

COMMUNICATION OF AUDIT RESULTS AND REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

DECEMBER 19, 2013



December 19, 2013

Dear Audit Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland:

We are pleased to present the results of our audit of the June 30, 2013, financial statements of the University System of Maryland (the System).

This Report to the Audit Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland (the Committee) summarizes our audit, the scope of our engagement, the reports to be issued, and various observations we noted during the audit that we want to report to you. This document also contains the Committee communications required by our professional and firm standards.

This audit was designed to express an opinion on the June 30, 2013, financial statements. We considered and will continue to consider the System's current and emerging business needs, along with an assessment of risk that could materially affect the financial statements, and aligned our audit procedures accordingly. We conducted the audit with the objectivity and independence that you, the Committee, and the users of your financial statements expect.

We received the full support and assistance of the System's personnel. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Regents and management, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

At SB & Company, LLC, we are continually evaluating the quality of our professionals' work in order to deliver audit services of the highest quality that will meet or exceed your expectations. We encourage you to evaluate our services and communicate back to us your evaluation of our services and how we can better exceed your expectations. This communication is most important to us as it will ensure that we do not overlook a single detail as it relates to the quality of our services.

We appreciate this opportunity to meet with you.

Very truly yours,

SB & Company, LLC

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Scope of Services and Highlight of Results

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Scope of Services

- > Audit of June 30, 2013, financial statements
- OMB-Circular A-133 Single Audit testing at certain universities as part of the State of Maryland Single Audit Report
- Campus enrollment agreed upon procedures reports
- Agreed upon procedures reports for bond offerings
- Available for year-round consultation

Results

- > Issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements
- No material weaknesses noted
- Received full cooperation from management
- Implemented GASB 60
- ➤ Planning for GASB 68 an approximate \$600 to 700 million unfunded pension liability will be recorded
- ACC receivable no allowance required
- ACC lawsuit disclosure contingent accrual not accrued concluded not material to the financial statements considering facts and management's opinion
- > Kuali implementation

Required Communications

No significant concerns to report



SBC Risk-Based Audit Approach



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Risk-based Audit Approach

Planning - Understand the Client & Audit Risk

- · Client Acceptance
- · Client Environment
- · Materiality

- · Planning Document
- · Issues Matrix
- · Time & Fee Budget

Understand Design and Operations of Control

- · What Can Go Wrong?
 - · Walk Throughs
- · Identify Key Controls
 - · Test of Controls

Financial Close and Reporting (FCR)

- · Determine Ending Balances
 - · Verify Ending Balances
- Proper Accounting Application

Financial Misstatement Analysis (FMA)

· Filter to Detect Potential Misstatement

Substantive Testing

- · Firm & GAAS Requirements
- · Negative Operating Controls
 - · Negative Financial Close
 - · Negative FMA Results

GAAS Compliance

- · GAAS Checklist
 - · Wrap-up

Reporting

- · Draft Financial Statements
- · Draft Board Presentation
- Draft Management Recomm. Letter

Focus During this Stage

- Identifying internal, external, and financial statements risks
- Develop audit plans
- Evaluate your controls and processes
- -Test your key controls
- Evaluate your processes to report correct amounts
- Evaluate reporting policies
- Review financial statements for misstatements
- Verify selected account balances
- Obtain third-party verification
- Professional standards requirements
- Obtain representation
- Evaluate results of audit procedures
- Communicate results and prepare reports to issue



Scope and Location of Testing



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			ear 2013 of Work			
University	Audit	Review	Analytical	Single Audit	Total 2013 Assets	Total 2013 Operating Revenue
					(in thousands)	(in thousands)
University of Maryland, College Park		Х			\$ 2,594,255	\$ 1,162,677
University of Maryland, Baltimore	X			X	1,164,920	797,219
University of Maryland University College	Х				474,877	311,130
Towson University	Х			Х	921,741	250,656
University of Maryland, Baltimore County			х		564,814	264,730
Salisbury University			Х		449,322	106,289
University of Baltimore			Х		230,343	
Coppin State University		Х			284,022	25,778
Bowie State University		Х			270,238	46,059
Headquarters (cash, debt, investments)	X				285,822	4,096
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore		Х		Х	199,239	66,195
Frostburg State University			Х		172,716	55,294
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science			X of Testing at		86,895	

