

**WSSB Radio Station  
A Department of South Carolina  
State University**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Members of the Board of Trustees  
WSSB Radio Station, a Department of South Carolina State University  
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### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of WSSB Radio Station ("WSSB"), a department of South Carolina State University, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise WSSB's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



### *Opinions*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of WSSB as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Other Matters*

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 10 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### *Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 19, 2018 on our consideration of WSSB's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering WSSB's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*BDO USA, LLP*

March 19, 2018

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

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# WSSB Radio Station

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### Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

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#### *Introduction*

We are pleased to submit the annual financial statements for WSSB Radio Station (“WSSB”), a department of South Carolina State University, for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The following discussion and analysis has been prepared by the management of South Carolina State University (the “University”) to provide an overview of the financial activities of WSSB for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements. The financial presentation for WSSB has been prepared to meet the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* (“GASB Statement No. 34”), and GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Public Colleges and Universities*. Management's Discussion and Analysis addresses the activity of WSSB. Information presented in the financial statements is designed to aid a wide variety of readers in assessing the effectiveness of WSSB's management in using its resources to meet its primary public service mission to provide a picture of WSSB's financial activities and soundness.

#### *Using this Audit Report*

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements as follows: the Statements of Net Position, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statements of Cash Flows. These financial statements emphasize the financial condition of WSSB, the results of operations, and the cash flows (sources and uses of funds) of WSSB as a whole. As a result of the implementation of GASB Statement 34, public colleges and universities of South Carolina elected to report as business-type activities (“BTAs”). Therefore, these statements are intended to provide a view of WSSB's financial position similar to that presented by most private sector companies. The financial statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting takes into consideration all of WSSB's revenue and expenses regardless of when cash is received or payments are made. Significant revenues of WSSB such as state appropriations and gifts are considered non-operating.

#### *Statements of Net Position*

The Statement of Net Position presents the assets, liabilities, and net position of WSSB as of the end of the fiscal year. This statement is a point-of-time financial statement that provides the reader with a fiscal snapshot of WSSB Radio Station. The Statement of Net Position consists of current assets, noncurrent assets, current liabilities, and net position (assets minus liabilities). Current assets consist entirely of cash, receivables and prepaid expenses. Noncurrent assets consist of capital assets, depreciated over estimated useful lives, as determined by management. The current portion of the assets will be converted to cash within one year to be used to pay for the current portion of the liabilities. Current liabilities consist principally of accounts payables and unearned revenues. These liabilities will be settled within one year. Net position represents amounts invested in capital assets and accumulated earnings available for future operations.

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The "Condensed Statements of Net Position" as shown below, present a comparison of assets, liabilities and net position as of June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

Condensed Statements of Net Position				
<u>June 30,</u>	2017	2016	2015	
<b>Assets</b>				
Current assets	\$ 168,507	\$ 199,670	\$ 163,522	
Capital assets, net	22,212	31,195	26,877	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 190,719</b>	<b>\$ 230,865</b>	<b>\$ 190,399</b>	
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current liabilities	\$ 129,590	\$ 162,395	\$ 137,180	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 129,590</b>	<b>\$ 162,395</b>	<b>\$ 137,180</b>	
<b>Net Position</b>				
Invested in capital assets	\$ 22,212	\$ 31,195	\$ 26,877	
Unrestricted	38,917	37,275	26,342	
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 61,129</b>	<b>\$ 68,470</b>	<b>\$ 53,219</b>	

The decrease in current assets from 2016 to 2017 by \$31,163 (16%) is attributable to a decrease in cash due of \$24,777 (16%), a decrease in receivable from SC State University Foundation, Inc. of \$4,362 (13%), and a decrease in prepaid expenses of \$2,024 (34%). The decrease from 2016 to 2017 in capital assets of \$8,983 (29%) is attributable to net of depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2017.

Current liabilities decreased from 2016 to 2017 by \$32,805 (20%). This decrease consists of a decrease in accounts payable of \$33,839 (79%) and an increase in unearned revenues of \$1,034 (1%). The decrease from 2016 to 2017 of \$7,341 (11%) in net position is attributed to the annual changes in net position.

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*Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position*

Generally speaking, operating revenues are earned for providing goods and services to the various customers and constituencies of WSSB. Operating expenses are those expenses incurred to acquire or produce the services provided. Operating revenues and expenses are a result of carrying out the mission of WSSB. Non-operating revenues are those revenues received for which there is not a reciprocal agreement - no goods and services are provided.

<b>Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position</b>				
<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Grants and contracts	\$ 209,276	\$ 223,575	\$ 174,562	
Membership dues	19,903	23,440	19,066	
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>229,179</b>	<b>247,015</b>	<b>193,628</b>	
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salaries and wages	156,443	144,970	137,939	
Employee benefits	31,726	32,620	31,972	
Services and supplies	141,784	159,595	118,281	
Depreciation	8,983	20,684	19,897	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>338,936</b>	<b>357,869</b>	<b>308,089</b>	
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>(109,757)</b>	<b>(110,854)</b>	<b>(114,461)</b>	
<b>Non-operating Revenues</b>				
State appropriations	58,706	61,798	57,864	
In-kind contributions	11,335	31,527	18,743	
Indirect support	32,375	32,680	29,579	
Other revenue	-	100	4,717	
<b>Total Non-operating Revenues</b>	<b>102,416</b>	<b>126,105</b>	<b>110,903</b>	
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(7,341)</b>	<b>15,251</b>	<b>(3,558)</b>	
<b>Net Position, beginning of year</b>	<b>68,470</b>	<b>53,219</b>	<b>56,777</b>	
<b>Net Position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 61,129</b>	<b>\$ 68,470</b>	<b>\$ 53,219</b>	

Operating revenues mainly consist of grants and contracts and membership dues. The decrease in grants and contracts revenues from 2016 to 2017 by \$14,299 (6%) is primarily due to a decrease in non-reimbursement based grant funds.

