Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at Grambling State University (University) as a part of the University of Louisiana System audit, the Single Audit of the state of Louisiana, and to evaluate the University’s accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

What We Found

- The University did not determine the withdrawal dates of students receiving Title IV federal funding within the required timeframe, which could subject the University to sanctions for not complying with federal regulations.
- Financial information relating to the following accounts was materially correct, as adjusted: investments, due from State Treasury, capital assets, unearned revenues, bonds payable, net position, student tuition and fees, auxiliary enterprise revenues, state appropriations, federal nonoperating revenues, and educational and general expenses. Based on the results of our procedures, we did not report any internal control deficiencies or noncompliance with laws or regulations.
- Management has resolved the prior-year finding related to property thefts.
- Based on a five-year analysis, expenses have consistently exceeded revenues, while the impact of state funding reductions on the University’s budgets has been significant. The decline in state appropriations has been partially offset by an increase in tuition and fees; however, there was a significant decrease in enrollment in fiscal year (FY) 2015 mainly due to more stringent admission standards and not admitting new students in the Bachelor of Science Nursing program. The spike in federal revenues in FY 2011 is attributable to one-time American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. The increase in other revenues in FY 2013 and FY 2014 is due to receipt of donated West Campus property in FY 2013, and an increase in net investment income in FY 2014 from improvement in the stock market as it relates to the stocks held by the University. There was a slight decrease in FY 2015 resulting from a subsequent stock market decline.

Five-Year Revenue Trend

Source: Fiscal year 2011-2015 University Annual Fiscal Reports, as adjusted

Fiscal/Enrollment Trends

Source: Fiscal year 2011-2015 University Annual Fiscal Reports, as adjusted, and Board of Regents website

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