



**NORTHERN**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**For the year ended June 30, 2023**



December 22, 2023

Nathan D. Lukkes  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Board of Regents  
306 E Capital Ave, Ste. 200  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Mr. Lukkes:

The financial report for Northern State University for the year ended June 30, 2023 is presented in the following pages. The report was prepared by the Office of Finance and Administration.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal H. Schnoor, Ph.D.  
President



December 22, 2023

Dr. Neal H. Schnoor  
Northern State University  
Aberdeen, South Dakota

Dear Dr. Schnoor:

The annual financial report for Northern State University for the year ended June 30, 2023 is presented in the following pages. Standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) have been applied in the preparation of these statements, which provide a comprehensive record of the University's financial activities as a whole.

The Northern State University Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation established to further the development of the University. The Foundation's financial statements, audited by an independent certified public accountant, are included as part of this report since it is considered a component unit of the University based on the provisions of GASB Statement No. 39 *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*.

Sincerely,

Veronica Paulson  
Vice President for Finance and Administration

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JUNE 30, 2023

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## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

This section of Northern State University's annual financial report presents management's discussion and analysis of the University's financial operations during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and footnotes. The accuracy of the financial statements, footnote disclosures and discussion are the responsibility of University management.

Based on the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, it has been determined that the Northern State University Foundation is a component unit of the University. As such, the financial statements of the Foundation are included in this report. Independent auditors engaged by the Foundation's Board of Directors audit the Foundation's financial information. The University has no control or management responsibility over the Foundation funds.

## **Reporting Entity**

Northern State University is one of six public universities under the control of the South Dakota Board of Regents. The public universities are considered a component unit of the State of South Dakota and are reported as such in the State's annual comprehensive financial report.

The financial operations of Northern State University are audited as a part of the State of South Dakota. An audit opinion is not issued on the individual statements of the University, but rather on the audited Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the State of South Dakota.

## **Using the Annual Report**

The accompanying statements have been prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*.

The statements required by GASB include the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows. The statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting where revenues are recognized when the service is provided, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred regardless of when the exchange of cash takes place.

The Statement of Net Position reports the difference in assets and liabilities and is one way of measuring the University's financial position. Non-financial measurements such as enrollment and condition of the facilities serving the students should also be taken into consideration.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year. Revenues and expenses are considered operating or non-operating. In accordance with GASB requirements, state appropriations have been classified as non-operating revenues resulting in a net operating loss being reported. The financial statements also include an allowance for depreciation expense, which is the amortization of the cost of a capital asset over its estimated useful life.

The Statement of Cash Flows presents information related to cash inflows and outflows. These transactions are classified as operating, non-capital, capital and investing activities.

## Financial Highlights

### Condensed Statement of Net Position

June 30

(in millions)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current Assets	\$17.96	\$19.00	\$19.01
Non-Current Assets	132.23	135.80	136.15
Total Assets	<u>\$150.19</u>	<u>\$154.80</u>	<u>\$155.16</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current Liabilities	\$3.93	\$2.73	\$4.45
Non-Current Liabilities	17.41	17.73	18.97
Total Liabilities	<u>\$21.34</u>	<u>\$20.46</u>	<u>\$23.42</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Invested in Capital, Net of Related Debt	\$117.01	\$120.29	\$117.91
Restricted	3.00	3.05	2.94
Unrestricted	8.84	11.00	10.89
Total Net Position	<u>\$128.85</u>	<u>\$134.34</u>	<u>\$131.74</u>

This statement is prepared from the University's statement of net position, which is presented on the accrual basis of accounting whereby assets are capitalized and depreciated.

#### **Fiscal Year 2023 compared to 2022**

Total assets decreased approximately \$4.6 million. Current assets decreased approximately \$1 million in the receivable category with \$110,000 Barnett Center Addition, \$708,000 Sodexo and Aramark year end food service transition, and Perkins loans \$56,000. Non-current assets decreased approximately \$3.6 million, with \$355,000 decrease in Perkins loans receivables and \$3.2 million in capital assets net of new additions and annual depreciation expense.

Overall, liabilities increased slightly. Current liabilities increased over \$1 million of which \$300,000 was from SDEAF Grants and Northern Academy grants where funds were received in advance, \$495,000 unearned revenue from Sodexo renovation projects, and \$400,000 in year-end accounts payable due to the energy management project in progress. For non-current liabilities, we received \$827,000 in Energy Management Loan funds, but overall non-current liabilities still decreased due to bond payments made and the return of funds from the Perkins Loan program to the federal government.

#### **Fiscal Year 2022 compared to 2021**

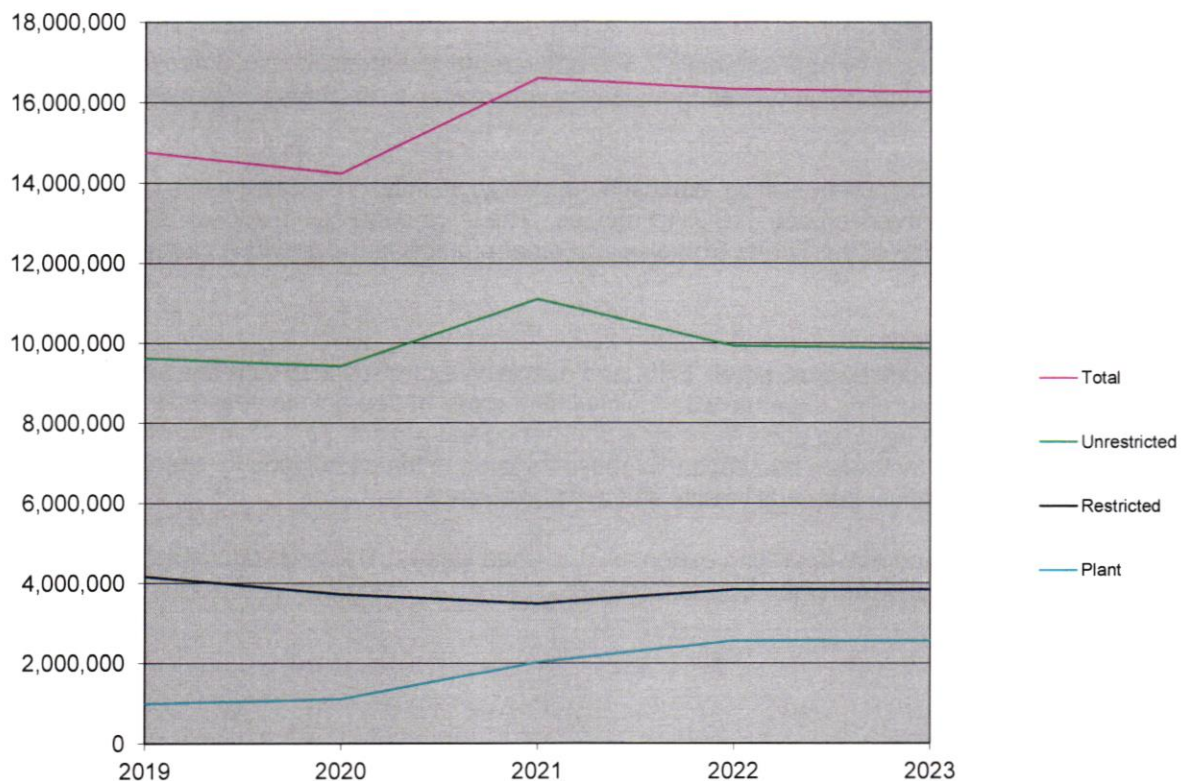
Both total assets and total liabilities decreased from FY21 to FY22. A decrease in notes receivable (Perkins loans) attributes to the slight decrease in non-current assets. The decrease in current liabilities is a result of completion of large construction projects and therefore a substantial decrease in accounts payable at year end. Non-current liabilities decreased slightly due to bond payments made and the return of funds from the Perkins Loan program to the federal government.

**Analysis of Net Position  
June 30**

Net Position	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Invested in Capital, Net of Related Debt	\$117,004,985	\$120,287,215	\$117,913,467
Restricted for:			
Grants	250,553	295,145	185,664
Debt Service	508,480	509,080	509,669
Bonded Facilities	2,243,733	2,243,733	2,244,533
Unrestricted	8,840,357	11,002,751	10,891,815
Total Net Position	<u>\$128,848,108</u>	<u>\$134,337,924</u>	<u>\$131,745,148</u>

Invested in capital, net of related debt represents the undepreciated balance of all capital assets less any related outstanding debt. Restricted net position represent restricted resources that the University may only use for allowable activities related to specific purposes listed above. Unrestricted net position may be used for the general operations of the University. The negative net asset balance of the loan funds is reported as part of unrestricted, per GASB standards.

The following is a graphic illustration of cash balances as of June 30:



Unrestricted cash on hand as of June 30 is used for salaries, benefits and monthly operating expenses. Cash receipts during the summer are relatively low so the University must maintain a sufficient cash balance to meet obligations until proceeds from tuition and fees are received in the fall. Restricted cash can only be used in accordance with the source of the cash. Plant funds are to be used for long-term maintenance of revenue buildings and not for normal day-to-day operating expenses.

**Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**  
**June 30**

	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>	<u><b>2021</b></u>
Operating Revenues	\$24,200,271	\$23,612,906	\$22,492,987
Operating Expenses	50,814,577	49,365,766	44,766,835
Operating Loss	(\$26,614,306)	(\$25,752,860)	(\$22,273,848)
Non-Operating Revenues	20,948,944	21,874,557	21,916,825
Non-Operating Expenses	484,518	567,293	541,440
Net Loss before Capital Contributions	(\$6,149,880)	(\$4,445,596)	(\$898,463)
Capital Contributions	660,064	7,038,371	29,597,511
Increase(Decrease) in Net Position	(\$5,489,816)	\$2,592,775	\$28,699,048
Net Position, Beginning of Year	134,337,924	131,745,149	103,046,101
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$128,848,108</u>	<u>\$134,337,924</u>	<u>\$131,745,149</u>

**Comparison of 2023 to 2022**

Operating revenues increased by approximately 2.5 % and operating expenses also increased by approximately 2.9%. The increase in operating expenses was mainly a result of the 7% salary package increase in FY23.

Non-operating revenues and non-operating expenses decreased slightly. The decrease in non-operating revenues was mainly with the decrease in COVID monies. The large decrease in capital contributions was mainly due to the completion of the Sports Complex and other projects in the previous year.

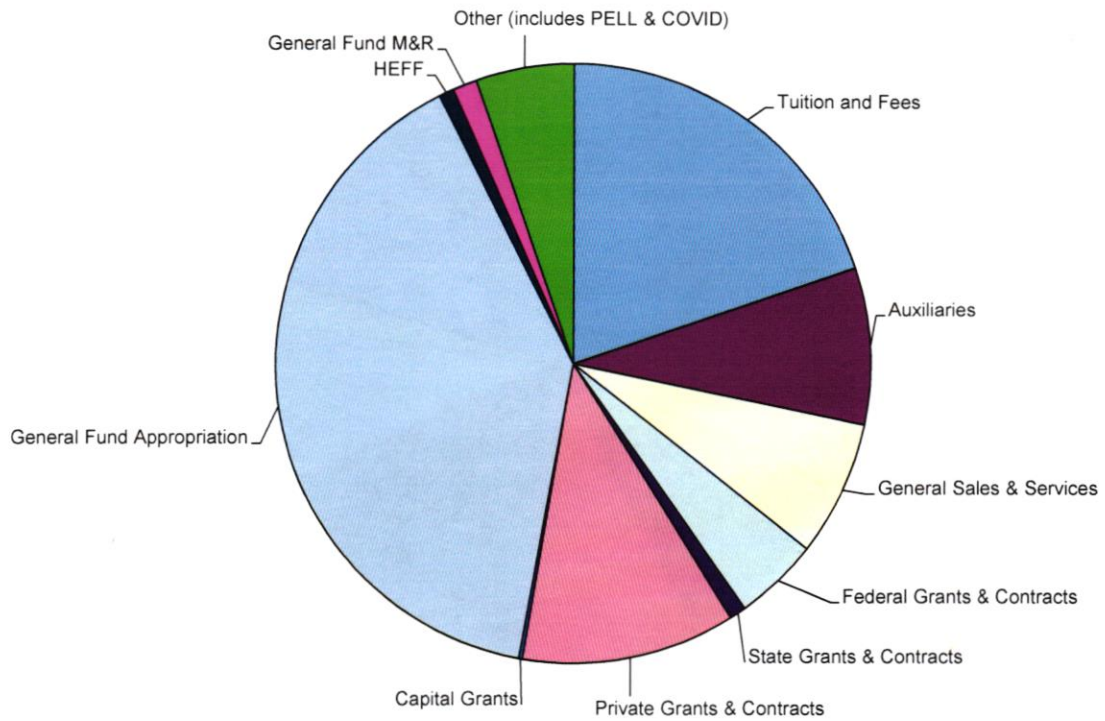
**Comparison of 2022 to 2021**

Operating revenues increased approximately 5.0% and operating expenses also increased by approximately 10.3%. The increase in operating expense was mainly in the areas of depreciation expense and also contractual services which included such items as a GPS ionization project, EAB 1<sup>st</sup> installment, digital demand control project in McWelsh, non-capital expenses related to the completion for the Sports Complex, increase in property insurance, personal liability and cyber insurance.

