



SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S
REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-
UPON PROCEDURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2013**



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Members of the State Board of Regents of the
University System of Georgia
Honorable Cheryl Dozier, President
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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the University and the University System Office (Oversight Unit) of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, solely to assist you in assessing the accuracy of the financial information reported to the University System Office in the University's 2013 Annual Financial Report for inclusion in the University System of Georgia's *Annual Financial Report*, the State of Georgia's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)* and *Single Audit Report*, and to assist you in assessing the accuracy of the budget basis information provided in the *Summary Budget Comparison and Surplus Analysis Report*, *Statement of Funds Available and Expenditures Compared to Budget By Program and Funding Source*, and the *Statement of Changes To Fund Balance By Program and Funding Source* which are attached as Exhibits A, B and C, respectively. Savannah State University's management is responsible for the financial information reported to the University System Office in the University's Annual Financial Report. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. Review selected balance sheet items reported on the Annual Financial Report (cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, deferred revenues, net position). Confirm that these items have adequate supporting documentation and are properly reconciled to the University's general ledger.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

2. Obtain the University's GAAP basis Statement of Net Position and Statement of Revenues Expenses and Changes in Net Position (SRECNP) submitted for inclusion in the State's CAFR and Single Audit. Utilizing test scripts, confirm that financial information presented in these statements properly supports activity reported in the University's accounting records.

Accounts payable were understated and salaries payable were overstated on the Statement of Net Position by \$28,769. In addition, amounts reported for lease purchase obligations - current were understated and noncurrent were overstated by \$39,729. The auditor proposed and the entity accepted an adjusting entry for correct presentation.

3. Obtain the University's Statement of Cash Flows submitted for inclusion in the State's CAFR and Single Audit. Utilizing cash flow worksheets, confirm information reported on Statement of Cash Flows.

Cash flows from Noncapital Financing Activities and Cash flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities were not properly reflected on the Statement of Cash Flows. Gift and Grants Received for Other Than Capital Purposes and Purchases of Capital Assets were understated by \$18,387. The auditor proposed and the entity accepted an adjusting entry for correct presentation.

4. Obtain the University's Notes to the Financial Statements submitted for inclusion in the State's CAFR and Single Audit. Utilizing notes worksheets and other supporting documentation confirm that note disclosures related to Cash, Investments, Accounts Receivable, Capital Assets, Long-Term Debt, Lease Obligations and Retirement Plans have been properly reported.

The Capital Assets note disclosure information was not properly reported. Reductions for Library Collections in the amount of \$18,387 were included in Library Collections additions in error. The auditor proposed and the entity accepted an adjusting entry for correct presentation.

5. Review the University's year end GAAP basis journal entries. Obtain documentation for GAAP journal entries and confirm that the entries were posted to the University's Annual Financial Report.

The year-end GAAP entry related to summer tuition proration between fiscal years was not posted correctly. Deferred revenues were understated and tuition and fees revenue were overstated by \$238,704.80 on the Annual Financial Report.

The year-end GAAP entry for scholarship allowances was improperly posted. Scholarship allowances were understated and scholarship and fellowship expenses were overstated by \$22,416.92 on the Annual Financial Report.

6. Confirm that State Appropriation revenues, receivables and remittances of prior year surplus balances have been properly recorded in the University's financial records. Prior year surplus balances should be netted against State Appropriation revenues in the GAAP basis financial statements; however, prior year surplus balances should be reflected as fund balance adjustments on the Budget basis financial statements.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

7. Obtain listing of write-off requests for accounts receivable less than \$3,000.00 for fiscal year 2013. Confirm that these write-off requests have been approved by the State Accounting Officer and have been posted to the University's financial statements.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

8. Verify that the listing of salaries and travel reported to the Department of Audits is in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-6-27 and reconciles to amounts recorded in the University's financial statements.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

9. Review year end Budgetary Statements including the *Summary Budget Comparison and Surplus Analysis Report* (Exhibit A), *Statement of Funds Available and Expenditures Compared to Budget By Program and Funding Source* (Exhibit B) and the *Statement of Changes To Fund Balance By Program and Funding Source* (Exhibit C). Confirm that budget information presented in these statements supports activity reported in the University's accounting records and determine if any budget overexpenditures exist.

