Arizona State University

CONCLUSION: Based on our audit, we issued opinions on the University’s financial statements concluding that the information in those statements is reliable. We also issued a report over the University’s internal control and compliance over financial reporting, which identified no internal control weaknesses and no instances of noncompliance over financial reporting.

University overview

University provides a variety of educational and employment opportunities for the State of Arizona—In fiscal year 2018, the University provided post-secondary education to over 103,000 students through a variety of colleges and undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs, with 25,974 degrees earned. The University employed 3,677 faculty and 11,708 staff positions, providing education to a diverse student population and supporting advanced research.

University responsible for accurate financial report—The University is responsible for accurately preparing its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), maintaining effective internal controls, and being accountable for its use of public monies. Select financial information from the University’s CAFR is presented below. However, the University’s CAFR should be read to fully understand its overall financial picture. Our Office’s Financial Report User Guide for Colleges and Universities will help readers identify and understand important and useful information in the University’s CAFR.

University financial information

Asset, liability, and net position balances on June 30, 2018

Total assets/deferred outflows = $4,216 million
Select asset balances:
- $2,634.8 M Capital assets
- 1,289.3 Cash and investments
- 142.2 Receivables

Total liabilities/deferred inflows = $2,946 million
Select liability balances:
- $1,849.4 M Long-term debt
- 751.2 Noncurrent employee benefits
- 78.2 Unearned revenues

University’s net position = $1,270 million
$115.5 million, or 9%, is unrestricted

Revenues and expenses during fiscal year 2018

Total revenues = $2,584 million
Select revenue sources:
- $1,323.3 M Tuition and fees, net of financial assistance
- 449.3 Government grants/contracts
- 362.3 State assistance
- 166.1 Auxiliary enterprises

Total expenses = $2,521 million
Select expenses by function:
- $881.7 M Instruction
- 458.3 Academic and institutional support
- 347.9 Student services and scholarships
- 297.4 Research
- 175.1 Auxiliary enterprises
Select revenues and expenses by function
Fiscal years 2009 through 2018
(In millions)

• Tuition and fees, net of financial assistance—Charges to students for educational services, net of any university student financial assistance revenues that were used to cover the students’ tuition and fees.

• Government grants and contracts—Primarily federal and state government grant programs and contracts awarded primarily for student financial aid and research and development programs.

• State assistance—State appropriations for general operations and maintenance, capital appropriations for research infrastructure, capital commitments for debt service, and the University’s share of state sales tax revenues.

• Auxiliary enterprises—Charges to students for services and activities including housing, books, athletic programs, food, parking, and student health, net of any university student financial assistance revenues that were used to cover these student charges.

• Instruction—Instruction for all degree and certificate programs.

• Academic and institutional support—University-wide planning, management, and administrative support services, including fiscal operations, information technology, and course development.

• Student services and scholarships—Social and cultural development, career guidance, financial aid administration, admissions, records, as well as grants, scholarships, and tuition and fee waivers. In fiscal year 2018, 61 percent was for scholarships.

• Research—Support for all initiatives to advance research in various fields.

• Auxiliary enterprises—Services and activities for students including housing, books, athletic programs, food, parking, and student health.

Source: Auditor General staff summary of information obtained from the University’s financial statements.

No audit findings and recommendations reported
Our Office did not report any weaknesses in the University’s internal control or instances of noncompliance over financial reporting in its Report on Internal Control and on Compliance. For help in understanding important information presented in this report, please refer to our Office’s Internal Control and Compliance Reports User Guide.