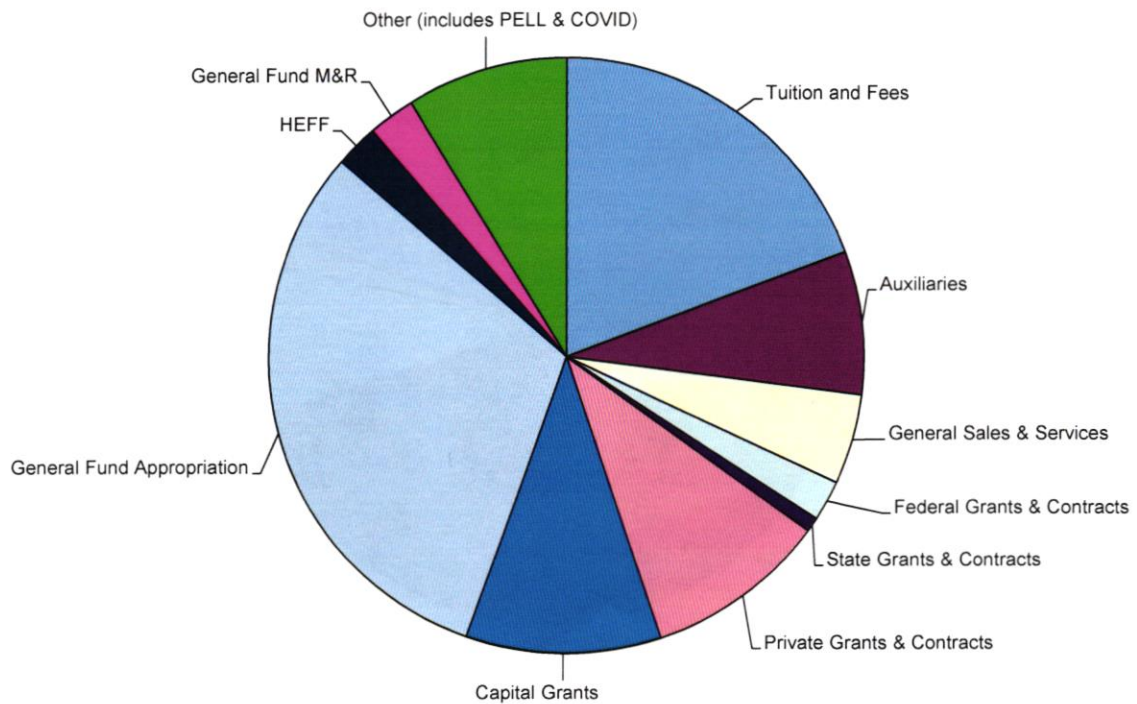
Non-operating revenues and non-operating expenses remained steady. The large decrease in capital grants was mainly due to the completion of the Sports Complex.



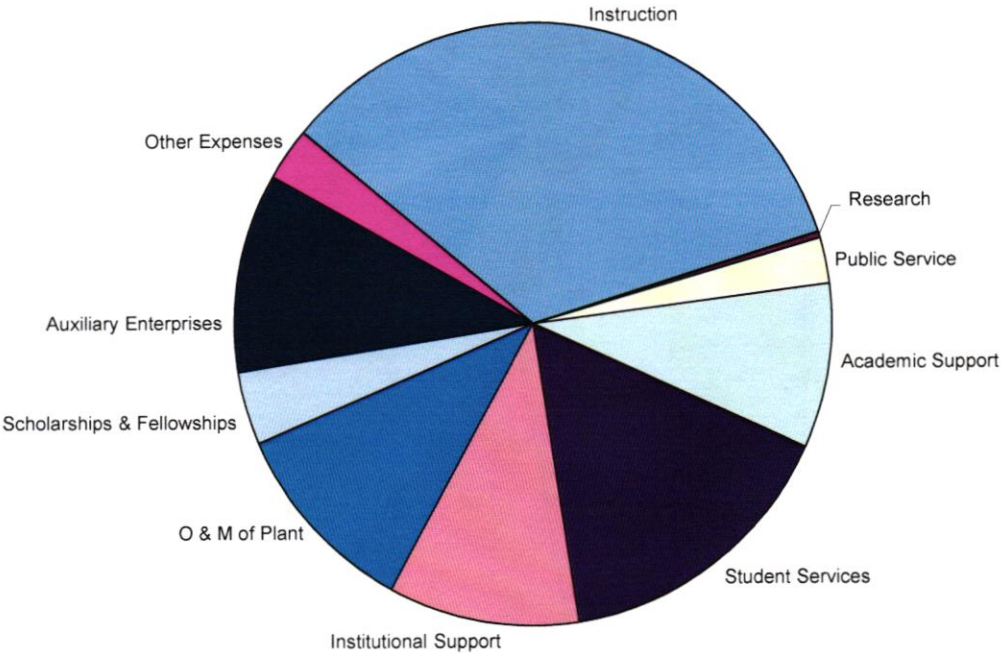
Revenue by source for the year ended June 30, 2023



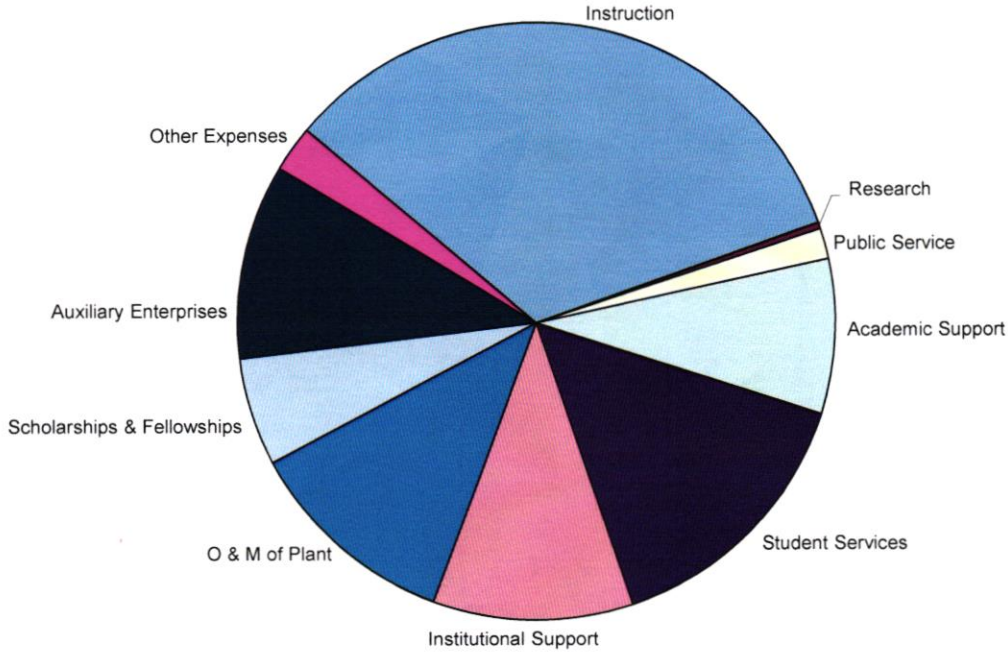
Revenues by source for the year ended June 30, 2022



Expense for the year ended June 30, 2023



Expenses for the year ended June 30, 2022





## **Outlook for FY24 and Beyond**

### Fall 2023 Key Indicators:

- Fall 2023 headcount grew to 3,521, an increase of 5.3% from the 2022 headcount of 3,344, FTE grew from 1,681 to 1,725, an increase of 2.6%.
- There were 237 degree-seeking graduate students compared to 212 in 2022 and a total of 589 graduate level students compared to 493 in 2022. The fall graduate enrollment of 589 is the highest number of graduate students since 1998.
- There were 319 first-time students compared to 299 in the fall 2022 semester.
- Residence hall occupancy was 64.67% which represents 496 students. In 2022, there were 525 residential students which stood at just 61.4%. This reflects 525 residential students compared to 547 in the fall of 2021. Although McArthur-Welsh Hall was offline in the fall of 2023, all rooms were considered single rooms, thus lowering the total number of rooms available which resulted in a higher occupancy rate even though the number of residential students declined.
- Freshman to sophomore retention rate was 75.1% compared to 73.6% the previous year.

A Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) plan was completed in 2023. The Enrollment Management Committee meets regularly to review metrics and focus on completing tasks to fully implement the strategies identified in the plan. In addition to the SEM plan, the Campus Master Plan has been updated and the NSU Foundation is nearing the completion of their Strategic Plan.

The 2022 SD Legislature passed SB44 authorizing \$29.5 million in federal ARPA funding to be used for construction of a new building to replace Lincoln Hall. The U.S. Treasury approved the application for funding in September 2023. Funding will be used to demolish the current Lincoln Hall and Briscoe Hall and construct a new Business and Health Innovation Center that will house Northern's School of Business and the NSU Nursing Program, approved by the Board of Regents in June of 2023. SB173, approved during the 2023 Legislative Session, provided NSU with \$1.5 million in state general funds to be used for project planning costs.

Gerber Hall will be renovated at an estimated cost of \$5 million. The 2023 Legislature provided \$2.5 million in Deferred M&R funding to be matched with \$2.5 million. NSU will utilize HEFF and General Fund M&R funds to meet the match requirement. The focus of the renovation is to improve building accessibility, update classrooms, and to incorporate student study space.

The Center for Statewide E-Learning (CSEL) continues to meet the needs of high schools throughout the state with 3,053 enrollments in 123 schools. In 2022, CSEL had 3,034 registrations and served 126 schools.

Each year the University experiences increases in operation and maintenance costs of the university facilities. Although the costs continue to increase, maintaining facilities will continue to be a priority. The State of South Dakota once again provided funding for M&R projects in FY24. The funds will be used to replace a steam coil in the Barnett Center, replace the chiller in Dacotah Hall and for the Gerber Hall building renovation. FY24 HEFF will be used to install a lighting control system in the Beulah Williams Library, replace roofs on Krikac Administration and Gerber Hall and to install an addressable fire alarm system in MeWaldt-Jensen.

Like other institutions of higher education, enrollment is a challenge. Expenses must be contained and additional revenues must be generated. The nursing program provides a new opportunity to recruit students and serve the northeast region of the state. In addition, the Dakota Advantage tuition program will be expanded to allow new students from Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota to pay the resident rate of tuition, making NSU more competitive in those states. NSU's priorities continue to be recruitment, retention, graduation and workforce development.

**NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash on Deposit - State Treasurer	\$ 15,698,750.07	\$ 15,755,445.62
Other Cash & Temporary Investments	62,256.69	69,303.36
Accounts Receivable- Students (net of allowance of \$53,064.71 and \$35,985.71)	964,922.71	1,108,443.18
Accounts Receivable- Other	434,370.01	1,340,745.87
Notes Receivable	419,607.92	475,527.86
Interest Receivable	185,189.28	65,566.93
Inventory	174,609.78	144,679.17
Due from Federal Sources	19,663.96	39,479.67
Due from Primary Government	5,000.00	
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 17,964,370.42</u>	<u>\$ 18,999,191.66</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Cash Reserved for Bond Payments	\$ 508,479.82	\$ 509,079.82
Notes Receivable (net of allowance of \$47,666.15 and \$46,371.07)	545,727.97	901,008.95
Construction in Progress	1,954,867.28	1,023,725.60
Buildings & Building Improvements, net	103,858,622.84	107,263,506.34
Land	1,114,574.72	1,114,574.72
Land Improvements - Non-depreciable	631,568.28	631,568.28
Land Improvements, net	17,026,921.80	18,043,428.00
Infrastructure, net	3,676,984.56	3,738,323.04
Equipment & Other Property, net	2,838,584.32	2,496,106.61
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>\$ 132,156,331.59</u>	<u>\$ 135,721,321.36</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 150,120,702.01</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 154,720,513.02</b></u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Loss on Refunding	\$ 70,081.29	\$ 76,287.09
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS</b>	<u><b>\$ 150,190,783.30</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 154,796,800.11</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 509,760.55	\$ 217,638.05
Accrued Wages & Benefits	617,319.28	544,136.15
Accrued Interest Payable	129,863.13	137,915.00
Compensated Absences Payable	850,144.09	838,919.42
Bonds Payable	909,565.52	884,565.52
Due to Primary Government	19,213.95	18,563.34
Unearned Revenue	796,812.28	7,366.58
Student Deposits	95,440.00	83,540.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,928,118.80</u>	<u>\$ 2,732,644.06</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		
Compensated Absences Payable	\$ 1,881,392.93	\$ 1,724,309.50
Bonds Payable	12,300,814.29	13,210,379.81
Other Debt - Energy Loan	826,937.50	
Federal Capital Contribution Advance	2,401,153.00	2,786,554.00
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 17,410,297.72</u>	<u>\$ 17,721,243.31</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><b>\$ 21,338,416.52</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 20,453,887.37</b></u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Gain on Refunding	\$ 4,258.75	\$ 4,988.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS</b>	<u><b>\$ 21,342,675.27</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 20,458,876.32</b></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Invested in Capital, Net of Related Debt	\$ 117,004,984.66	\$ 120,287,214.60
Restricted		
Expendable		
Grants and Contracts	250,553.17	295,144.62
Debt service	508,479.82	509,079.82
Bonded Facilities	2,243,733.55	2,243,733.55
Unrestricted	8,840,356.83	11,002,751.20
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><b>\$ 128,848,108.03</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 134,337,923.79</b></u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