The entry related to summer tuition proration between fiscal years was not made correctly. Deferred revenues was understated and tuition and fees revenue was overstated by \$238,704.80 on the Budgetary Statements.

10. Obtain documentation for Budget basis reserves reported by University on the *Summary Budget Comparison and Surplus Analysis Report* (Exhibit A). Confirm that the reserves are properly documented, valid and appropriate.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

11. Review the H.O.P.E. Scholarship Program reconciliation between the University and the Georgia Student Finance Commission. Confirm that information reported to the Georgia Student Finance Commission has been reconciled with H.O.P.E. Scholarship activity reported on the University's financial records.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

12. Review the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards information submitted by the University for inclusion in the Statewide Single Audit. Confirm that the information is properly presented and supported by the University's accounting records.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

13. Review capital asset records to ensure that (1) subsidiary ledgers are appropriately reconciled to the ledgers, (2) capitalization thresholds are being properly followed, and (3) a complete annual physical equipment inventory is being conducted and that issues noted during the physical inventory are being properly addressed by management.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

14. Review bank reconciliations during the year under review to ensure that management is preparing them timely and that reconciling items are being addressed by management timely and in an appropriate manner.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

15. Review documentation to ensure that all subsidiary modules including BANNER are reconciled to the general ledger at least quarterly in accordance with the Business Procedures Manual Section 10.6.2. and ensure that reconciling items are adequately explained and resolved in a timely manner.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

16. Review the supplementary "Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position" for Auxiliary Enterprises submitted by the University to the University System of Georgia System Office to ensure that the schedule agrees to the auxiliary fund activity recorded in the accounting records.

We did not note any exceptions as a result of our procedures.

These agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an audit of the financial statements or any part thereof, the objective of which is to express an opinion on the financial statements or a part thereof. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully,



Greg S. Griffin
State Auditor

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EXHIBITS

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
SUMMARY BUDGET COMPARISON AND SURPLUS ANALYSIS REPORT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

EXHIBIT "A"

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE - FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>REVENUES</u>			
State Appropriation			
State General Funds	\$ 17,273,383.00	\$ 17,273,383.00	\$ 0.00
Other Funds	56,478,570.00	52,109,296.04	-4,369,273.96
Total Revenues	\$ 73,751,953.00	\$ 69,382,679.04	\$ -4,369,273.96
<u>CARRY-OVER FROM PRIOR YEARS</u>			
Transfers from Reserved Fund Balance	0.00	2,160,868.26	2,160,868.26
Total Funds Available	\$ 73,751,953.00	\$ 71,543,547.30	\$ -2,208,405.70
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Teaching	\$ 73,751,953.00	\$ 69,517,735.87	\$ 4,234,217.13
Excess of Funds Available over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,025,811.43	\$ 2,025,811.43
<u>FUND BALANCE JULY 1</u>			
Reserved			
Unreserved		2,733,251.19	
		17,155.86	
<u>ADJUSTMENTS</u>			
Prior Year Receivables/Revenues		-70,029.27	
Unreserved Fund Balance (Surplus) Returned to Board of Regents - University System Office Year Ended June 30, 2012		-17,155.86	
Prior Year Reserved Fund Balance Included in Funds Available		-2,160,868.26	
<u>FUND BALANCE JUNE 30</u>		\$ 2,528,165.09	
<u>SUMMARY OF FUND BALANCE</u>			
Reserved			
Department Sales and Services	\$	87,350.88	
Indirect Cost Recoveries		756,456.74	
Technology Fees		522,583.10	
Uncollectible Accounts Receivable		562,712.18	
Tuition Carry-Over		540,697.71	
Inventories		42,181.13	
Total Reserved	\$	2,511,981.74	
Unreserved			
Surplus		16,183.35	
Total Fund Balance	\$	2,528,165.09	

