

Report Highlights

Southeastern Louisiana University University of Louisiana System

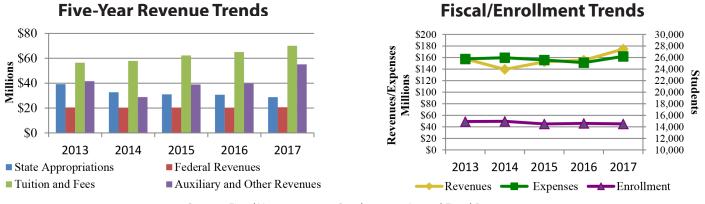
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Why We Conducted This Audit

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, 2016, through June 30, 2017.

What We Found

- Southeastern's Athletic Department did not maintain a complete and accurate inventory of its movable property, increasing the risk of loss and unauthorized use. We found that 51 (14%) of 365 items assigned to the Department were not tagged, and another 47 items (13%) did not have an accurate location listed in the inventory system. Additionally, there were four items that could not be located during our property search.
- Southeastern's Rec Kids program, an afterschool program for youth ages 3-13, did not charge for all services rendered for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017; failed to collect on unpaid invoices; did not charge the allowed fees for delinquent payments; and allowed children with unpaid balances to continue attending the program. In addition, an internal audit report issued on May 7, 2017, reported that two employees of the university had received 100% discounts for their children attending the Rec Kids and summer camp programs without the university's approval.
- For the first time in many years, Southeastern did not have a mid-year budget cut in fiscal year 2017; therefore, overall expenses increased. However, since fiscal year 2013, state appropriations have decreased by 27%. As these revenues continue to become a smaller portion of total revenues, the university's operations are becoming more dependent on student tuition and fees, auxiliary, and other revenue. Over the same period, tuition and fees have increased 24%, mainly due to the increases in tuition permitted by the GRAD Act (Act 741 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature). Auxiliary and other revenues have increased by 32%.



Source: Fiscal Year 2013-2017 Southeastern Annual Fiscal Reports