Northern State University Foundation  
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position  
June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,410,512	\$ 7,555,634
Investments	126,428	117,609
Investments - endowment pool	44,361,166	28,155,998
Property held for investment	621,300	621,300
Cash restricted for debt service	402,031	405,525
Contributions receivable	9,340,345	13,189,008
Other receivables	33,171	781,068
Inventory	56,739	56,642
Cash value of insurance policies, net	381,285	374,374
Split-interest agreements	1,570,117	16,065,922
Other assets	30,520	38,050
Property and equipment, net	188,311	150,576
	<u>\$ 63,521,925</u>	<u>\$ 67,511,706</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 82,587	\$ 224,424
Accounts payable to NSU	343,942	460,048
Line of credit	5,596,872	11,510,474
Accrued interest payable	14,560	17,292
Compensated absences payable	82,910	66,873
Deferred revenue	227,210	198,339
Security deposits	1,850	2,150
Accrued income taxes	10,959	10,959
Revenue bonds, net of bond issuance costs of \$3,421 in 2023 and \$4,053 in 2022	6,045,786	7,119,004
Total liabilities	<u>12,406,676</u>	<u>19,609,563</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restriction (see Note 9)		
Undesignated	719,263	748,438
Designated for quasi-endowment	555,180	548,705
Designated for athletics	214,590	81,089
With donor restrictions (see Note 9)	49,626,216	46,523,911
Total net assets	<u>51,115,249</u>	<u>47,902,143</u>
	<u>\$ 63,521,925</u>	<u>\$ 67,511,706</u>

**NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>		
Tuition - State Support	\$ 5,327,986.75	\$ 6,071,179.66
Self Support	6,090,063.74	6,002,659.06
Total Tuition	<b>\$ 11,418,050.49</b>	<b>\$ 12,073,838.72</b>
Fees		
General Activity Fee	\$ 938,454.31	\$ 1,058,428.83
NSU Exchange Program Fee	51,436.00	49,098.00
Special Discipline Fees	330,049.94	344,891.80
Vehicle Registration	66,528.00	65,323.00
Other Fees (application, transcript, exam for credit & international student fees)	77,223.05	83,249.25
Total Fees	<b>\$ 1,463,691.30</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,990.88</b>
Total Tuition and Fees	<b>\$ 12,881,741.79</b>	<b>\$ 13,674,829.60</b>
Student Financial Assistance	(3,838,415.58)	(3,550,217.23)
Tuition and Fees net of student financial assistance	<b>\$ 9,043,326.21</b>	<b>\$ 10,124,612.37</b>
Auxiliaries (net of scholarship allowances of \$1,272,339.17 and \$1,234,857.63)	3,914,620.82	4,074,999.56
General Sales & Services	3,350,831.22	2,573,805.78
Contracts & Grants - Federal	2,095,258.13	1,157,106.66
State	413,944.65	408,896.25
Private	5,332,618.28	5,215,245.45
Student Loan Interest	49,671.20	58,239.70
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 24,200,270.51</b>	<b>\$ 23,612,905.77</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Personal Services (salaries & benefits)	\$ 29,630,602.57	\$ 27,651,138.71
Travel	1,327,605.09	1,036,494.62
Contractual	8,505,952.53	8,662,757.35
Supplies & Materials	3,000,966.06	3,186,526.52
Student Financial Aid Expense	1,952,965.42	2,819,466.08
Perkins Loan Cancellation Expense	106,663.73	145,751.19
Bad Debt	203,220.19	
Depreciation	6,086,601.28	5,863,631.48
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 50,814,576.87</b>	<b>\$ 49,365,765.95</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (26,614,306.36)</b>	<b>\$ (25,752,860.18)</b>
<b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>		
General Fund Appropriations	\$ 18,154,088.14	\$ 16,237,224.57
CRF & HEERF Funding	102,295.80	2,285,722.42
School & Public Lands	231,481.64	275,089.50
Higher Education Facilities Fund	249,537.33	718,452.21
General Fund M&R	150,217.03	375,795.92
Investment Income	185,189.28	65,566.93
Interest Expense on Bonds	(484,518.21)	(515,390.96)
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Asset	-	(51,902.45)
PELL Grants	1,787,308.50	1,904,439.57
Other Revenue	88,826.99	12,266.00
<b>TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 20,464,426.50</b>	<b>\$ 21,307,263.71</b>
<b>LOSS BEFORE OTHER REVENUES, EXPENSES, GAINS OR LOSSES</b>	<b>\$ (6,149,879.86)</b>	<b>\$ (4,445,596.47)</b>
Higher Education Facilities Fund	111,397.65	508,477.16
Capital Grants & Contracts	89,270.00	5,573,116.20
Capital Appropriations	459,396.45	956,778.11
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ (5,489,815.76)</b>	<b>\$ 2,592,775.00</b>
Net Position - Beginning of the year	134,337,923.79	131,745,148.79
Net Position - End of the year	<b>\$ 128,848,108.03</b>	<b>\$ 134,337,923.79</b>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

Northern State University Foundation  
Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Support and Revenue			
Contributions and bequests	\$ 534,956	\$ 2,191,893	\$ 2,726,849
In-kind contributions	-	378,628	378,628
Special project contributions	5,183	1,924,205	1,929,388
Gross special events revenue	349,669	270,051	619,720
Less cost of direct benefits to donors	(157,568)	(158,386)	(315,954)
Net special events revenue	192,101	111,665	303,766
Athletic sponsorship revenue	293,885	-	293,885
Non-charitable athletic revenue	416,430	-	416,430
Concession sales	60,000	-	60,000
Net investment return	229,992	3,658,983	3,888,975
Lease income, net	-	13,907	13,907
Return on rental property	7,535	-	7,535
Change in split-interest agreements	-	873,454	873,454
Grant and other income	1,500	-	1,500
Net assets released from restriction pursuant to endowment spending-rate formula	2,196,249	(2,196,249)	-
Reclassifications and releases from restrictions	3,854,181	(3,854,181)	-
Total support and revenue	7,792,012	3,102,305	10,894,317
Expenses			
Program services			
Scholarships for NSU students	3,422,308	-	3,422,308
University support			
NSU athletic support	920,455	-	920,455
NSU special projects support	1,116,728	-	1,116,728
NSU capital projects	201,937	-	201,937
NSU operational support	208,365	-	208,365
Alumni services	82,187	-	82,187
Total program services	5,951,980	-	5,951,980
Supporting services			
Fundraising and development	644,269	-	644,269
Management and general expenses	1,084,962	-	1,084,962
Total supporting services	1,729,231	-	1,729,231
Total expenses	7,681,211	-	7,681,211
Change in Net Assets	110,801	3,102,305	3,213,106
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,378,232	46,523,911	47,902,143
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,489,033	\$ 49,626,216	\$ 51,115,249

Northern State University Foundation  
Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
Support and Revenue			
Contributions and bequests	\$ 574,650	\$ 4,145,752	\$ 4,720,402
In-kind contributions	-	237,967	237,967
Special project contributions	-	1,252,552	1,252,552
Gross special events revenue	323,127	152,843	475,970
Less cost of direct benefits to donors	(175,364)	(105,383)	(280,747)
Net special events revenue	147,763	47,460	195,223
Athletic sponsorship revenue	270,477	-	270,477
Non-charitable athletic revenue	398,523	-	398,523
Concession sales	60,096	-	60,096
Net investment return	8,069	(1,912,195)	(1,904,126)
Lease income, net	-	31,573	31,573
Return on rental property	(81)	96,502	96,421
Change in split-interest agreements	-	(2,468,702)	(2,468,702)
Grant and other income	3,696	-	3,696
Net assets released from restriction pursuant to endowment spending-rate formula	2,050,597	(2,050,597)	-
Reclassifications and releases from restrictions	7,938,716	(7,938,716)	-
Total support and revenue	11,452,506	(8,558,404)	2,894,102
Expenses			
Program services			
Scholarships for NSU students	3,091,027	-	3,091,027
University support			
NSU athletic support	772,749	-	772,749
NSU special projects support	1,260,885	-	1,260,885
NSU capital projects	4,574,815	-	4,574,815
NSU operational support	64,589	-	64,589
Alumni services	63,372	-	63,372
Total program services	9,827,437	-	9,827,437
Supporting services			
Fundraising and development	582,893	-	582,893
Management and general expenses	754,046	-	754,046
Total supporting services	1,336,939	-	1,336,939
Total expenses	11,164,376	-	11,164,376
Change in Net Assets	288,130	(8,558,404)	(8,270,274)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,090,102	55,082,315	56,172,417
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,378,232	\$ 46,523,911	\$ 47,902,143

**NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Tuition & Fees	\$ 9,186,846.68	\$ 10,036,717.20
Auxiliaries	3,914,620.82	4,074,999.56
General Sales & Services	4,159,107.08	2,007,500.53
Federal Grants & Contracts	2,102,707.26	1,409,461.92
State Grants & Contracts	413,944.65	408,896.25
Private Grants & Contracts	5,634,205.69	5,215,245.45
Student Loan Interest	49,671.20	58,239.70
Salaries and Benefits	(29,389,111.34)	(27,427,381.64)
Travel	(1,330,068.46)	(1,043,444.18)
Contractual	(8,484,871.45)	(8,678,953.80)
Supplies & Materials	(2,964,518.67)	(3,673,155.16)
Student Financial Aid Expense	(1,952,965.42)	(2,819,466.08)
Loans Repaid by Students	303,741.35	378,105.56
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (18,356,690.61)</u>	<u>\$ (20,053,234.69)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES:</b>		
General Fund Appropriations	\$ 18,154,088.14	\$ 16,237,224.57
CRF & HEERF Funding	102,295.80	2,285,722.42
School & Public Lands	231,481.64	275,089.50
HEFF	249,537.33	718,452.21
General Fund M&R	150,217.03	375,795.92
Federal Loan Receipts	5,356,655.00	6,094,598.00
Federal Loan Disbursements	(5,356,655.00)	(6,094,598.00)
Private Loan Receipts	1,121,085.00	1,148,684.00
Private Loan Disbursements	(1,121,085.00)	(1,148,684.00)
Federal Capital Contribution - Student Loan	(385,401.00)	(471,313.00)
Other Non-Operating Expenses	(202,424.35)	
Proceeds from Other Debt (Energy Loan)	578,237.50	
PELL Grants	1,787,308.50	1,904,439.57
Net cash provided by noncapital financial activities	<u>\$ 20,665,340.59</u>	<u>\$ 21,325,411.19</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital Grants	\$ 199,270.00	\$ 3,998,792.60
Capital Appropriations	459,396.45	956,778.11
HEFF	111,397.65	508,477.16
Principal Paid on Indebtedness	(820,000.00)	(785,000.00)
Interest on Indebtedness	(551,660.00)	(582,091.51)
Proceeds from Capital Debt (Energy Loan)	248,700.00	
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets		1,200.00
Purchase of Capital Assets	(2,085,663.23)	(5,750,034.94)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>\$ (2,438,559.13)</u>	<u>\$ (1,651,878.58)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Investment Income	<u>\$ 65,566.93</u>	<u>\$ 108,650.75</u>
<b>Net Cash Provided By Operations</b>	<u>\$ (64,342.22)</u>	<u>\$ (271,051.33)</u>
Cash - Beginning of the year	16,333,828.80	16,604,880.13
Cash - End of the year	<u>\$ 16,269,486.58</u>	<u>\$ 16,333,828.80</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (26,614,306.36)	\$ (25,752,860.18)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss):		
Depreciation Expense	6,086,601.28	5,863,631.48
Bad Debt Expense	203,220.19	
Loan Cancellation Expense	106,663.73	145,751.19
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Accounts Receivable- Students	143,520.47	115,066.17
Accounts Receivable - Other	796,375.86	(903,160.40)
Notes Receivable	303,741.35	378,105.56
Inventory	(29,930.61)	(28,283.89)
Due from Federal Government	19,815.71	244,988.68
Due from Primary Government	(5,000.00)	6,961.00
Due from Component Units		116,932.81
Accounts Payable	84,093.30	(483,338.10)
Accrued Wages & Benefits	73,183.13	76,997.27
Compensated Absences Payable	168,308.10	146,759.80
Due to Primary Government	902.41	1,847.34
Deferred Revenue	294,220.83	7,366.58
Student Deposits	11,900.00	10,000.00
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>\$ (18,356,690.61)</u>	<u>\$ (20,053,234.69)</u>
<b>NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Loss on disposal of fixed assets not affecting operating income:	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
June 30, 2023 \$0.00, June 30, 2022 \$53,102.45	\$ -	\$ 53,102.45