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
 STATEMENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET BY PROGRAM AND FUNDING SOURCE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Amended Appropriation</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Current Year Revenues</u>
Teaching				
State Appropriation				
State General Funds	\$ 18,114,403.00	\$ 18,114,403.00	\$ 17,273,383.00	\$ 17,273,383.00
Other Funds	<u>48,246,737.00</u>	<u>48,246,737.00</u>	<u>56,478,570.00</u>	<u>52,109,296.04</u>
Total Teaching	<u>\$ 66,361,140.00</u>	<u>\$ 66,361,140.00</u>	<u>\$ 73,751,953.00</u>	<u>\$ 69,382,679.04</u>

Funds Available Compared to Budget				Expenditures Compared to Budget		Excess (Deficiency) of Funds Available Over/(Under) Expenditures
Prior Year Carry-Over	Adjustments and Program Transfers	Total Funds Available	Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,273,383.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,273,383.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<u>2,160,868.26</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>54,270,164.30</u>	<u>-2,208,405.70</u>	<u>52,244,352.87</u>	<u>4,234,217.13</u>	<u>2,025,811.43</u>
<u>\$ 2,160,868.26</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 71,543,547.30</u>	<u>\$ -2,208,405.70</u>	<u>\$ 69,517,735.87</u>	<u>\$ 4,234,217.13</u>	<u>\$ 2,025,811.43</u>

SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE BY PROGRAM AND FUNDING SOURCE
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Beginning Fund Balance/(Deficit) July 1	Fund Balance Carried Over from Prior Period as Funds Available	Return of Fiscal Year 2012 Surplus	Prior Period Adjustments
Teaching				
State Appropriation				
State General Funds	\$ 5,873.06	\$ 0.00	\$ -5,873.06	\$ 0.00
Other Funds	<u>2,172,151.06</u>	<u>-2,160,868.26</u>	<u>-11,282.80</u>	<u>-70,029.27</u>
Total Teaching	\$ 2,178,024.12	\$ -2,160,868.26	\$ -17,155.86	\$ -70,029.27
Prior Year Reserves				
Not Available for Expenditure				
Inventories	43,721.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollectible Accounts Receivable	<u>528,661.56</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Budget Unit Totals	<u>\$ 2,750,407.05</u>	<u>\$ -2,160,868.26</u>	<u>\$ -17,155.86</u>	<u>\$ -70,029.27</u>

Other Adjustments	Early Return Fiscal Year 2013 Surplus	Excess (Deficiency) of Funds Available Over/(Under) Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance/(Deficit) June 30	Analysis of Ending Fund Balance		
				Reserved	Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
\$ 1,540.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,540.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,540.24	\$ 1,540.24
<u>-34,050.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,025,811.43</u>	<u>1,921,731.54</u>	<u>1,907,088.43</u>	<u>14,643.11</u>	<u>1,921,731.54</u>
\$ -32,510.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,025,811.43	\$ 1,923,271.78	\$ 1,907,088.43	\$ 16,183.35	\$ 1,923,271.78
-1,540.24	0.00	0.00	42,181.13	42,181.13	0.00	42,181.13
<u>34,050.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>562,712.18</u>	<u>562,712.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>562,712.18</u>
<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,025,811.43</u>	<u>\$ 2,528,165.09</u>	<u>\$ 2,511,981.74</u>	<u>\$ 16,183.35</u>	<u>\$ 2,528,165.09</u>

Summary of Ending Fund Balance

Reserved		
Department Sales and Services	\$ 87,350.88	\$ 87,350.88
Indirect Cost Recoveries	756,456.74	756,456.74
Technology Fees	522,583.10	522,583.10
Uncollectible Accounts Receivable	562,712.18	562,712.18
Tuition Carry-Over	540,697.71	540,697.71
Inventories	42,181.13	42,181.13
Unreserved		
Surplus	\$ 16,183.35	\$ 16,183.35
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30	\$ 2,511,981.74	\$ 2,528,165.09