



Report Highlights

Southeastern Louisiana University University of Louisiana System

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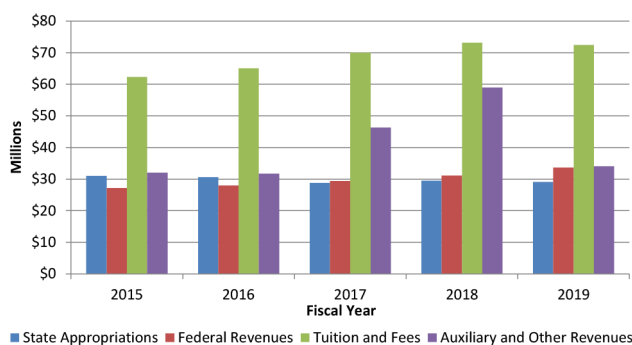
Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at Southeastern Louisiana University (Southeastern) as a part of the University of Louisiana System audit, the Single Audit of the State of Louisiana, and to evaluate Southeastern’s accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

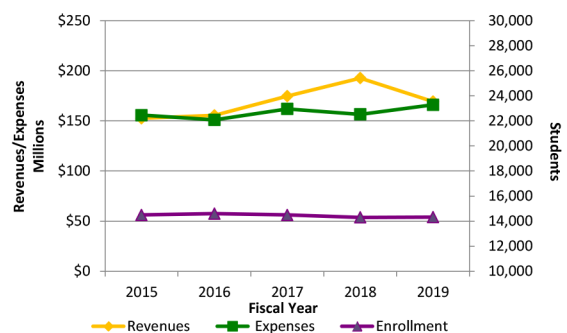
What We Found

- Southeastern did not have a process in place to determine if students were eligible to receive student financial assistance, resulting in noncompliance with federal regulations. Our review disclosed that 94 students with subsidized and unsubsidized loans were allowed to borrow \$552,647 in excess of the aggregate loan limits for Federal Direct Student Loans. In addition, some of these students incorrectly received payments totaling \$34,123 in Federal Pell grants and \$3,000 in Federal Perkins Loans.
- Southeastern did not accurately report construction costs for the Computer Science and Technology building as of June 30, 2018, which caused an \$18.6 million overstatement of the building. As a result, a prior-period adjustment in the current year was necessary to correct capital assets at June 30, 2018.
- Southeastern submitted inaccurate loan program information in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) for the year ended June 30, 2019. The university incorrectly included Federal Direct Loans, totaling \$47,143,353, on the Loan Program Information Schedule used to prepare a SEFA note disclosure. In addition, the balance of Federal Perkins Loans – Federal Capital Contributions was overstated by \$268,634 since the university incorrectly reported the prior-year balance.
- Financial information relating to the following accounts was materially correct, as adjusted: cash and cash equivalents, investments, due from state treasury, capital assets, accounts payable and accruals, bonds payable, net position, student tuition and fees net of scholarship allowances, net auxiliary revenues, state appropriations, federal nonoperating revenues, educational and general expenses, and auxiliary enterprises expenses.
- Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any findings other than those noted above.
- In analyzing financial trends of Southeastern over the previous five fiscal years, student enrollment and university expenses have remained somewhat steady. Although overall revenues decreased during fiscal year 2019, a majority of the decrease was due to an overstatement of capital appropriations in fiscal year 2018.

Five-Year Revenue Trend



Fiscal/Enrollment Trends



Source: 2015-2019 Southeastern Annual Financial Reports

View the full report, including management’s responses, at www.la.gov.