	Audit	Review	Analytical
Total assets (in thousands)	\$ 2,847,360	\$ 3,347,754	\$ 1,504,090
Operating revenues (in thousands)	\$ 1,363,101	\$ 1,300,709	\$ 521,293
Total assets coverage	37%	43%	20%
Operating revenue coverage	43%	41%	16%



Level of Testing by Type



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Level	Understand Control Environment	Understand Effectiveness of the Design of Controls	Testing Effectiveness of Key Controls	Understand Financial Close Process	Financial Misstatement Analysis	Substantive Testing	Evaluate General IT Controls
Audit	х	х	х	х	х	х	х
Review	х	х		х	х		
Analytical				х	х		



Understanding the Environment and Its Key Risks

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Strategic

Planning & Resource Allocation

- Organizational structure
- Strategic planning
- Budgeting and forecasting
- Capital planning
- Cost management
- IT planning
- Resource planning
- Strategic partnerships

Reputation with Stakeholders

- > Students
- Alumni
- Community
- Vendors

Revenue Enhancement

- Related/affiliated organizations
- Distance learning
- > International expansion
- Technology transfer

External Dynamics

- Competition
- Economic factors
- Interest rates

Operations

Facilities

- Disaster preparedness
- Maintenance and condition
- Construction
- Safety and security

Academic Affairs

- Academic quality
- Accreditation
- Enrollment management
- Promotion and tenure
- > Recruitment/completion
- Graduation rates

Information Technology

- Information security
- Data privacy
- Change management
- > System implementation
- Automated application controls
- Management reporting

Student Services

- Student wellness
- Student rights and responsibilities
- > Financial aid
- Organizations and activities
- Athletic and recreational activities
- > International and immigration



Understanding the Environment and Its Key Risks

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Financial & Compliance

Sponsor Research

- Post ARRA access to funding
- Conflicts of Interest
- Effort certification
- Lab safety & compliance

Academic Medical Centers

- Healthcare reform
- Patient care / quality
- Health information & HIPAA
- Patient / grant billing
- Medical conflicts of interest
- Clinical research
- Faculty

Financial and Accounting

- GAAS
- > A133
- International accounting standards
- Cash management
- Investments
- Debt management
- Credit and collections
- Risk management and insurance
- > Tax
- Procurement
- Payroll
- Grants and donation accounting

Governance

- Board performance
- > Ethics
- Code of conduct
- Conflict of interest
- > Fraud

Legal & Regulatory Activities

- Student financial aid
- Copyright and trademarks
- Privacy and confidentiality
- Security
- State and local
- Contact
- Environmental
- Labor
- Tuition affordability

Human Resources

- Hiring and termination
- Ability to retain key talent
- Compensation and benefits OPEB
- Performance evaluation
- > FLSA, OSHA compliance



Accounting and Audit Pronouncements

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Number	Statement	Fiscal Year Effective
GASB 60*	Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession	June 30, 2013
GASB 61*	The Financial Reporting Entity – Omnibus – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34	June 30, 2013
GASB 62*	Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre- November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA Pronouncements	June 30, 2013
GASB 63*	Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position	June 30, 2013
GASB 64	Derivative Instruments – Application of Hedge Accounting Termination Provisions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 53	June 30, 2014
GASB 65*	Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities	June 30, 2014
GASB 66	Technical Corrections	June 30, 2014
GASB 67	Financial Reporting for Pension Plans	June 30, 2015
GASB 68*	Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions	June 30, 2014
GASB 69	Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations	June 30, 2014

^{*} Statements that will effect the System's reporting



Assessment of Control Environment by Institution

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Design of Controls Audit and Review Schools Only

Area	Points to Consider	Overall	UMB	UMUC	TU	UMCP	CSU	BSU	UMES
Control Environment	*Key executive integrity, ethics and behavior *Control consciousness and operating style *Commitment to competence *Board's participation in governance and oversight *Organizational structure and assignment of authority and responsibility *HR policies and procedures	Effective	Effective	Effective			Area for Improvement		
Risk Assessment	*Mechanisms to anticipate, identify, and react to significant events *Process and procedures to identify changes in GAAP, business practices and internal control	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Information & Communications	*Adequate performance reports produced from the information system(s) *Information systems are connected with business strategy *Business continuity/disaster plan for IT	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Area for Improvement	Effective	Effective