See Notes to the Financial Statements



# Northern State University Foundation

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 3,213,106	\$ (8,270,274)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	33,415	24,416
Interest expense attributable to amortization of debt issuance	632	14,516
Realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(3,479,859)	1,926,395
Loss on disposal of assets	24,664	22,430
Noncash gifted with donor restriction assets	(16,826)	(198,212)
Change in split-interest agreements market value	(873,454)	2,468,702
Contributions restricted for reinvestment in endowments	(1,085,646)	(2,973,918)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	4,596,560	4,768,391
Inventory	(97)	(28,910)
Cash value of insurance policies	(6,911)	(7,896)
Other assets	7,530	(4,963)
Split-interest agreements	1,657,599	714,529
Accounts payable	(257,943)	(119,833)
Accrued interest payable	(2,732)	(4,784)
Compensated absences payable	16,037	32,485
Obligations under split-interest agreements	-	(41,135)
Deferred revenue	28,871	(5,652)
Security deposits	(300)	(14,900)
Accrued income taxes	-	(2,955)
Net Cash from (used for) Operating Activities	<u>3,854,646</u>	<u>(1,701,568)</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(95,814)	(79,700)
Proceeds from property held as investment	-	2,270,000
Proceeds from sale of assets gifted	16,826	198,212
Addition to assets held under split-interest agreements	(421,039)	(1,935,237)
Purchase of investments	(9,512,034)	(1,903,696)
Proceeds on sales of investments	<u>10,910,605</u>	<u>3,342,091</u>
Net Cash from (used for) Investing Activities	<u>898,544</u>	<u>1,891,670</u>

# Northern State University Foundation

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financing Activities		
Collections of contributions restricted to endowments	1,085,646	2,973,918
Proceeds from line of credit	140,000	1,400,000
Payment on line of credit	(6,053,602)	(789,526)
Payments on bonds	<u>(1,073,850)</u>	<u>(1,069,183)</u>
Net Cash from (used for) Financing Activities	<u>(5,901,806)</u>	<u>2,515,209</u>
Net Change in Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash	(1,148,616)	2,705,311
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>7,961,159</u>	<u>5,255,848</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash, End of Year	<u>\$ 6,812,543</u>	<u>\$ 7,961,159</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,410,512	\$ 7,555,634
Cash Restricted for Debt Service	<u>402,031</u>	<u>405,525</u>
Total Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash	<u>\$ 6,812,543</u>	<u>\$ 7,961,159</u>
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 245,448	\$ 179,618
Cash paid for income taxes	-	5,200
Supplemental Disclosures of Non-cash Investing and Financing Activity		
Split interest agreement amount transferred to investment	\$ 14,132,699	\$ -

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. **REPORTING ENTITY, BASIS OF PRESENTATION, AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Reporting Entity – Northern State University (University) is one of six public institutions of higher education controlled by the South Dakota Board of Regents. Financial information for the public universities is combined and presented together as a component unit in the State of South Dakota's (State) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. The information presented in the accompanying statements reflects only the operations of Northern State University.

Based on the provisions of GASB Statement No. 39 (GASB 39), *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* it was determined that the Northern State University Foundation (Foundation) is a component unit of the University. In accordance with GASB 39, the Foundation's financial statements are included behind the statements of the University. Independent auditors engaged by the Foundation's Board of Directors audited the Foundation's statements.

The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit corporation established in 1969 as the primary fund-raising organization serving the University. The Foundation solicits donations from individuals and businesses for scholarships and other activities that enhance the development of the University. The gifts received by the Foundation are administered by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of people from the community, alumni, and university faculty. The main transactions between the Foundation and the University are for scholarships, athletic support, reimbursement for salary and benefits of Foundation staff processed with the University payroll, and reimbursement for basic operating expenses such as postage and printing.

Basis of Presentation – The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the University was required to adopt the provisions of GASB Statement No. 33 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, GASB No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Public Colleges and Universities*, GASB No. 36, *Recipient Reporting for Certain Shared Nonexchange Revenues*, GASB No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*. The University's financial statements present a comprehensive view of the financial activities of the University by providing a consolidated view of the University's assets, liabilities, and net position, revenues, expenses and changes in net position as well as cash flows.

Basis of Accounting – For reporting purposes, the University is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. The University has adopted the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are reported as income when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liability is incurred. State appropriations are reported as revenue when they are made available.

Investments – The University is not allowed to invest funds.

Accounts and Notes Receivable – Accounts receivable consists mainly of student tuition and fees. Receivables may also include expenditures made on grants for which reimbursement has not been received. Notes receivable consists mainly of loans issued to students through the Perkins loan fund. It also includes amounts for Educational Expense Loans which are small loans issued to students for up to 45 days for education related expenses.

Inventories – Bookstore inventories are reported at original cost or last invoice price. Inventories of the physical plant are reported at last invoice price.

Capital Assets - Capital assets include equipment, buildings and their improvements, land and improvements and infrastructure such as tunnels and sidewalks. Purchased assets are recorded at cost upon the date of acquisition. Donated assets are recorded at the estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Equipment with a useful life of one year or more and a cost of \$5,000 or more is capitalized.

Buildings with a cost of \$100,000 or more are capitalized as well as improvements with a cost of \$100,000 or more that also either extend the useful life of the building or bring the building up to code or current standards. Land improvements and infrastructure with a cost of \$50,000 or more are capitalized. The cost of newly constructed projects is added to the list of depreciable assets upon completion of the project.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

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

*Invested in capital assets, net of related debt* – This category represents total capital assets net of accumulated depreciation, less outstanding debt applicable to the capital assets plus bond proceeds to be used in the next fiscal year for construction.

*Restricted net position, expendable* – Net position that the University must use in accordance with externally imposed stipulations.

*Restricted net position, non-expendable* – Net position which must be maintained in accordance with external stipulations.

*Unrestricted net position* – These resources are used by the University for ongoing educational and general operations. Tuition and fees, state appropriations, sales and services and auxiliary enterprises generate these resources.

When an expense is incurred that may be paid with either restricted or unrestricted funds, the University's policy is to use restricted funds first and unrestricted funds last.

Non-Current Liabilities – Non-current liabilities are liabilities the University does not plan to pay within the next reporting period. These include principal amounts of bonds payable and estimated amounts of compensated absences.

Restricted Cash – Cash that is restricted in order to comply with the reserve requirements of a bond covenant is considered restricted.

Revenues – The University has classified its revenues into the following two categories:

*Operating revenues* – These revenues are generated by sales and services of products or services and through grants and contracts where there is a payment for a product or a service. Examples of operating revenues include tuition and fees, room and board, bookstore sales, Perkins loan cancellation reimbursement, indirect cost reimbursements from grants and contracts related to exchange transactions, and principal and interest repayments on loan funds administered by the University.

*Non-operating revenues* – These are revenues that come to the University even though there is no direct exchange for a product or service taking place. Examples of non-operating revenues include the state appropriation, the Higher Education Facility Fund (HEFF) campus allocation, proceeds from capital and non-capital financing activities, investment income, indirect costs received from grants and contracts considered non-exchange transactions, School and Public Lands funding, COVID Relief Funds (CRF) and Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF).

Scholarship allowances – Tuition and fee revenues are reported net of scholarship allowances on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Grants and scholarships are reported as revenue in the financial statements. The University has calculated the estimated amount of grants and scholarships applied to the students' accounts to satisfy their charges. This amount is recorded as a scholarship allowance against tuition and fee revenue to eliminate the double reporting of revenue that occurs when the funds are first reported as grant and scholarship revenue and then as tuition and fee revenue.

## 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and Cash Equivalents - Cash includes deposits in a local bank account as well as a small amount of cash held on campus for daily operations.

University deposits in a local bank are swept daily and pooled in an account managed by the South Dakota State Treasurer. The funds in this pooled account are considered cash equivalents. They include short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. Interest earned on certain funds pooled by the State Treasurer is allocated to the University annually.

## 3. DUE TO/FROM

Due from Federal Sources represents amounts due from federal sources for expenditures made on federal grants and for college work study for which reimbursement has not yet been received.

Due to Primary Government Entities represents funds owed to various state agencies in South Dakota outside of Higher Education.

Due from Primary Government Entities represents funds owed to the University from various state agencies in South Dakota outside of Higher Education.

Due to Component Units represents funds owed to another South Dakota public university or to the South Dakota Board of Regents, or the NSU Foundation, when applicable.

Due from Component Units represents funds owed to the University from another South Dakota public university or the South Dakota Board of Regents.

## 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

The University depreciates capital assets using the straight-line method of depreciation according to the estimated useful life established by the State of South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management.

<u>Capital Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Land Improvements	20
Infrastructure	20-50
Library materials	10
Equipment	7-22

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Accumulated</u> <u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Asset</u> <u>Value</u>
Land	\$ 1,114,574.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114,574.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114,574.72
Land Imp-Nondepreciable	631,568.28			631,568.28			631,568.28
Land Imp-Depreciable	20,970,936.68			20,970,936.68	1,016,506.20	3,944,014.88	17,026,921.80
Infrastructure	5,127,704.48	67,129.00		5,194,833.48	128,467.48	1,517,848.92	3,676,984.56
Buildings & Improvements	157,183,399.16	1,009,067.63		158,192,466.79	4,413,951.13	54,333,843.95	103,858,622.84
Construction in Progress	1,023,725.60	1,940,209.31	1,009,067.63	1,954,867.28			1,954,867.28
Equipment	10,315,918.73	870,154.18	68,233.00	11,117,839.91	527,676.47	8,279,255.59	2,838,584.32
	<u>\$ 196,367,827.65</u>	<u>\$ 3,886,560.12</u>	<u>\$ 1,077,300.63</u>	<u>\$ 199,177,087.14</u>	<u>\$ 6,086,601.28</u>	<u>\$ 68,074,963.34</u>	<u>\$ 131,102,123.80</u>

Equipment includes \$4,060,584 for library books (printed and electronic), microforms, films and recordings, which are added to the inventory at cost in the year of purchase. An average cost is then calculated by dividing the total cost of all items on the inventory by the total number of items. This average is then used for that same fiscal year to delete items from the inventory and to record donated items. Library materials are depreciated using the group depreciation method.

Prior to Summer of 2016, the Higher Education Facilities Fund was allocated 20% of state support tuition and system fees from all state support universities in South Dakota for building improvements. Effective Summer of 2016, the Higher Education Facilities Fund is allocated 11.5% of state support tuition and system fees to be used for building improvements. This change was implemented as a result of rolling the University Support Fee into State support Tuition.

## 5. WORKS OF ART

The Gladys and Edgar Light art collection and the Harriet Montgomery Water Resources collection are displayed by the University for public exhibition and education. These collections have not been capitalized. Any proceeds from the sale of items within these collections are to be returned to the collection.

## 6. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees' compensated absences are accrued when they are earned. The liability and corresponding expense are reflected in these financial statements as a liability on the Statement of Net Position and as salary and benefit expense on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

Upon termination, employees are eligible to receive compensation for their accrued annual leave balance. At June 30, 2023 a liability existed for accumulated annual leave calculated at the employees' June 30, 2023 pay rate in the amount of \$1,120,570.52 (including employer benefits).

Employees who have been continuously employed by the State of South Dakota for at least seven years prior to the date of retirement, voluntary resignation or death will receive payment for one-fourth of their accumulated sick leave balance, with payment not to exceed the sum of twelve weeks of the employee's annual compensation. At June 30, 2023 a liability existed for accumulated sick leave calculated at the employees' June 30, 2023 pay rate in the amount of \$1,595,427.16 (including employer benefits).

Employees who are required to work more than 40 hours in one week and are in a position that is subject to Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) will be compensated by a combination of overtime and compensatory time at the rate of one and one half times the hourly wage. Compensatory time may be accumulated to a maximum amount of 40 hours. At June 30, 2023 a liability existed for compensatory time calculated at the employees' June 30, 2023 pay rate in the amount of \$15,539.34 (including employer benefits).

The following table is a summary of leave activity for fiscal year 2023. Assuming that the first leave used is that which was accrued as of June 30, 2023, 60.14% of annual leave, 10.07% of sick leave and 100% of compensatory time are estimated to be current liabilities. The total current liability is approximately \$850,000 (including employer benefits).

	Dollar Value of leave balances on 7/1/22	Dollar Value of accruals (leave earned) - 7/22/22 thru 6/21/23	Dollar Value of usage - 7/22/22 thru 6/21/23	Dollar Value of leave balances on 6/30/23
Annual Leave	\$ 1,012,203.00	\$ 872,967.78	\$ 764,600.26	\$ 1,120,570.52
Sick Leave	1,540,358.20	225,418.81	170,349.85	1,595,427.16
Compensatory Time	10,667.72	15,539.34	10,667.72	15,539.34
Total Compensated Absences Liability (including benefits)	\$ 2,563,228.92	\$ 1,113,925.93	\$ 945,617.83	\$ 2,731,537.02

## 7. LONG-TERM DEBT

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds Series 2008B were issued on November 4, 2008. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents system was



\$5,230,000. Northern State University's share of the proceeds was \$1,095,000. The interest rate is 4.55%. The bond proceeds were used for renovating Kramer Hall into suite style rooms.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 were issued on November 17, 2011. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents System was \$63,480,000. Northern State University's share was \$5,780,000. Interest varies from 2.00% - 5.00%. The premium will be amortized over the life of the bonds. The bond proceeds were used for renovation and addition to the Student Center. The Series 2011 bonds were callable in 2021.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2014B were issued on September 16, 2014. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents System was \$13,760,000. Northern State University's share was \$3,770,000. Interest varies from 3.00% to 5.00%.

