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## Report Highlights

# Louisiana State University and Related Campuses

## *Louisiana State University System*

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### Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed procedures at Louisiana State University and Related Campuses (LSU & Related Campuses) as part of the Louisiana State University System audit and the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana, and to evaluate LSU & Related Campuses' accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

### What We Found

- LSU A&M, for the second consecutive year, did not have adequate controls in place to ensure compliance with Special Tests and Provisions requirements. In a test of 21 LSU A&M federal Research and Development Cluster awards subject to Special Tests and Provisions, LSU A&M records for one (5%) of the awards tested did not contain evidence that the key personnel requirements applicable were met during fiscal year (FY) 2019. In addition, for the third consecutive year, the LSU Agricultural Center (AgCenter) did not have adequate controls over Special Tests and Provisions.
- LSU and Related Campuses, which includes LSU A&M, LSU AgCenter, and Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC), did not ensure they were in compliance with Federal Procurement standards for FY 2019.
- LSU and Related Campuses did not have formal written policies in place over administrative allowances totaling approximately \$4.9 million as of January 1, 2019. According to LSU's Office of Human Resource Management, administrative allowances are given as additional salary to employees for additional job duties outside the scope of the employees' normal job duties.
- We determined that management has resolved the prior-year findings related to Noncompliance with Federal Equipment Management Regulations at PBRC, Noncompliance and Weakness in Controls over Federal Reporting Requirements at the LSU AgCenter and PBRC, Weakness in Controls over Federal Research and Development Cluster Expenses at the LSU AgCenter, Failure to Fulfill Employment Obligations, and Internal Audit Findings at University Laboratory School.

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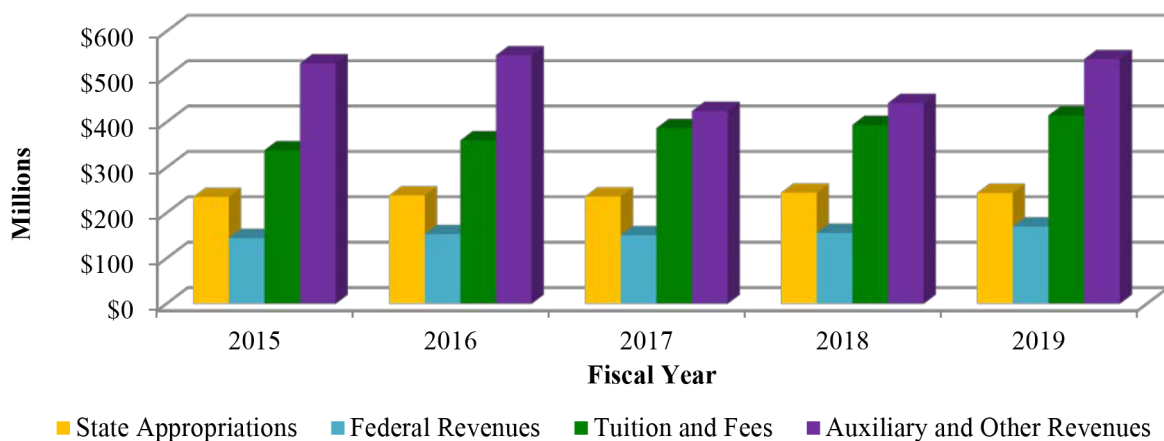
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### What We Found (Cont.)

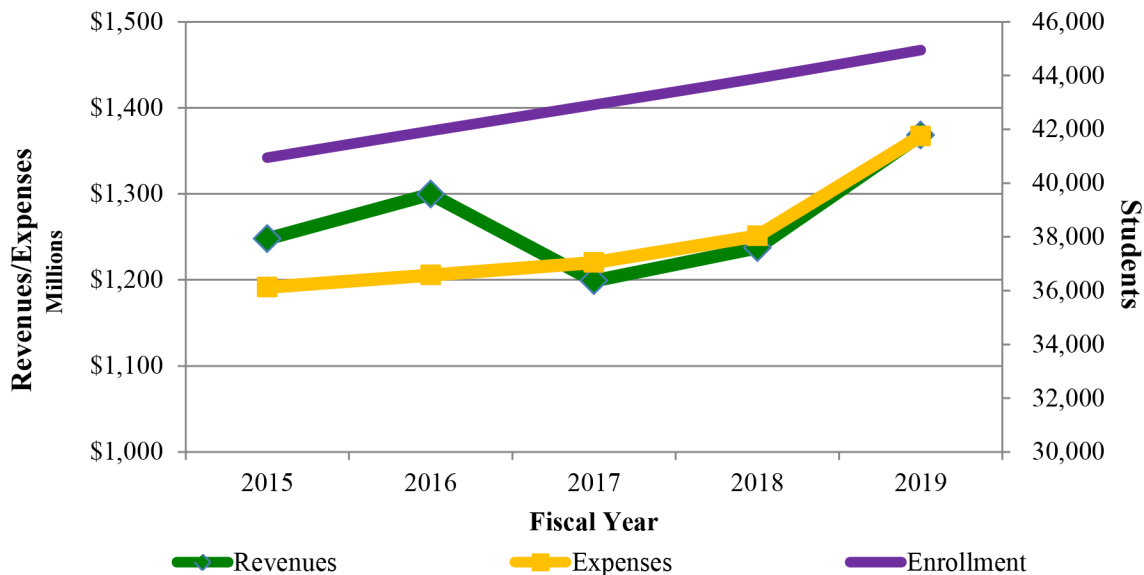
- In analyzing financial trends of LSU and Related Campuses over the past five years, expenses have increased by 14.76% since FY 2015, while state appropriations have remained fairly consistent increasing 3.84%. Over that same period, tuition and fees have increased by 22.62%, mainly because of the increases in tuition permitted by the GRAD Act and increases in enrollment. Total enrollment for LSU and Related Campuses has increased by 9.77% since FY 2015.

#### Five-Year Revenue Trend



Source: Fiscal Year 2015-2019 LSU System Audit Reports

#### Fiscal/Fall Enrollment Trend Analysis



Source: Fiscal year 2015-2019 LSU System Audit Reports and Louisiana Board of Regents website