Assessment of Control Environment by Institution

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Design of Controls Audit and Review Schools Only

Area	Points to Consider	Overall	UMB	UMUC	TU	UMCP	CSU	BSU	UMES
	*Commitment of HR and finance to develop, test and monitor IT systems and programs								
Information & Communications (Continue)	*Established communication channels for employees to fulfill responsibilities *Adequate communication across the organization	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Area for Improvement	Effective	Effective
Control Activities	*Existence of necessary policies and procedures *Clear financial objectives with active monitoring *Logical segregation of duties *Periodic comparisons of book to actual and physical count to books *Adequate safeguards of documents, records and assets *Access controls in place	Effective	Area for Improvement	Effective	Effective	Effective	Area for Improvement	Effective	Effective
Monitoring	*Periodic evaluation of internal controls *Implementation of improvement recommendations *Internal audit function established to monitor activities	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective



Evaluation of Key Processes byInstitution



Design of Controls Audit and Review Schools Only

Process	Function	Overall	UMB	UMUC	TU	UMCP	CSU	BSU	UMES
1100030	Accounting Principles	Overall	CINID	Oilioo		311101			JIIILU
	and Disclosure								
	· Closing the Books								
Financial	· General Ledger and	Effootivo	Effective	Effective	Effootivo	Effective	Ineffective	Effootive	Effective
Reporting	Journal Entry	Effective	Ellective	Ellective	Ellective	Ellective	litellective	Ellective	Ellective
	Processing								
	 Substantiation and 								
	Review of Results								
	· Cash Management								
Treasury	· Investment	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Ineffective	Effective	Effective
	Accounting								
	Identification								
Estimation	· Methodology	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	Information								
	· Calculation								
	Purchasing								
Purchasing/	Receiving Accounts	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Area for	Effective	Effective
Disbursement	Payable/Cash	Lilective	Ellective	Ellective	Ellective	Lilective	Improvement	Lilective	Lilective
	Disbursement								
	· Hiring								
	Attendance Reporting								
	Payroll Accounting								
Payroll	and Processing	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	· Payroll								
	Disbursements								
	Employee Separation								
	· Tuition Billing								
Dayman	· Cash Receipts	C#ootium	Effective	⊏#ootive	C#ootium	C#cotion	Area for	C#ootium	C#cotive
Revenue	Revenue Recognition	Effective	Ellective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Improvement	Effective	Effective
	· Other Billing								
	· Purchasing								
Expenditures	· Receiving	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Exponditures	· Accounts Payable	Liiootivo	Lilottivo	Liiootivo	Liiootivo	Liiootivo	Liloutivo	Liiootivo	Liiootivo
	Cash Disbursement								
Fixed Assets	Physical Custody	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
	Asset Accounting								
	· Assess Risk								
Compliance	Regulatory Compliance	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Area for	Effective	Effective
Compliance	Monitor Compliance	Liicotive	Lilcotive	Lilective	Lilcotive	Liloutivo	Improvement	Liicotivo	Liicotivo
	Grant Compliance								
	· Program Integrity								
Information	· Information Security	C#ooti: :-	Area for	⊏#ootiv:	C#ootie:-	C#ooti:	⊏#ootiur	C#ootis-	C#ooti:
Technology	· Segregation of Duties	Effective	improvement	Effective	_ liective	Effective	Effective	_ liective	Effective
	· Computer Operations								



Evaluation of Key Processes byInstitution



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Operations of Control Audit Schools Only

Process	Function	Overall	UMB	UMUC	TU
Financial Reporting	 Accounting Principles and Disclosure Closing the Books General Ledger and Journal Entry Processing Substantiation and Review of Results 	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Treasury	Cash ManagementInvestmentAccounting	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Estimation	IdentificationMethodologyInformationCalculation	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Purchasing/ Disbursement	 Purchasing Receiving Accounts Payable/Cash Disbursement 	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Payroll	 Hiring Attendance Reporting Payroll Accounting and Processing Payroll Disbursements Employee Separation 	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Revenue	Tuition BillingCash ReceiptsRevenue RecognitionOther Billing	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Expenditures	PurchasingReceivingAccounts PayableCash Disbursement	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Fixed Assets	Physical CustodyAsset Accounting	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Compliance	Assess RiskRegulatory ComplianceMonitor ComplianceGrant Compliance	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective
Information Technology	Program IntegrityInformation SecuritySegregation of DutiesComputer Operations	Effective	Area for improvement	Effective	Effective



