



Report Highlights

Northwestern State University University of Louisiana System

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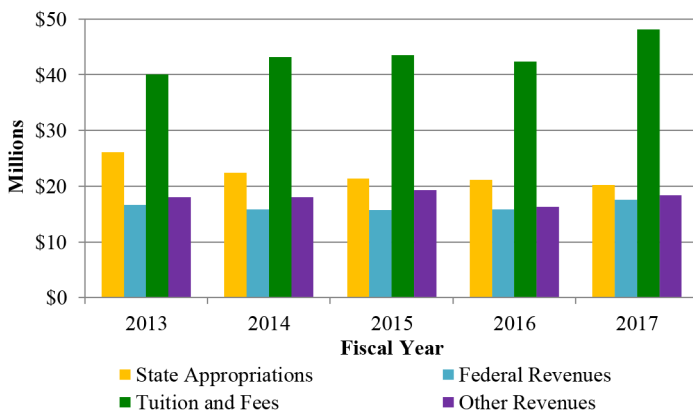
Why We Conducted This Audit

We performed certain procedures at Northwestern 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, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

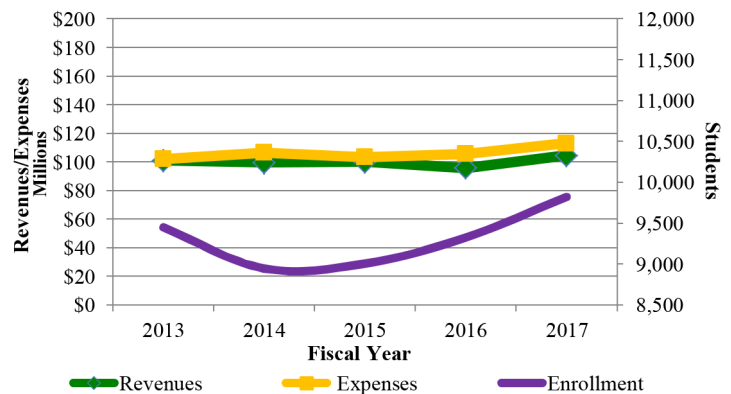
What We Found

- The University's faculty, unclassified, and classified employees and their supervisors did not certify employees' time worked as required by Louisiana Department of Civil Service's rules and University of Louisiana System's policies.
- Management resolved the prior-year finding related to inappropriate information system access to the Banner system.
- Financial information relating to the following accounts was materially correct, as adjusted: cash and cash equivalents, due from State Treasury, capital assets, accounts payable and accruals, unearned revenues, net position, student tuition and fees, federal nonoperating revenues, state appropriations, and education and general expenses.
- Based on the results of these procedures, we did not report any internal control deficiencies or noncompliance with laws and regulations other than that noted above.
- Based on a five-year analysis, expenses have consistently exceeded revenues. In FY 2013, the University received \$26.1 million from state appropriations and in FY 2017 received \$20.3 million from state appropriations. As state appropriations decrease, the university has to rely more on other sources of revenues. Tuition and fees revenue has increased by \$8 million since fiscal year 2013, mainly due to increases in tuition rates permitted by the GRAD Act and an increase in student enrollment.

Five-Year Revenue Trend



Fiscal/Enrollment Trends



Source: Fiscal years 2013-2017 University Annual Fiscal Reports, as adjusted, and Board of Regents website Data/Publication

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