The University's share of the bond proceeds were used to refund South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A. At the time of the refunding, the outstanding principal on the Series 2004A bonds was \$4,620,000 and the interest rate ranged from 4.85% to 5.00%. The University had \$446,872.50 on reserve for the 2004A Debt Reserve. The University reduced its debt service payments by \$1,345,012.08 with this debt refunding.

The University's share of the bonds was issued at a premium of \$577,461.65 less \$2,656.84 of additional proceeds netted within the System. A portion of the proceeds were used to pay bond issuance costs of \$30,453.17 and underwriter's discount of \$27,171.64 on the refunding. The premium will be amortized through April 2029, the term of the new bond. There was a gain on refunding of \$10,648.00 that will be amortized through April 2029, the original term of the 2004A bonds. An amount of \$4,734,052.50 was deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent. The escrow will provide funds for all future debt service requirements on the refunded bonds. The refunded bonds are considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the University's financial statements.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 were issued on December 21, 2016. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents System was \$19,625,000. Northern State University's share was \$6,785,000. Interest varies from 2.00% - 5.00%. The premium will be amortized over the life of the bonds. The bond proceeds were used for construction of the Wolves Memorial Suites.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 were issued on December 21, 2017. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents System was \$88,260,000. Northern State University's share was \$915,000. Interest varies from 4.0% to 5.0%. The University's share of the bonds were used to call the 2009 Series Bonds when they became callable in 2020.

The University's share of the bonds was issued at a premium of \$159,605.40. A portion of the proceeds were used to pay bond issuance costs of \$1,989.29 and underwriter's discount of \$6,026.37 on the advance refunding. The premium will be amortized through April 2034, the term of the new bond. There was a loss on the advanced refunding of \$78,460.48 that will be amortized through April 2034, the original term of the 2009 bonds. An amount of \$1,066,589.74 was deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to refinance \$1,000,000 of the Series 2009 debt issue. The escrow will provide funds for all future debt service requirements on the refunded bonds starting in the year 2020. At that time the refunded bonds will be considered defeased and the liability for those bonds will be removed from the University's financial statements. The final principal payment due by the University was made on April 1, 2019.

The South Dakota Board of Regents Housing and Auxiliary Facilities System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 were issued December 23, 2019. The total of the bonds issued for the Board of Regents System was \$16,210,000. Northern State University's share was \$4,590,000. Interest varies from 2.05% to 2.25%. The University's share of the bonds were used to call the 2011 Series Bonds when they became callable in 2021.



There was a loss on the advanced refunding of \$23,416.98 that will be amortized through April 2034, the original term of the 2011 bonds. An amount of \$4,503,315.65 was deposited into an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to refinance \$4,295,000 of the Series 2011 debt issue. The escrow will provide funds for all future debt service requirements on the refunded bonds starting in the year 2022. At that time the refunded bonds will be considered defeased and the liability for those bonds will be removed from the University's financial statements. The final principal payment due by the University was made on April 1, 2021.

All five bond issues (2008, 2014B, 2016, 2017 and 2019) are payable from and secured by a pledge of and lien on the net revenues of the residence halls, food service and student union. The five bond issues are also secured by Repair and Replacement Reserve accounts. In addition to the auxiliary funds, general activity fee revenue is pledged each year for debt retirement and for fiscal year 2023 the amount was \$377,360. The total pledged net revenue from the auxiliary funds for fiscal year 2023 was \$1,827,976.93.

Projected debt service requirements to amortize bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2023:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 845,000.00	\$ 519,452.50	\$ 1,364,452.50
2025	885,000.00	483,892.50	1,368,892.50
2026	930,000.00	446,207.50	1,376,207.50
2027	965,000.00	406,120.00	1,371,120.00
2028	1,010,000.00	364,250.00	1,374,250.00
2029-2033	3,735,000.00	1,268,730.00	5,003,730.00
2034-2038	2,960,000.00	553,127.50	3,513,127.50
2039-2041	1,270,000.00	103,000.00	1,373,000.00
	<u>\$ 12,600,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,144,780.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,744,780.00</u>

The Revenue Bonds Payable is reported on the Statement of Net Position, net of bond premiums and bond discounts, as shown below:

	Total Bonds Payable	Short-Term Portion	Long-Term Portion
Revenue Bonds Payable	\$ 12,600,000.00	\$ 845,000.00	\$ 11,755,000.00
Premium	610,379.81	64,565.52	545,814.29
Per Statement of Net Position	<u>\$ 13,210,379.81</u>	<u>\$ 909,565.52</u>	<u>\$ 12,300,814.29</u>

Obligations exist for the Krikac Administration, Spafford Hall, Lincoln Hall and Graham Hall renovations; construction of the Technology Center; addition and renovation of the Johnson Fine Arts Center; and infrastructure upgrade for street improvement by the Barnett Center. Disclosure information including the amount of the lease payments, interest rates and balances remaining on the leases is reported by the South Dakota Building Authority and is not included on the University's statements. Eleven and one half percent of the tuition collected by the six universities is deposited to the Higher Education Facilities Fund (HEFF). The payment for the principal and interest due on the bonds for these projects is made from this fund.

## 8. LEASES

The University has entered into leases for copiers and postage/packaging machines.

The University also has a 15 year agreement with the Foundation to lease the home they own for the President of the University. The University will pay \$33,881 per year for rent plus \$1,750 per year for insurance and \$3,550 for maintenance and repairs. The original agreement was entered into on April 15, 2009 with the first payment due January 1, 2010. The agreement was revised in FY17 for an additional \$4,969 per year for 5 years for maintenance and repairs.

## **9. STATE APPROPRIATION AND TUITION AND FEES**

The State General Fund appropriation for fiscal year 2023 was \$18,154,088.14.

The University collected and remitted \$6,558,533.25 of tuition and fees to the Tuition and Fee Pool maintained by the Board of Regents Office. Of that amount, \$1,474,958.14 was transferred to the Higher Education Facilities Fund. Effective with fiscal year 2011, the University no longer receives an allocation of tuition and fees from the Tuition and Fee Pool. Funds continue to be remitted to the pool just as they were in the past. However, the University will now withdraw funds throughout the year up to the amount that it has remitted. All tuition generated by any of the regental institutions will now be available to fund only the campus that generated the revenue.

Effective for Summer of 2016, Salary Competitiveness Fee is no longer remitted to the Board of Regents System Tuition Fund and will be reported as part of State Support on the University's financial statements. Also effective for Summer of 2016, the University Support Fee (USF) is now assessed as part of state support tuition within the University's Student Information System. A portion of the USF assessment is for the BOR Technology Fee and for the M&R Fee which will also be reported as part of State Support on the University's financial statements when collected.

## **10. EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

All employees, except for adjunct faculty, students, temporary (working less than 20 hours per week and less than six months), and emergency appointments, participate in the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS), a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system established to provide retirement benefits for employees of the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions. The SDRS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits. The right to receive retirement benefits vests after five years (effective July 1, 1998, after three years) of credited service. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in South Dakota Codified Law 3-12. The SDRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the SDRS, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605) 773-3731.

Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute 6 percent of their salary to the plan, while public safety and judicial employees contribute at 8 percent and 9 percent, respectively. State statute also requires the employer to contribute an amount equal to the employee's contribution. State statute also requires the employer to make an additional contribution in the amount of 6.2 percent for any compensation exceeding the maximum taxable amount for social security for general employees only. The University's share of contributions to the SDRS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$1,280,868.24, \$1,181,809.81, and \$1,142,641.58 (employer's share) respectively.

## **11. ENDOWMENT AND SIMILAR FUNDS**

The Assets of the Endowment and Similar Funds administered by the Department of School and Public Lands have not been included in these financial statements. The University is not involved in the administration of the funds.

## **12. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The state offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all state employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) solely the property and rights of the university, subject only to the claims of the university's general creditors.

Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditor of the university in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

The university has no liability for losses under the plan but has the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The university believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future. Investments are managed by the plan's trustee under one of several investment options, or a combination thereof. The choice of the investment options is made by the participants. The amount of deferred compensation has not been included in these financial statements.

### 13. FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS

This amount represented cash held by the University as a custodian for others such as student organizations, individual students and faculty organizations. GASB Statement 84 changed the reporting for such funds.

### 14. FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES AND DEPRECIATION

	Personal Services	Travel	Contractual	Supplies	Grants & Subsidies	Other Expenses	Depreciation	Total
Instruction	\$ 13,670,611.15	\$ 304,949.49	\$ 371,703.72	\$ 178,139.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,760,840.09	\$ 17,286,244.43
Research	60,093.68	6,102.85	25,318.84	15,827.45			64,743.06	172,085.88
Public Service	973,858.50	56,738.67	49,182.59	177,714.89			423.43	1,257,918.08
Academic Support	3,217,128.92	33,524.78	680,974.07	440,797.71			131,153.13	4,503,578.61
Student Services	4,864,845.42	880,164.57	822,063.02	846,109.51	11,053.10		594,105.13	8,018,340.75
Institutional Support	3,811,263.92	31,333.83	1,217,206.80	125,892.64			61,364.41	5,247,061.60
O & M of Plant	1,987,012.47	9,797.75	2,595,194.40	726,259.67			74,966.73	5,393,231.02
Scholarships & Fellowships	61,435.49				1,941,912.32			2,003,347.81
Auxiliary Enterprises	984,353.02	4,993.15	2,744,309.09	490,224.21			1,254,031.62	5,477,911.09
Allow for Bad Debts						203,220.19		203,220.19
Perkins Loan Cancellation						106,663.73		106,663.73
Unallocated Depr						-	1,144,973.68	1,144,973.68
TOTAL	\$29,630,602.57	\$1,327,605.09	\$8,505,952.53	\$3,000,966.06	\$1,952,965.42	\$309,883.92	\$6,086,601.28	\$50,814,576.87

**Note 1 - Principal Activity and Significant Accounting Policies****Principal Business Activity**

Northern State University Foundation (the Foundation), a not-for-profit corporation, was established to further the development of Northern State University (the University or NSU). The Foundation solicits and accepts gifts from individuals, businesses and organizations; administers its funds; funds scholarships and awards made by NSU; publishes alumni newsletters; and generally promotes the University. FOHO I, LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Foundation which owns investments in rental properties. APEX, LLC, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Foundation which sells alcoholic beverages at certain NSU events.

The Foundation is presented as a component unit in the University's financial statements, as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, an amendment to Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. It has been determined that the Foundation is a component unit of the primary government agency (the university system) of the State of South Dakota. As such, the accompanying consolidated financial statements are included in the comprehensive annual report of the State of South Dakota.

**Principles of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiaries, FOHO I, LLC, and APEX, LLC. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

**Basis of Presentation**

The Foundation's net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

*Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for board-designated endowments. The Board has the right to decide, at any time, to expend the without donor restriction quasi-endowment funds. Any amounts of revenue raised by the Foundation and the Wolves Club for exchange transactions directly related to athletics are designated for athletics.

*Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* – Net assets subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. Some donor-imposed (or grantor-) restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. The Foundation reports contributions restricted by donors as increases in net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Gifts of long-lived assets, and gifts of cash restricted for the acquisition of long-lived assets, are recognized as revenue when the assets are placed in service.

Revenues, including revenues from exchange transactions, are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the related asset is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as net assets with donor restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Expirations of donor restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as released from restrictions and reclassified between the applicable classes of net assets.

### **Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Foundation considers all deposits in checking, savings and money markets that are not held for investment nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes of the Foundation to be cash equivalents. Cash and highly liquid financial instruments restricted to capital expenditures of the Foundation, debt service, permanent endowment, or other long-term purposes of the Foundation are excluded from this definition.

The actual bank balances at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	<u>Bank Balance</u>
FDIC Insured	\$ 344,021
Uninsured	<u>6,519,477</u>
Total deposits	<u><u>\$ 6,863,498</u></u>

The Foundation's carrying amount of deposits and cash on hand on the June 30, 2023, consolidated statement of financial position was \$6,812,543.

### **Financial Instruments and Credit Risks**

The Foundation manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash and cash equivalents and certificates of deposit with financial institutions believed by management to be credit worthy. At times, amounts on deposit may exceed insured limits or include uninsured investments. To date, the Foundation has not experienced losses in any of these accounts. Credit risk associated with contributions receivable and other receivables is considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates and because outstanding balances are, primarily, from donors and others that are supportive of the Foundation's mission. The majority of the Foundation's investments are managed by a professional investment manager whose performance is monitored by management and the Foundation's Investment Committee of the Board of Directors. Although the fair value of investments is subject to fluctuation on a year-to-year basis, management and the Investment Committee believe that the investment policies and guidelines are prudent for the long-term welfare of the Foundation.



**Contributions Receivable**

The Foundation records unconditional promises to give as revenue and contributions receivable. These amounts are initially recorded at their estimated fair value and subsequently carried at fair value. Management's estimate of the fair value of contributions receivable was determined using the income approach, which is an expected present value technique adjusting cash flows from unconditional promises to give by an allowance, or risk premium, and then discounting the expected cash flows using a credit-adjusted, risk-free rate. Due to the subjective nature of cash flow estimates, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of contributions receivable will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Foundation's consolidated financial statements.