Summary of Enrollment Audit Findings

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2013 Nature of Finding	# of Findings
Incorrect race category was recorded.	2
Incorrect tuition status category was recorded.	1
Incorrect recording of existing student as a first time student.	1
Total	4

	2013 Po	pulation	Tot	ngs	
Campus	Enrollment	First Time	2013	2011	
Bowie State University	5,421	477	-	-	ı
Coppin State University	3,612	429	-	3	1
Frostburg State University	5,421	814	-	_	ı
Salisbury University	8,657	1,212	-	1	-
Towson University	21,960	2,436	1	-	1
University of Baltimore	6,558	215	1	-	1
University of Maryland, Baltimore	6,368	N/A	-	_	I
University of Maryland, Baltimore County	13,637	1,418	-	-	2
University of Maryland, College Park	37,247	3,493	-	2	1
University of Maryland, University College	42,268	169	2	-	2
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	4,454	882	-	1	10
Total	155,603	11,545	4	7	17



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Key Accounts	As of June 30, Amounts Expressed in Thousands								
	2013			2012	2011				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,820,391 (a	a)	\$ 1,653,690	\$	1,425,961			
Tuition Receivables		61,990		75,507		62,035			
Grant Receivables		177,161 (b)	207,843		229,692			
Notes Receivables/net		66,296		68,227		67,345			
Investments		192,921		190,280		198,655			
Inventory		10,272		11,890		11,704			
Capital Assets, net		5,273,348 (c)	5,013,672		4,329,368			
Total Assets		7,699,205		6,886,744		6,437,632			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		310,619		272,523		244,535			
Revenue Bonds and Notes Payable		1,183,368		1,156,594		1,115,179			
Obligations Under Capital Leases		12,410		13,765		14,043			
Deferred Revenue		177,345		191,691		189,593			
Total Liabilities		1,895,255		1,839,010		1,766,032			
Deferred Inflows of Resources		380,712 (d	d)	432,401	,	N/A			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		3,733,261 (e	9)	3,485,170		3,284,965			
Unrestricted		1,442,111		1,319,432		1,134,240			
Total Net Position		5,423,238		5,058,483		4,671,599			

- a) Cash balances increased due to overall increase in revenue and the System's goal to reserve cash for future capital additions.
- b) Decreased ARRA grants, primarily at UMB and UMCP.
- c) Capital additions at TU and UB see page 22.
- d) GASB 60 implemented in 2013 and 2012 was restated. UMBC project ended in 2013.
- e) Capital additions at TU and UB, offset by debt.



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	For the Years Ended June 30,						
Key Accounts	Amounts Expressed in Thousands						
	2013		2012	2011			
Tuition and Fee Revenue	\$ 1,433,382	(a)	\$ 1,403,570	\$ 1,313,970			
Scholarship Allowance	(245,613)	(236,903)	(227,975)			
Auxiliary Revenues:							
Residential Facilities	149,800)	150,219	112,124			
Dining Facilities	107,529)	107,673	100,061			
Intercollegiate Athletics	91,248	}	93,191	83,823			
Bookstore	26,180)	27,287	27,341			
Parking Facilities	38,876)	41,177	38,289			
Other Auxiliary Enterprises	137,775	(b)	128,564	128,479			
Other Operating Revenues	61,658	(c)	57,953	57,950			
Expenses by Natural Classification:							
Employee Costs	2,831,312	<u>-</u>	2,735,956	2,602,632			
Vendor Expenses	1,197,433	3	1,165,114	1,175,228			
Depreciation	264,594		244,928	220,315			
Change in Net Position	364,754	ļ	386,885	466,268			

- a) Increased tuition rates for undergraduate and graduate students offset by slight decrease in enrollment.
- b) Deferred inflows from GASB 60 implementation and increased services provided by UMB to local hospitals.
- c) Increased visits to the health center at UMB and insurance settlement at UMCP.



