology Research	93.396		102,420
Lung Diseases Research	93.838		438,964
Allergy Immunology and Transplantation Research	93.855		1,372
Grants for Residency Training for General Pediatrics	93.884		10,100
Sea Grant Support	11.417		7,493
Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research - Coastal Ocean	11.478		(1,589)
Mineral Management Services Environmental Studies Program	15.423		(6,021)
Mathematics and Science Partnerships	84.366		81,140
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367		129,452
		$	1,712,557

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(6) Matching

Under the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant Program, the University matched $147,702 in funds awarded to students for the year ended September 30, 2015 in addition to the Federal share of expenditures included in the Schedule.

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Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

The Board of Trustees
University of South Alabama:

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 basic financial statements of the University of South Alabama, a component unit of the State of Alabama, (the University) and its aggregate discretely presented component units as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, 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 13, 2015. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the University of South Alabama Foundation, as described in our report on the University's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors. The financial statements of the University of South Alabama Foundation, the University of South Alabama Health Services Foundation, the USA Research and Technology Corporation, the Gulf Coast Regional Care Organization, and the Professional and General Liability Trust Funds were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards.*

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the basic 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 opinions on the basic 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 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 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 those 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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

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November 13, 2015

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*

The Board of Trustees
University of South Alabama:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the University of South Alabama's (the University) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the University's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015. The University's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 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 September 30, 2015.

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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 OMB Circular A-133, 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 OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133

We have audited the basic financial statements of the University and its aggregate discretely presented component units as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the University's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated November 13, 2015, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions 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 OMB Circular A-133 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 basic 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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Jackson, Mississippi
November 13, 2015

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year ended September 30, 2015

I – Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	____ yes __x__ no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	____ yes __x__ none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	____ yes __x__ no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	____ yes __x__ no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	____ yes __x__ none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133?	____ yes __x__ no
Identification of major programs:	

CFDA Numbers	Name of Federal Program/Cluster
84.007, 84.033, 84.038, 84.063, 84.268, 84.379, 93.264, 93.408	Student Financial Aid Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	$ 701,457
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	__x__ yes ____ no

Section II – Findings Related to Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

There were no findings related to the financial statements reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* for the year ended September 30, 2015.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs relating to Federal Awards

There were no findings related to federal awards for the year ended September 30, 2015.