



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**OFFICE OF THE  
 AUDITOR GENERAL**

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

**SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST**

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**Financial Audit  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

**Release Date: March 30, 2023**

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1	AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS						
	New	Repeat	Total	Repeated Since	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Category 1:	0	1	1	2020	1		
Category 2:	0	0	0				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 1							

**INTRODUCTION**

This digest covers Western Illinois University’s (University) Financial Audit as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. A digest covering the University’s Single Audit was separately released. In addition, a separate digest covering the University’s Compliance Examination for the year ended June 30, 2022, will be released at a later date.

**SYNOPSIS**

- **(22-1)** The University did not have adequate internal control over reporting its census data and did not have a reconciliation process to provide assurance census data submitted to its pension and other postemployment benefits plans was complete and accurate.

**Category 1:** Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).  
**Category 2:** Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.  
**Category 3:** Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**  
**FINANCIAL AUDIT**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2022**

<b>STATEMENT OF NET POSITION</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 43,116,266	\$ 39,094,623
Accounts and student loans receivable, net.....	9,649,631	16,129,403
Due from primary government.....	2,135,191	1,315,258
Capital assets, net.....	182,694,437	185,561,721
Other.....	3,570,026	3,377,154
<b>Total Assets.....</b>	<b>241,165,551</b>	<b>245,478,159</b>
Deferred Outflow of Resources.....	4,148,963	2,412,843
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, accrued payroll.....	15,643,895	15,062,217
Compensated absences.....	7,722,265	7,795,106
Revenue bonds, certificates of participation.....	48,052,268	55,043,636
Other post-employment benefits.....	15,202,663	
Other.....	8,719,772	24,079,999
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>95,340,863</b>	<b>101,980,958</b>
Deferred Inflow of Resources.....	5,517,629	2,478,955
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets.....	133,540,268	130,900,204
Restricted.....	25,238,507	23,605,099
Unrestricted.....	(14,322,753)	(11,074,214)
<b>Total Net Position.....</b>	<b>\$ 144,456,022</b>	<b>\$ 143,431,089</b>
<b>REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
State appropriations and on behalf payments.....	\$ 68,677,742	\$ 65,141,427
Tuition and fees, net.....	42,524,007	40,411,945
Auxiliary enterprises.....	24,514,776	19,970,472
Special funding situation for pension and OPEB.....	40,304,732	66,449,380
Grants and other contracts.....	63,605,189	16,122,078
Sales and services of educational departments.....	3,279,695	2,467,081
Other.....	5,125,081	39,668,122
<b>Total Revenues.....</b>	<b>248,031,222</b>	<b>250,230,505</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction.....	76,590,741	88,720,740
Public service.....	12,791,214	14,098,066
Academic support.....	18,569,300	20,000,144
Student services.....	23,830,776	23,700,521
Institutional support.....	22,632,762	20,590,727
Operation and maintenance of plant.....	16,731,010	18,549,554
Scholarships and fellowships.....	28,877,269	20,035,218
Auxiliary enterprises.....	30,552,051	31,865,483
Other.....	21,869,391	22,185,373
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>252,444,514</b>	<b>259,745,826</b>
Income (Loss) Before Capital Items.....	(4,413,292)	(9,515,321)
Capital State appropriations.....	5,438,225	2,583,419
Increase (Decrease) in net position.....	1,024,933	(6,931,902)
Prior Period Adjustment.....	-	2,538,761
Net Position, Beginning of Year as previously reported.....	143,431,089	147,824,230
Net Position, End of Year.....	<b>\$ 144,456,022</b>	<b>\$ 143,431,089</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>		
During Audit Period: Dr. Guiyou Huang		
Currently: Dr. Guiyou Huang		

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER  
CENSUS DATA**

**Internal controls over census data  
need improvement**

The University did not have adequate internal control over reporting its census data and did not have a reconciliation process to provide assurance census data submitted to its pension and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plans was complete and accurate. We noted the following:

- The University had not performed an initial complete reconciliation of its census data recorded by SURS to its internal records to establish a base year of complete and accurate census data.
- After establishing a base year, the University had not developed a process to annually obtain from SURS the incremental changes recorded by SURS in their census data records and reconcile these changes back to the University's internal supporting records.
- During our cut-off testing of data transmitted by the University to SURS, we noted 8 instances of an active employee becoming inactive or part-time and 1 instance of an inactive employee becoming retired were reported to SURS after the close of the fiscal year in which the event occurred. (Finding 1, pages 71-72)  
**This finding has been reported since 2020.**

We recommended the University continue to work with SURS to complete the base year reconciliation of Fiscal Year 2021 active members' census data from its underlying records to a report of census data submitted to SURS' actuary and CMS' actuary. After completing an initial full reconciliation, the University may limit the annual reconciliations to focus on the incremental changes to the census data file from the prior actuarial valuation, provided no risks are identified that incomplete or inaccurate reporting of census data may have occurred during prior periods. Any errors identified during this process should be promptly corrected by either the University or SURS, with the impact of these errors communicated to both SURS' actuary and CMS' actuary. Further, we recommended the University ensure all events occurring within a census data accumulation year are timely reported to SURS so these events can be incorporated into the census data provided to SURS' actuary and CMS' actuary.

**University agreed with the auditors**

University officials agreed with the finding and stated it has submitted all data to SURS as part of a baseline reconciliation process and an annual reconciliation process will be created and enacted moving forward.

**AUDITOR'S OPINION**

The auditors stated the financial statements of the University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022 are fairly stated in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by Plante & Moran PLLC.

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JANE CLARK  
Division Director

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FRANK J. MAUTINO  
Auditor General

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