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Entity-Wide										
	2013		2012	2011						
Debt to Fund Balance	22%		23%	24%						
Percentage of Tuition to Total Revenue	37%		37%	36%						
Receivable to Total Revenue	8%		9%	10%						
Endowment Investments	\$ 192,920,622		\$ 190,279,721	\$ 198,654,868						
Investment Income/(Loss)	32,991,408	(a)	22,139,093	31,624,217						
State Appropriations	1,070,834,339		1,063,371,086	1,044,674,552						
Net Income from Auxiliary Activities	52,484,712	(b)	57,974,386	45,537,039						
Capital Expenditures	516,053,770	(c)	485,775,230	550,663,114						

- a) A stronger market produced returns on foundation investments of 7.0% compared to the prior year return of 0.6%.
- b) Decreases in athletic ticket sales, bookstore sales, and dining hall revenue.
- c) Increased non-capital expenditures, especially at UMUC with increased technology costs in 2013.



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	Total	UMB	UMCP	BSU	TU	UMES	FSU
Tuition & fees CCU Receivables Auxiliary Enterprises Contracts & Grants Unbilled-Contracts & Grants nonstudent receivable Due from component unit Other (agency)	\$ 51,588,382 \$ 8,076,121	359,931 113,239 26,689,902 48,479,728 3,509,245 10,301,605	10,460,069 \$ 477,448 17,877,709 18,195,563 44,920,209 - 3,088,686 3,367,373	483,083 \$ 371,144 - 1,026,754 1,121,155	2,670,466 \$ 369,000 2,436,673 4,650,337 2,783,060 1,270,352 446,324	2,273,862 \$ 366,981 - 984,439 1,970,407 - 453,734	675,259 95,819 670,598 206,148 569,103 - 2,272 28,004
Other (agency)	19,009,930	10,301,003	3,301,313	1, 12 1, 100	440,324	400,704	20,004
Total Accounts Receivable Allowance for doubtful accounts Accounts Receivable, net	287,462,245 (18,606,429) \$ 268,855,816 \$	89,453,650 (4,347,297) 8 85,106,353 \$	98,387,057 (1,390,053) 96,997,004 \$	3,002,136 (80,484) 2,921,652 \$	14,626,212 (849,000) 13,777,212 \$	6,049,423 (694,441) 5,354,982 \$	2,247,203 (192,175) 2,055,028
Allowance for doubtful accounts 2012	\$ (27,281,575) \$	(5,200,176) \$	(1,418,775) \$	(156,113) \$	(1,163,000) \$	(977,436) \$	(231,184)
Allowance % of A/R - 2013 Allowance % of A/R - 2012	7% 10%	5% 5%	1% 2%	3% 6%	6% 7%	13% 17%	9% 11%
Days Tuition Revenue in A/R - 2013 Days Tuition Revenue in A/R - 2012	13 17	1 1	8 7	5 11	6 8	45 67	7 12
Billed Unbilled Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 151,762,643 \$ 135,699,602 \$ 287,462,245 \$	48,479,728	33,258,208 \$ 65,128,849 98,387,057 \$	3,002,136 \$ - 3,002,136 \$	11,843,152 \$ 2,783,060 14,626,212 \$	4,079,016 \$ 1,970,407 6,049,423 \$	1,134,891 1,112,312 2,247,203
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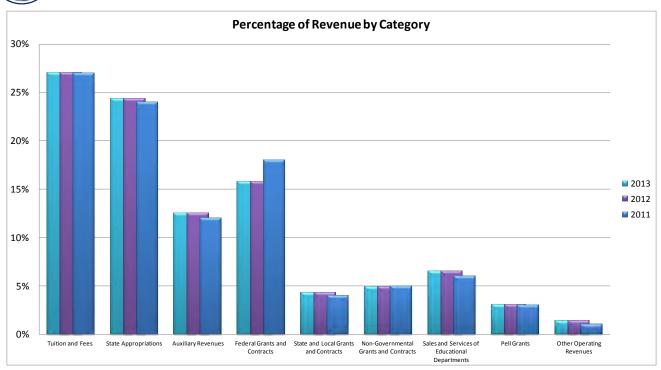
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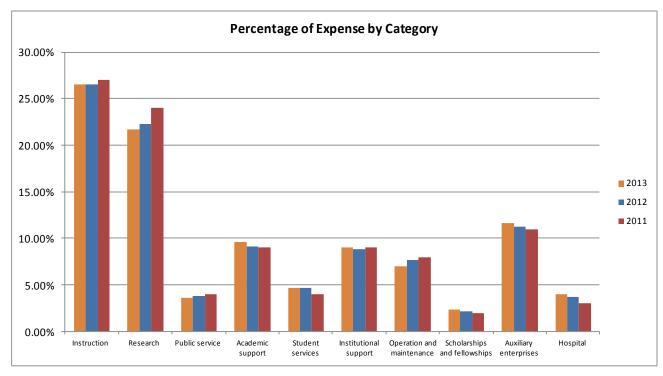
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Tuition & fees	\$	428,957 \$	Б	2,084,073	\$	259,768	\$ 28,483,244	\$	3,409,670	\$ -	\$ -
CCU Receivables		635,787		180,954		131,934	4,904,624		429,191	-	-
Auxiliary Enterprises		105,115		-		204,207	-		1,461,287	_	_
Contracts & Grants		1,429,899		1,013,376		165,247	342,720		3,016,009	1,755,949	488,444
Unbilled-Contracts & Grants		1,762,877		-		1,203,276	-		9,438,292	3,460,826	-
nonstudent receivable		-		-		-	-		-	-	-
Due from component unit		100,000		2,767,396		81,681	-		-	_	_
Other (agency)		118,388		543,940		64,904	362,586		2,805,126	42,164	14,653
Total Accounts Receivable		4,581,023		6,589,739		2,111,017	34,093,174		20,559,575	5,258,939	503,097
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(107,239)		(1,212,017)		(59,293)	(4,913,050)		(4,761,380)	-	-
Accounts Receivable, net	\$	4,473,784 \$	\$		\$	2,051,724	\$ 29,180,124	\$	15,798,195	\$ 5,258,939	\$ 503,097
Allowance for doubtful accounts 2012	\$	(101,182) \$	\$	(1,082,836)	\$	(67,024)	\$ (5,250,154)	\$	(11,633,695)	\$ -	\$ -
Allowance % of A/R - 2013		2%		23%		3%	17%		30%	N/A	N/A
Allowance % of A/R - 2012		3%		29%		5%	15%		80%	N/A	N/A
Days Tuition Revenue in A/R - 2013		10		12		2	33		11	N/A	N/A
Days Tuition Revenue in A/R - 2012		133		14		3	37		24	N/A	N/A
Billed	\$	2,818,146 \$	Б	6,589,739	\$	797,755	\$ 34,086,674	\$	10,877,798	\$ 1,798,113	\$ 503,093
Unbilled	•	1,762,877		-	•	1,313,262	6,500	·	9,681,777	3,460,826	4
Total Accounts Receivable	\$	4,581,023 \$	B	6,589,739	\$	2,111,017	\$ 34,093,174	\$	20,559,575	\$ 5,258,939	\$ 503,097