**Investments**

Investment securities are recorded at fair value. In the case of certain less marketable investments, principally limited partnerships, limited liability company interests, private equity real estate funds, and fund-of-funds structures generally organized as limited partnerships or limited liability companies, value is established based on either external events which substantiate a change in value or a reasonable methodology that exists to capture and quantify changes in value (see Note 11). In most instances, those changes in value may require use of estimates. The Foundation believes that the carrying amount of its other investments is a reasonable estimate of fair value as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. Because other investments are not marketable, the estimated value is subject to uncertainty and, therefore, may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed.

Investments of the net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions are, at times, pooled to maximize earnings. Earnings and market value adjustments from pooled investments have been allocated to the participating funds, as applicable.

To achieve its investment objectives, the Foundation has acquired interests in certain investments that are not readily marketable. The fair values of these investments have been determined by management using the net asset value (NAV) provided by each fund. NAV is a practical expedient used to determine the fair value of investments that do not have readily determinable fair value. Investment income, including interest, dividends, realized gains and losses, and unrealized gains and losses, is allocated to participants based upon their pro-rata share of their investment. Distributions from, and liquidation of, these investments is restricted based on specific terms of the fund agreements. The estimated values may differ materially from the values that would have been used had readily available markets for the investments existed.

Investment returns are recorded in the period incurred. Investment returns consist of interest and dividend income, capital gain distributions, and net gains or losses on investments reported at fair value, less external and direct internal investment expenses. All investment returns are reported as revenue without donor restrictions unless donor-imposed restrictions on the assets exist. If such restrictions are present, the investment returns are recorded as, or reclassified to, revenue with donor restrictions, depending upon the nature of the restriction.

The Foundation's investments are invested in various types of investment securities and in various companies within various markets. Investment securities are exposed to several risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Foundation's consolidated financial statements.

### **Property Held for Investment**

FOHO I, LLC, has purchased apartment buildings and rental houses in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to be held as rental properties within the endowment investment fund of the Foundation. FOHO I, LLC, also holds properties acquired for NSU. The rental properties are carried at cost. Revenue is recognized as apartments and houses are rented. The Foundation estimates the salvage value of the rental properties to be equal to their cost; therefore, no depreciation has been recognized. Net earnings from the rental properties are considered with donor restriction if held for endowment and without donor restriction if held for NSU.

The Foundation also owns a house for use by the University's President. The property is held as an investment within the endowment investment fund of the Foundation.

The Foundation reviews the carrying value of investment property for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There was no impairment loss as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is stated at cost at the date of purchase, or at estimated fair value at the date of donation, provided such value exceeds \$500. Depreciation is not recognized on equipment that is donated to the Foundation and passed through to the University, which is recorded as support without donor restrictions. The buildings, net of salvage value, and building improvements, and the scoreboard and equipment purchased and retained by the Foundation are being depreciated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of three to thirty-nine and five to fifteen years, respectively.

The Foundation reviews the carrying value of property for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposal. Impairment loss is charged to expense when identified. There was no impairment loss as of June 30, 2023 and 2022.

### **Lessor Leasing Arrangements**

The Foundation leases a house to the Board of Regents for use by the University's President. The Prairiewood property is accounted for as an operating lease (see Note 4). The property is held by the endowment pool. Net earnings from the lease are considered donor-restricted.

### **Cash Value of Insurance Policies**

Life insurance policies given to the Foundation are carried at their current cash surrender values, net of any outstanding loans. The annual increase in cash value is included in investment returns.



**Split-Interest Agreements**

The Foundation has been named as an irrevocable beneficiary of several charitable trusts held and administered by independent trustees. These trusts were created independently by donors and are administered by outside agents designated by the donors. Therefore, the Foundation has neither possession nor control over the assets of the trusts. At the date the Foundation receives notice of a beneficial interest, a with donor restriction contribution is recorded in the consolidated statement of activities, and a beneficial interest in split-interest agreements is recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value using present value techniques and risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the expected distributions to be received under the agreement. Thereafter, beneficial interests in the split-interest agreements are reported at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position, with trust distributions and changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statement of activities. Upon receipt of trust distributions and/or expenditures in satisfaction of the restricted purpose stipulated by the donor, if any, net assets with donor restrictions are released to net assets without donor restrictions; net assets which are to be held in perpetuity are transferred to the endowment. Due to the subjective nature of the expected distributions to be received under the agreements, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of split-interest agreements will occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Foundation's consolidated financial statements.

**Bond Issuance Costs**

Bond issuance costs are amortized over the period the related obligation is outstanding using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. Bond issuance costs are included within bonds payable in the consolidated statements of financial position. Amortization of bond issuance costs is included in interest expense in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized when earned. Contribution revenue is recognized when cash, securities or other assets, unconditional promises to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date of contribution. Estimates of fair value sometimes involve assumptions and estimation methods that are uncertain and, therefore, the estimates could differ from actual results.

**Donated Services and In-Kind Contributions**

Many individuals, particularly Board members, have contributed significant amounts of time to the activities of the Foundation without compensation. However, these services do not meet the criteria for being recorded as contributions under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and, accordingly, have not been recorded. The Foundation records donated professional services and interest expense at the respective fair values of the services or interest received. Contributed goods are recorded at fair value at the date of donation. Contributed land is recorded as the appraised value of the land at the date of donation. (Note 16).

The Foundation's policy is to sell contributed assets immediately upon receipt unless the asset is restricted for use in a specific program by the donor, or the intention of the donation is to require investments that do not have an active market to be held as an alternative investment.

#### **Athletic Sponsorship Revenue**

Sponsorship revenue is received from local businesses in exchange for sponsorship exposure provided on the Foundation's signs, scoreboards, and print and electronic media and is recognized as revenue over the sponsorship period as revenue without donor restrictions.

#### **Memberships**

The exchange transaction portion of membership dues is recognized as revenue over the membership period and is included as non-charitable athletic revenue without donor restrictions.

#### **Deferred Revenue**

Exchange revenue transactions or net deposits received for rentals and activities are deferred until the activity occurs.

#### **Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the consolidated statements of activities. The functional expenses footnote presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. The consolidated financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include personal services and office expenses which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The Foundation is annually required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS. In addition, the Foundation is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to its exempt purpose. The Foundation files an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990T) with the IRS to report its unrelated business taxable income due to revenue earned on alternative investments held by the Foundation, which has resulted in income tax expense of \$754 and \$36,085 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which is reported as a reduction of net investment return on the consolidated statement of activities. As single-member limited liability companies, FOHO I, LLC and APEX, LLC are treated as "disregarded entities" for income tax purposes. Therefore, FOHO I, LLC's and APEX, LLC's financial activity is reported in conjunction with the federal income tax filings of the Foundation.

The Foundation believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken affecting its annual filing requirements and, as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the consolidated financial statements. The Foundation would recognize future accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities in income tax expense if such interest and penalties are incurred.

#### **University Support**

The Foundation funds various construction projects and provides operations support for the benefit of NSU. Contracts for construction projects are between NSU and the contractors, and liabilities for expenditures incurred by departments are the responsibility of NSU. The Foundation records expense for payment of the projects and operational support expenditures when such payments are made, in accordance with accounting guidance for financially interrelated entities. Scholarships are deemed to be support to the individuals receiving the scholarship; accordingly, scholarships are recognized as expense when the commitment to provide such support becomes unconditional.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates used in preparing these consolidated financial statements include those used in calculating the fair value of contributions receivable, those used in calculating the value of split-interest agreements, and those used in determining the fair value of certain investments. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and the change may be material.

#### **Concentrations**

During 2023 and 2022, approximately 62% and 65%, respectively, of donors are individuals and corporations residing in South Dakota. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had approximately 28% and 17%, respectively, in contributions receivable from two and one, respectively, unrelated party donors. The Foundation recorded approximately 17% and 16% in contributions receivable from one related party donor for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### **Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications of amounts previously reported have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements to maintain consistency between periods presented. The reclassifications had no impact on previously reported net assets.

## Note 2 - Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the balance sheet date, comprise the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 198,495	\$ 14,142
Contribution receivable - without donor restricted	31,923	15,004
Other receivable	33,171	482,570
Cash value of insurance policies	133,005	134,865
Annual University support	225,000	175,000
	<u>\$ 621,594</u>	<u>\$ 821,581</u>

The Foundation's funds consist of donor-restricted endowments and funds designated by the Board as endowments. Income from donor-restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes, with the exception of the amounts available for general use. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditures.

The Foundation also estimates that it will have approximately \$1,020,000 of funds that will become available for general expenditures that relate to annual gift fees and management fees.

The Foundation's board-designated without donor restriction endowments of \$555,180 are subject to an annual spending rate as described in Note 12. Although the Board does not intend to spend from these board-designated endowments (other than amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part of the Board's annual budget approval and appropriation), these amounts could be made available, if necessary.

As part of the Foundation's liquidity management plan, the Foundation invests cash in excess of daily requirements in short-term investments, which may include money market funds and CD's. The Board has not currently designated a portion of any operating surplus as operating reserve.

## Note 3 - Contributions Receivable

Donors to the Foundation have made unconditional promises to give that are measured at fair value. Contributions receivable as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, are expected to be collected as follows:

	2023	2022
Within one year	\$ 3,616,461	\$ 3,614,783
In one to 5 years	7,955,496	9,899,778
Over five years	1,895,833	3,757,607
	<u>13,467,790</u>	<u>17,272,168</u>
Adjustment to estimated fair value	<u>(4,127,445)</u>	<u>(4,083,160)</u>
	<u>\$ 9,340,345</u>	<u>\$ 13,189,008</u>

## Northern State University Foundation

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Contributions receivable consists, primarily, of promises from individuals and corporations within the Aberdeen, South Dakota, area. The Foundation has received conditional promises to give totaling \$7,280,000 and \$8,145,000 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, relating to scholarships, special projects, matching gifts, and other activities scheduled to occur in future years. Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

### Note 4 - Lease of President's Home

The Foundation leases a home in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to the Board of Regents for the use of the University's President. The lease on the Prairiewood property is classified as an operating lease agreement. The lease agreement requires minimum annual lease payments of \$33,881 and will remain in effect until it is modified upon mutual agreement between the Foundation and the Board of Regents.

The value of the property subject to the operating lease was \$334,000 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and depreciation expense on the leased property is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the property in amounts necessary to reduce the asset to its estimated residual value. Estimated and actual residual value is reviewed on a regular basis to determine that depreciation amounts are appropriate. Depreciation expense relating to the leased property subject to operating lease was \$0 for 2023 and 2022.

Revenue from operating leases is included in net lease income on the statements of activities.

### Note 5 - Cash Value of Insurance Policies

The Foundation has been named the beneficiary and owner of life insurance policies that were gifted by various individuals. Loans payable to the insurance companies are collateralized by the cash value of the policies. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the cash value and loans were as follows:

	2023	2022
Cash surrender value	\$ 407,748	\$ 398,296
Less loans outstanding	26,463	23,922
	<u>\$ 381,285</u>	<u>\$ 374,374</u>

At June 30, 2023, the gross death benefit on the policies was \$1,630,694.

#### Note 6 - Split-Interest Agreements

During 2008, the Foundation was named the lead beneficiary of a charitable lead uni-trust agreement, which provides the Foundation 5% of the net fair market value of the trust principal for a period of 20 years. A receivable of \$320,117 and \$386,630 has been recorded at the present value of the amount held by the trustee that is estimated to be due to the Foundation as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During 2013, the Foundation was named beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust which provided the Foundation annual distributions which are the greater of the Foundation's share of net income or 3.5% of the net market value through 2022, and a share of the remainder interest in 2022. As of June 30, 2022, the Foundation recorded a receivable of \$13,782,780 for the present value of the Foundation's share held by the trustee. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Foundation received its share of the remainder interest in the charitable trust that totaled approximately \$14,132,699. During 2022, the Foundation received notice they were named beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust which will provide a share of the remainder interest in 2023. A receivable of \$1,250,000 and \$1,806,512 was recorded for the present value of the Foundation's share held by the trustee as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Foundation used interest rates commensurate with the risks involved to discount these receivables, which was 0% - 9.09% during 2023 and 0% - 8.20% during 2022.

#### Note 7 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	2023	2022
Beckman building	\$ 73,796	\$ 73,796
Building improvements	32,701	31,312
Equipment	264,223	199,896
	<u>370,720</u>	<u>305,004</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(182,409)	(154,428)
Net	<u>\$ 188,311</u>	<u>\$ 150,576</u>

Depreciation expense totaled \$33,415 and \$24,416 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### Note 8 - Bonds and Notes Payable

On May 16, 2019, the Foundation issued Brown County, South Dakota, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, with a principal balance of \$10,000,000 to be used to fund the building projects for the Education Impact Campaign with the agreement being reissued on December 31, 2020, to reflect a change in interest rates. The bonds are privately placed with seven banks located in South Dakota with varying principal amounts held at each bank. Interest and principal is payable semi-annually in May and November. Interest accrues at a flat rate of 1.75%. The bonds mature in May 2029. Additionally, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, \$1,211,681 and \$1,426,420 of the principal balance is held with a financial institution that employs officers that are members of the Foundation's Board of Directors.