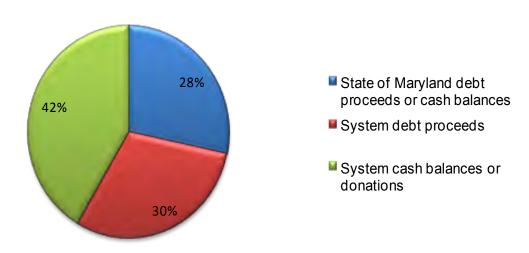
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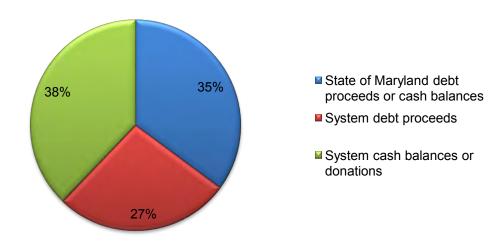




2013 Capital Asset Funding Sources



2012 Capital Asset Funding Sources





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Major Additions

			Additions in
Institution	Project	FY13	
University of Maryland, College Park	Fraternity/Sorority, Ph 9 Renovations	\$	13,730,000
Towson University	Towson Center Arena Addition/Renovation	73,000,000	
	Newell and Richmond Halls Renovations		25,700,000
Salisbury University	Chester and Choptank Halls Renovations		15,035,000
University of Baltimore	New Law Center		107,279,000
Total		\$	221,014,000



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Auditor's Responsibilities Under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)

The financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our audit was designed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and provide for reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by management are described in the notes to the financial statements.

3. Auditor's Judgments About the Quality of Accounting Principles

We discuss our judgments about the quality, not just the acceptability, of accounting principles selected by management, the consistency of their application, and the clarity and completeness of the financial statements, which include related disclosures.

We have reviewed the significant accounting policies adopted by the Maryland University System (the System) and believe these principles are consistently and properly applied.



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4. Audit Adjustments

We are required to inform the System's oversight body about adjustments arising from the audit (whether recorded or not) that could in our judgment either individually or in the aggregate have a significant effect on the entity's financial reporting process. We also are required to inform the System's oversight body about unadjusted audit differences that were determined by management to be individually and in the aggregate, immaterial.

All adjustments proposed during the audit process were made.

5. Fraud and Illegal Acts

We are required to report to the System's oversight body any fraud and illegal acts involving senior management and fraud and illegal acts (whether caused by senior management or other employees) that cause a material misstatement of the financial statements.

Our procedures identified no instances of fraud or illegal acts. However, we were notified of fraud activity that was being investigated during the year.

6. Material Weaknesses in Internal Control

We are required to communicate all significant deficiencies in the System's systems of internal controls, whether or not they are also material weaknesses.

No material weaknesses noted.



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7. Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements

None.

8. Disagreements with Management on Financial Accounting and Reporting Matters

None.

Serious Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit None.

10. Major Issues Discussed with Management Prior to Acceptance
None.

11. Management Representations

We received certain written representations from management as part of the completion of the audit.

12. Consultation with Other Accountants

To our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants since our appointment as the System's independent public accountants.

13. Independence

As part of our client acceptance process, we go through a process to ensure we are independent of the System. We are independent of the System.







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14. Our Responsibility Related to Fraud

- Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that there
 is no material misstatement caused by error or fraud;
- Comply with GAAS AUC 240 "Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit";
- Approach all audits with an understanding that fraud could occur in any entity, at any time, by anyone; and
- Perform mandatory procedures required by GAAS and our firm policies.

Examples of Procedures Performed

- Discuss thoughts and ideas on where the financial statements might be susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud;
- Understand pressures on the financial statement results;
- Understand the tone and culture of the organization;
- Look for unusual or unexpected transactions, relationships, or procedures;
- · Discussions with individuals outside of finance;
- · Evaluate key processes and controls; and
- Consider information gathered throughout the audit.



Responsibility for Mitigating Fraud



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Management:

- CFO/Controller: controls to deter and detect fraud
- General Counsel/Compliance: monitoring

Audit Committee:

- Evaluate management identification of fraud risk
- Evaluate implementation of fraud controls
- Reinforce "tone at the top"
- Conduct special investigations

External Auditor

- Evaluate management programs and controls to deter and detect fraud for identified risks
- Reasonable assurance that financial statements are free of material misstatement due to fraudulent financial reporting or misappropriation of assets
- Compliance with fraud standard (SAS 99)
 - Conversations with finance and operations personnel
 - Disaggregated analytics
 - Surprise audit procedures
 - Journal entry testing



SBC's Pledge to Value



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SBC is governed by a set of standards that stresses the most important of our firm's core values: *clients first*. We recognize that our success depends entirely on the value-added services that we provide to our clients, and nothing takes precedence over our commitment to meet your continual need for effective, insightful knowledge.

Quality is an integral part of SBC's culture and we are dedicated to providing you with an exemplary standard of professional services. Our Bullseye Philosophy is based on the premise that we will consistently deliver a quality product and quality service so that we have the opportunity to establish a quality relationship with you, allowing us to provide you with quality knowledge for your continual success. Only after we have provided you with the knowledge that enables your business to grow and prosper, have we hit the bullseye.

Our commitment to you is the execution of our Bullseye Philosophy. We execute this philosophy for every client, on every engagement, *every time*.





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