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Future maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Years Ending June 30,</u>	
2024	\$ 1,092,724
2025	1,111,930
2026	1,131,473
2027	1,151,361
2028	1,171,598
Thereafter	390,121
Less unamortized debt issuance costs	<u>(3,421)</u>
	<u>\$ 6,045,786</u>

### Note 9 - Net Assets

Support for one capital project in excess of restricted gifts, including promises to give, has resulted in a deficiency that is reported in net assets without donor restrictions. This cumulative deficiency totaled approximately \$327,585 and \$437,585 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Foundation plans to recover this without donor restriction net assets deficit with future gifts as well as possible changes to future programmatic support provided to NSU.

Support for the Educational Impact Campaign (EIC) capital project in excess of restricted gifts, including promises to give at fair value, has resulted in a deficiency that is reported in net assets with donor restrictions as all deficit is being funded by long-term debt or a line of credit, so no other without donor or with donor restriction money is used to cover the deficit. The Foundation plans to recover this net assets deficit with conditional contributions receivable and future gifts.

Net assets with donor restrictions represents resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions, either for a specific purpose or subject to the passage of time. For endowments that the Foundation has agreed to hold and manage on a perpetual basis, with donor restriction net assets include only amounts the endowment gift instruments allow to be spent. These with donor restriction amounts are subject to a time restriction, which expires if the Board of Directors approves a portion for spending (referred to as an act of appropriation). Also, net assets with donor restrictions may be subject to purpose restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions are released from restrictions when the applicable time and purpose restrictions have been fulfilled.

The majority of net assets with donor restrictions held in perpetuity consist of endowment and trust funds which donors have imposed restrictions. Endowment assets equal to the original amount of endowment gifts are held in perpetuity in investment. The Board of Directors authorized scholarship distributions of endowment investment earnings using a calculation based on prior year scholarship payouts adjusted for CPI, with an established floor and ceiling for each endowment distribution (see Note 12). Authorized distributions are retained as net assets with donor restrictions until disbursement is requested by appropriate University officials consistent with the terms of the gift. Requested amounts are then transferred from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions and the disbursement is reported as a decrease in net assets without donor restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions held in perpetuity also include rental properties held for investment, endowed cash surrender value of life insurance, and certain charitable lead and remainder trusts which must remain in perpetuity.

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The detail of the Foundation's net asset categories as of June 30 is as follows:

	2023	2022
Without Donor Restriction		
Board designated for quasi-endowment	\$ 555,180	\$ 548,705
Board designated for athletics	214,590	81,089
Without donor restriction	719,263	748,438
Total without donor restriction	1,489,033	1,378,232
With Donor Restriction		
Promises to give that are not restricted by donors - time restricted	709,778	855,018
NSU Capital Improvements Special Projects		
including contributions receivable	-	225,000
Fair value adjustment on contributions receivable		
on capital improvements special projects	-	(63,186)
Educational Impact Campaign (EIC) Special Project		
including contributions receivable	(138,705)	(3,911,136)
Fair value adjustment on contributions receivable		
on EIC special projects	(3,160,522)	(3,080,299)
NSU Other Special Projects including contributions receivable	1,209,152	598,366
Fair value adjustment on contributions receivable	(31,924)	(15,796)
Board designated for quasi-endowment and donor-		
purpose restriction	11,012,236	682,161
Split-interest agreement - purpose and/or time restrictions	-	13,872,780
Purpose Restricted - unspent earnings from split-interest agreement	274,491	246,517
Purpose restriction - unspent endowment appropriations	2,958,253	1,485,354
Athletics including contributions receivable	1,324,354	1,246,439
Scholarships	779,401	827,240
	14,936,514	12,968,458
Endowments, perpetual in nature		
Endowment for operational support	200,856	198,856
Endowment for other	2,088,662	2,088,662
Endowment for scholarships	32,400,184	31,267,935
	34,689,702	33,555,453
Total net assets	\$ 51,115,249	\$ 47,902,143

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Net assets were reclassified and/or released from restrictions as follows during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Expiration of time restrictions	\$ 185,832	\$ 284,420
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions		
Scholarships	1,638,720	1,383,517
Special projects	1,651,365	5,952,337
Athletic projects	378,264	318,442
	<u>3,854,181</u>	<u>7,938,716</u>
Restricted-purpose endowment spending-rate formula distributions and appropriations (see Note 12)		
Scholarships and operational support	1,507,987	1,330,765
Fees	688,262	719,832
	<u>2,196,249</u>	<u>2,050,597</u>
	<u>\$ 6,050,430</u>	<u>\$ 9,989,313</u>

### Note 10 - Related Party Transactions

The Foundation has deposits and investments with financial institutions and companies that employ, as officers, members of the Foundation's Board of Directors. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had cash deposits at the carrying amount of \$6,863,498 and \$7,959,709, respectively, and investments of \$11,766,524 and \$0 respectively, with these institutions and companies.

The Foundation receives contributions from members of the Board of Directors as well as from financial institutions and companies that employ, as officers, members of the Foundation's Board of Directors. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the contributions received or promised was \$1,605,494 and \$1,081,344, respectively, from these institutions, companies and individuals. Contributions receivable from these institutions, companies and individuals were \$6,296,389 and \$5,144,299 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation also incurred expense for certain services from these institutions and companies of \$0 and \$80,000, respectively, which is included in accounts payable as of June 30, 2022.

From 2009 to 2012, the Foundation committed to contribute \$3,325,000 towards improvements to the Barnett Center at Northern State University, a related party. As of June 30, 2023, approximately \$2,997,415 has been raised through cash and unconditional promises to give of the Foundation's commitment. As June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation has recorded an obligation to the University of \$327,585 and \$437,585, respectively, related to the Barnett Center. Funding for these improvements will come from cash collections designated by the donors for this purpose.

During the fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the Foundation committed to contribute \$19.7 million toward the Educational Impact Campaign (EIC) to build a new School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and new athletic fields for Northern State University, with \$5 million for the project committed by the State of South Dakota. An additional \$33 million was committed to the EIC in 2019 for a regional sports complex. These amounts are being raised through cash and conditional and unconditional promises to give. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, payments in the amount of \$161,850 and \$4,130,189, respectively, have been paid to NSU for project costs or paid directly to vendors and assets donated to NSU for capital projects. The School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and new athletic fields were substantially completed in 2021 and 2022, respectively. The regional sports complex was substantially completed in 2022.

During fiscal year 2020, the Foundation committed to conditionally contribute approximately \$900,000 toward a center-hung scoreboard in the Barnett Center contingent on receipt of donor contributions. This amount has been raised through cash and unconditional promises to give. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, payments in the amount of \$137,500 and \$137,500, respectively, have been paid to NSU for project costs. The remaining portion of approximately \$200,000 is expected to be paid as pledge payments are received. The Foundation has not recorded a payable for this amount as of June 30, 2023, pursuant to the Foundation's accounting policy for University support.

During fiscal year 2021, the Foundation, NSU and the Board of Regents signed an operating agreement which included an unconditional promise to give from NSU to the Foundation for operating support starting in fiscal year 2022. This was recorded in contributions receivable during 2021, and payments are expected from 2022 to 2026.

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation also owes the University \$16,357 and \$22,463, respectively, for other administrative reimbursements.

#### **Note 11 - Fair Value Measurements**

Accounting standards have established a framework for measuring fair value under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Foundation has the ability to access at the measurement date. Investments valued at fair value using Level 1 inputs are cash equivalents, common stocks and mutual funds that have observable quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2: Pricing inputs (other than quoted prices included in Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Observable inputs are those that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Foundation. Certificates of deposit, bonds and bond funds have fair values determined by Level 2 inputs such as interest rates, yield curves, models, or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3: Pricing inputs that are unobservable for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Foundation's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. Private equity funds, limited partnerships, and LLC member interests are measured based on Level 3 inputs that are unobservable, such as recent purchases and sales, underlying fund holdings, and information provided by fund managers and general partners including audited consolidated financial statements, unaudited consolidated financial statements, and net asset valuations. Contributions receivable are measured using the income approach. Split-interest agreements are measured based on the present value of the expected income from the assets and estimated remainder assets; as such, split-interest agreements are considered to be determined based on Level 3 inputs.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The Foundation has adopted the provisions of ASC 825-10, *Financial Instruments*, which provides an option to elect fair value as an alternative measurement for selected financial assets and liabilities not previously recorded at fair value. Once elected, this option is irrevocable. Pursuant to this adoption, the Foundation elected to measure contributions receivable at fair value to provide a valuation based on current yield curves and to create consistency in financial presentation with measurements of other financial instruments. Fair value is determined using the income approach, which is an expected present value technique adjusting cash flows from unconditional promises to give by an allowance, or risk premium, and then discounting the expected cash flows using a credit adjusted risk free rate (Level 3 inputs). The allowance, or risk premium, is based on any expected variance in timing of payments, promises past due, donor's relationship with the Foundation, the Foundation's collection history, and any other relevant information.

The Foundation did not elect fair value accounting for any asset or liability, other than contributions receivable, that is not currently required to be measured at fair value.

The Foundation uses Net Asset Value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent, such as member units or an ownership interest in partners' capital, to estimate the fair value of its investments in certain international and fixed income equity funds, an equity security hedge fund, and various private equity funds which do not have readily determinable fair values.

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The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, except those measured at cost or by using NAV per share as a practical expedient as identified below, as of June 30, 2023:

	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2023				
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Investments Measured at NAV
<b>Assets</b>					
Investments - other					
LLC member interests - Primrose	\$ 126,428	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,428	\$ -
Total investments - other	126,428	-	-	126,428	-
Investments - endowment pool					
Cash and money markets funds (at cost)	205,051	-	-	-	-
Stocks and mutual funds	8,440,905	8,440,905	-	-	-
Corporate bonds and bond funds	3,090,567	-	3,090,567	-	-
Government bonds	30,000	-	30,000	-	-
Commingled funds - equities	19,926,752	-	-	-	19,926,752
Commingled funds - fixed income	6,770,807	-	-	-	6,770,807
Limited partnership interests					
Commonfund Partners	1,855,712	-	-	1,855,712	-
LLC member interests					
Glacial Lakes	90,000	-	-	90,000	-
Primrose	1,638,579	-	-	1,638,579	-
Fort Myers Lodging II	254,023	-	-	254,023	-
Elmwood Hospitality	253,235	-	-	253,235	-
Private equity funds:					
Other investments	239,345	-	-	239,345	-
V3 Realty Partners Hedge Fund	1,566,190	-	-	-	1,566,190
Total investments - endowment pool	44,361,166	8,440,905	3,120,567	4,330,894	28,263,749
Contributions receivable	9,340,345	-	-	9,340,345	-
Split-interest agreements	1,570,117	-	-	1,570,117	-
	<u>\$ 55,398,056</u>	<u>\$ 8,440,905</u>	<u>\$ 3,120,567</u>	<u>\$ 15,367,784</u>	<u>\$ 28,263,749</u>



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The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, except those measured at cost or by using NAV per share as a practical expedient as identified below, as of June 30, 2022:

	Fair Value Measurements at June 30, 2022				Investments Measured at NAV
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
<b>Assets</b>					
Investments - other					
LLC member interests - Primrose	\$ 117,609	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 117,609	\$ -
Total investments - other	117,609	-	-	117,609	-
Investments - endowment pool					
Commingled funds - equities	16,416,164	-	-	-	16,416,164
Commingled funds - fixed income	6,709,892	-	-	-	6,709,892
Limited partnership interests					
Commonfund Partners	1,838,362	-	-	1,838,362	-
LLC member interests:					
Glacial Lakes	66,000	-	-	66,000	-
Primrose	1,413,702	-	-	1,413,702	-
Fort Myers Lodging II	243,781	-	-	243,781	-
Elmwood Hospitality	211,606	-	-	211,606	-
Private equity funds					
Other investments	219,276	-	-	219,276	-
V3 Realty Partners Hedge Fund	1,037,215	-	-	-	1,037,215
Total investments - endowment pool	28,155,998	-	-	3,992,727	24,163,271
Contributions receivable	13,189,008	-	-	13,189,008	-
Split-interest agreement	16,065,922	-	-	16,065,922	-
	<u>\$ 57,528,537</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 33,365,266</u>	<u>\$ 24,163,271</u>

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The table below set forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Foundation's Level 3 assets and liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

	July 1, 2022	Investment Income (Expense)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Gifts/ Purchases	Settlements/ Sales	June 30, 2023
Assets						
Investments:						
Limited partnership interests	\$ 1,838,362	\$ (47,417)	\$ (125,533)	\$ 280,875	\$ (90,575)	\$ 1,855,712
LLC member interests	2,052,698	115,559	226,776	100,000	(132,768)	2,362,265
Private equity real estate funds	219,276	-	(16,025)	39,000	(2,906)	239,345
	<u>4,110,336</u>	<u>68,142</u>	<u>85,218</u>	<u>419,875</u>	<u>(226,249)</u>	<u>4,457,322</u>
Contributions receivable	13,189,008	-	(44,284)	2,922,747	(6,727,126)	9,340,345
Split-interest agreements	16,065,922	-	873,454	421,039	(15,790,298)	1,570,117
	<u>\$ 33,365,266</u>	<u>\$ 68,142</u>	<u>\$ 914,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,763,661</u>	<u>\$ (22,743,673)</u>	<u>\$ 15,367,784</u>

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The table below set forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Foundation's Level 3 assets and liabilities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022:

	July 1, 2021	Investment Income	Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Gifts/ Purchases	Settlements/ Sales	June 30, 2022
<b>Assets</b>						
Investments:						
Limited partnership interests	\$ 1,082,202	\$ (25,275)	\$ 534,262	\$ 500,001	\$ (252,828)	\$ 1,838,362
LLC member interests	2,701,506	129,768	78,708	-	(857,284)	2,052,698
Private equity real estate funds	183,189	7,500	27,116	8,971	(7,500)	219,276
	3,966,897	111,993	640,086	508,972	(1,117,612)	4,110,336
Contributions receivable	18,653,114	-	(50,981)	2,566,868	(7,979,993)	13,189,008
Split-interest agreements	17,313,916	-	(2,468,702)	1,935,237	(714,529)	16,065,922
	<u>\$ 39,933,927</u>	<u>\$ 111,993</u>	<u>\$ (1,879,597)</u>	<u>\$ 5,011,077</u>	<u>\$ (9,812,134)</u>	<u>\$ 33,365,266</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Obligations under split-interest agreements			July 1, 2021	Payments	Net Realized and Unrealized (Gains) Losses	June 30, 2022
			\$ 41,135	\$ (2,465)	\$ (38,670)	\$ -
			<u>\$ 41,135</u>	<u>\$ (2,465)</u>	<u>\$ (38,670)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Fair value changes in Level 3 investments, contributions receivable and split-interest agreements have been recorded in the consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets in net gain (loss) on investments at fair value, contributions and bequests and change in split-interest agreements, respectively.

Financial Accounting Standards Board Update 2009-12, *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure (Topic 820): Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share* (or its equivalent) requires disclosures of certain attributes in entities that calculate a net asset value per share (or its equivalent) and do not have a readily determinable fair value. The following table sets forth the disclosure of the attributes at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Collective Funds				
Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	\$ 19,926,752	\$ -	Monthly	5 business
Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	6,770,807	-	Monthly	5 business
V3 Realty Partners Hedge Fund	1,566,190	-	Semi-annual	60 days
	2022			
	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Collective Funds				
Multi-Strategy Equity Fund	\$ 16,416,164	\$ -	Monthly	5 business
Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	6,709,892	-	Monthly	5 business
V3 Realty Partners Hedge Fund	1,037,215	-	Semi-annual	60 days

The Multi-Strategy Equity Fund's objective is to offer an actively managed, multi-manager investment program that will provide broad exposure to global equity markets. The fund seeks to add value above the return of the U.S. market measured by the S&P 500 Index, net of fees, and to provide competitive returns relative to the Russell U.S. Large Cap Market Oriented Equity Universe. The fund's risk characteristics will vary from those of the Index due to its diversified exposures to sectors outside of the Index, including non-U.S. equity markets, and to certain marketable alternative strategies.

The Multi-Strategy Bond Fund's objective is to offer an actively managed, multi-manager investment program that will provide broad exposure to global debt markets. The fund seeks to add value above the return of the broad U.S. bond market, as measured by the Barclay's Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, net of fees, and to provide competitive returns relative to the Russell U.S. Core Plus Fixed Income Universe. The fund's risk characteristics will vary from those of the Index due to its diversified exposures to sectors outside of the Index, including below investment grade debt and international bond and currency markets.

The V3 Realty Partner Hedge Fund's objective is to preserve capital and generate attractive total returns, principally by investing in publicly traded real estate securities.

**Note 12 - Endowment**

The Foundation's endowment consists of approximately 470 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

**Interpretation of Relevant Law**

The Board of Directors of the Foundation has interpreted UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation retains in perpetuity (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts (including promises to give at fair value) donated to the endowment, and (b) any accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. The following factors are considered in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund.
- The purposes of the Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund.
- General economic conditions.
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation.
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments.
- Other resources of the Foundation.
- The investment policies of the Foundation.

**Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Foundation must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s), as well as Board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to provide both a reasonably predicted income stream and principal appreciation that exceeds inflation. The Foundation expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return of approximately 8% annually. Asset allocation guidelines have been established for the endowment based on liquidity needs, risk tolerance and time horizon. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

**Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives**

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

### Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Foundation's policy for appropriating distributions is calculated based on prior year scholarship payouts increased by the prior year's December 31 CPI, with an established 4% floor and 6% ceiling of the endowment fund's market value for each individual endowment distribution, plus an administrative fee of 1.95% for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In establishing this distribution policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Foundation expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 1.5% annually. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity, or for a specified term, as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

### Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration ("underwater"). In accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, deficiencies of this nature that are reported in net assets with donor restrictions were \$0 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. These deficiencies can result from unfavorable market fluctuations that occur after the investments of the endowed contributions are made and scholarship appropriations are made despite negative market returns.

The endowment net asset composition is as follows:

	At June 30, 2023			
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction Other	With Donor Restriction Endowment	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 2,958,253	\$ 34,689,702	\$ 37,647,955
Board-designated endowment funds	555,180	11,012,236	-	11,567,416
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 555,180</u>	<u>\$ 13,970,489</u>	<u>\$ 34,689,702</u>	<u>\$ 49,215,371</u>

	At June 30, 2022			
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction Other	With Donor Restriction Endowment	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 1,485,354	\$ 33,555,453	\$ 35,040,807
Board-designated endowment funds	548,705	682,161	-	1,230,866
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 548,705</u>	<u>\$ 2,167,515</u>	<u>\$ 33,555,453</u>	<u>\$ 36,271,673</u>



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Changes in endowment net assets are as follows:

	For the Year Ending June 30, 2023			
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction Other	With Donor Restriction Endowment	Total
Beginning endowment net assets	\$ 548,705	\$ 2,167,515	\$ 33,555,453	\$ 36,271,673
Investment return:				
Investment income	-	212,564	-	212,564
Net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net of fees	26,445	3,455,150	10,963	3,492,558
Change in split-interest agreements	-	-	143,412	143,412
Contributions, including promises to give	-	-	978,723	978,723
Donor change in restriction	-	(1,151)	1,151	-
Board quasi-endowed funds	-	10,332,660	-	10,332,660
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(19,970)	(2,196,249)	-	(2,216,219)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 555,180</u>	<u>\$ 13,970,489</u>	<u>\$ 34,689,702</u>	<u>\$ 49,215,371</u>

	For the Year Ending June 30, 2022			
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction Other	With Donor Restriction Endowment	Total
Beginning endowment net assets	\$ 389,285	\$ 6,066,626	\$ 31,098,730	\$ 37,554,641
Investment return:				
Investment income	41,118	78,120	-	119,238
Net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation), net of fees	-	(1,926,634)	6,677	(1,919,957)
Change in split-interest agreements	-	-	(270,439)	(270,439)
Contributions, including promises to give	-	-	2,874,017	2,874,017
Donor change in restriction	159,420	-	(153,532)	5,888
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(41,118)	(2,050,597)	-	(2,091,715)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 548,705</u>	<u>\$ 2,167,515</u>	<u>\$ 33,555,453</u>	<u>\$ 36,271,673</u>

### Note 13 - Commitment

The Foundation has committed to invest a total of \$5,950,000 (including commitments subsequent to year-end) in various entities including Commonfund Capital Partners IV, Commonfund Capital Partners V, Commonfund Capital Partners VII LP, Commonfund Capital Partners VIII LP, Commonfund Capital Partners IX LP, Commonfund Secondary Partners II, Commonfund Secondary Partners III, Commonfund Secondary Partners IV LP, Commonfund Private Credit Fund III LP, and SD Equity Partners LP. As of June 30, 2023, \$1,912,168 had been invested in these entities leaving remaining commitments of \$4,037,832. The entities will call down the funds as they deem necessary.

See also Note 10 regarding the Foundation's commitment to Northern State University for ongoing projects.

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**Note 14 - Functionalized Expenses**

The following schedule presents the natural classification of expenses by function for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Program Services				Management and General	Fundraising and Development	Total
	Scholarships	University Support	Alumni	Total			
Scholarships	\$ 3,422,308	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,422,308	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,422,308
NSU capital projects	-	201,937	-	201,937	-	-	201,937
NSU non-capital support	-	2,003,329	-	2,003,329	-	-	2,003,329
Salaries and benefits	-	127,009	21,613	148,622	430,009	531,424	1,110,055
Professional fees	-	192	-	192	88,667	-	88,859
Printing and supplies	-	33,129	4,016	37,145	9,311	14,989	61,445
Information technology	-	-	-	-	66,410	6,300	72,710
Travel	-	68,088	3,384	71,472	-	4,628	76,100
Interest	-	-	-	-	381,290	-	381,290
Cost of direct benefits to donors	-	-	-	-	-	315,954	315,954
Depreciation and amortization	-	13,801	-	13,801	16,670	-	30,471
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising and promotion	-	-	19,638	19,638	11,254	33,943	64,835
Events	-	-	29,912	29,912	-	-	29,912
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	16,488	-	16,488
Conferences, conventions and meetings	-	-	1,254	1,254	7,405	-	8,659
Insurance	-	-	-	-	15,706	-	15,706
Training and development	-	-	-	-	6,344	8,094	14,438
Bank fees	-	-	-	-	20,096	-	20,096
Annuity payments	-	-	-	-	11,602	-	11,602
Other	-	-	2,370	2,370	3,710	44,891	50,971
	3,422,308	2,447,485	82,187	5,951,980	1,084,962	960,223	7,997,165
Less expenses included with revenues on the statement of activities	-	-	-	-	-	(315,954)	(315,954)
Cost of direct benefits to donors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of activities	<u>\$ 3,422,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,447,485</u>	<u>\$ 82,187</u>	<u>\$ 5,951,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,084,962</u>	<u>\$ 644,269</u>	<u>\$ 7,681,211</u>

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The following schedule presents the natural classification of expenses by function for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	Program Services				Management and General	Fundraising and Development	Total
	Scholarships	University Support	Alumni	Total			
Scholarships	\$ 3,091,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,091,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,091,027
NSU capital projects	-	4,574,815	-	4,574,815	-	-	4,574,815
NSU non-capital support	-	1,939,795	-	1,939,795	-	-	1,939,795
Salaries and benefits	-	103,597	-	103,597	343,113	499,617	946,327
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	93,313	-	93,313
Printing and supplies	-	9,482	2,988	12,470	4,583	20,512	37,565
Information technology	-	-	-	-	56,124	-	56,124
Travel	-	37,590	1,631	39,221	-	3,411	42,632
Interest	-	-	-	-	174,834	-	174,834
Cost of direct benefits to donors	-	-	-	-	-	280,747	280,747
Depreciation and amortization	-	7,759	-	7,759	7,639	-	15,398
Other							
Advertising and promotion	-	-	17,664	17,664	-	7,948	25,612
Events	-	-	16,817	16,817	-	-	16,817
Occupancy	-	-	-	-	16,150	-	16,150
Conferences, conventions and meetings	-	-	22,242	22,242	6,188	-	28,430
Insurance	-	-	-	-	13,760	-	13,760
Training and development	-	-	-	-	-	6,931	6,931
Bank fees	-	-	-	-	19,893	-	19,893
Annuity payments	-	-	-	-	7,075	-	7,075
Other	-	-	2,030	2,030	11,374	44,474	57,878
	3,091,027	6,673,038	63,372	9,827,437	754,046	863,640	11,445,123
Less expenses included with revenues on the statement of activities							
Cost of direct benefits to donors	-	-	-	-	-	(280,747)	(280,747)
Total expenses included in the expense section on the statement of activities	\$ 3,091,027	\$ 6,673,038	\$ 63,372	\$ 9,827,437	\$ 754,046	\$ 582,893	\$ 11,164,376

**Note 15 - Line of Credit**

During 2023, the Foundation entered into a long-term line of credit note for a maximum of \$8,000,000. The line of credit has a fixed interest rate of 1.60%, with all principal and interest due on June 15, 2030. The line of credit is secured by contributions received for the Education Impact Campaign. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the total amount drawn on the line of credit was \$5,596,872 and \$11,510,474, respectively. The line of credit is held with a financial institution that employs officers that are members of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

**Note 16 - Donated Materials**

Donated professional services and materials are as follows during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Athletic recruiting travel, meals and hotel stays	\$ 99,708	\$ 75,540
Equipment, supplies and vehicle	82,059	91,662
Event auction items	58,919	70,765
Line of credit interest expense	137,942	-
	<u>\$ 378,628</u>	<u>\$ 237,967</u>

Contributed goods used for athletic recruiting, equipment, supplies, and vehicle are all used in university support services for athletics and other departments. Event auction items are used in fundraising activities. The value of the contributed items is based on estimated prices or identical or similar products considering the goods' conditions and utility for the use at the of the contribution.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Foundation received a promise-to-give receivable for a donation of land with the proceeds from the sale of the land to be used for donor-restricted purposes.

Contributed interest expense is provided by the financial institution that maintains the Foundation's line of credit and is recognized at fair value based on current interest rates that would be charged on line of credit agreement.

All gifts-in-kind received during the years ended December 31, 20X1 and 20X0 were unrestricted.

**Note 17 - Subsequent Events**

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through November 17, 2023, the date which the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.