Operating expenses decreased from 2016 to 2017 by \$18,933 (5%). This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in services and supplies expense of \$17,811 (11%).

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*Statements of Cash Flows*

The "Condensed Statements of Cash Flows" as shown below, present the sources and uses of cash for fiscal years ended June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015:

<b>Condensed Statements of Cash Flows</b>					
<i>Year ended December 31,</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>		
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	\$ (83,483)	\$ (8,158)	\$ (129,775)		
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	58,706	61,798	57,864		
Net Cash Used in Capital Financing Activities	-	(25,002)	-		
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(24,777)</b>	28,638	(71,911)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	158,925	130,287	202,198		
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 134,148</b>	\$ 158,925	\$ 130,287		

*Capital Assets*

WSSB's investment in capital assets consists of furniture and fixtures with a net carrying value of \$22,212 and \$31,195 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. All other capital assets used by WSSB are the property of South Carolina State University.

*Economic Outlook*

There are no known conditions that will significantly affect the economic outlook for WSSB.

*More Information*

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of WSSB's finances and to demonstrate WSSB's accountability for the funds it receives. Any questions regarding this report or requests for information may be addressed to the Vice President of Finance and Management, Teare Brewington; 300 College Street, N.E. PO Box 7007; Orangeburg, South Carolina 29117-0001.

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**Statements of Net Position**

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June 30,	2017	2016
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
	\$ 134,148	\$ 158,925
Receivable from SC State University Foundation, Inc.	30,512	34,874
Prepaid expenses	3,847	5,871
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>168,507</b>	<b>199,670</b>
<b>Noncurrent Assets</b>		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	22,212	31,195
<b>Total Noncurrent Assets</b>	<b>22,212</b>	<b>31,195</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 190,719</b>	<b>\$ 230,865</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,832	\$ 42,671
Unearned revenues	120,758	119,724
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 129,590</b>	<b>\$ 162,395</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 22,212	\$ 31,195
Unrestricted	38,917	37,275
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 61,129</b>	<b>\$ 68,470</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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**Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

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<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
Federal grants and contracts	\$ 66,754	\$ 73,377
Nongovernmental grants and contracts	142,522	150,198
Membership dues	19,903	23,440
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>229,179</b>	<b>247,015</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries and wages	156,443	144,970
Employee benefits	31,726	32,620
Services and supplies	141,784	159,595
Depreciation	8,983	20,684
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>338,936</b>	<b>357,869</b>
<b>Net Operating Loss</b>	<b>(109,757)</b>	<b>(110,854)</b>
<b>Non-operating Revenues</b>		
State appropriations	58,706	61,798
In-kind contributions	11,335	31,527
Indirect support	32,375	32,680
Other revenue	-	100
<b>Total Non-operating Revenues</b>	<b>102,416</b>	<b>126,105</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(7,341)</b>	<b>15,251</b>
<b>Net Position, beginning of year</b>	<b>68,470</b>	<b>53,219</b>
<b>Net Position, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 61,129</b>	<b>\$ 68,470</b>

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**Statements of Cash Flows**

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<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Received from federal grants and contracts	\$ 66,754	\$ 73,377
Received from nongovernmental grants and contracts	143,556	153,213
Received from individual donors	11,765	12,606
Received from SC State University Foundation, Inc.	12,500	-
Payments to employees for services	(188,169)	(177,590)
Payments to suppliers	(129,889)	(69,764)
<b>Net Cash Used in Operating Activities</b>	<b>(83,483)</b>	<b>(8,158)</b>
<b>Noncapital Financing Activities</b>		
State appropriations	58,706	61,798
<b>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities</b>	<b>58,706</b>	<b>61,798</b>
<b>Capital Financing Activities</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	-	(25,002)
<b>Net Cash Used in Capital Financing Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(25,002)</b>
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(24,777)</b>	<b>28,638</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b>158,925</b>	<b>130,287</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 134,148</b>	<b>\$ 158,925</b>
<b>Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash</b>		
<b>Used By Operating Activities</b>		
Net operating loss	\$ (109,757)	\$ (110,854)
Adjustments to reconcile net operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	8,983	20,684
Noncash operating expenses	43,710	64,207
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivable from SC State University Foundation, Inc.	4,362	(10,834)
Grants receivable	-	9,028
Prepaid expenses	2,024	(5,604)
Accounts payable	(33,839)	31,228
Unearned revenues	1,034	(6,013)
<b>Net Cash Used in Operating Activities</b>	<b>\$ (83,483)</b>	<b>\$ (8,158)</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Nature of Operations*

WSSB Radio Station (“WSSB”) is a department of South Carolina State University (the “University”) which operates a noncommercial public radio station in Orangeburg, South Carolina. WSSB broadcasts at 90.3 MHz with 80,000 watts of power and is the most powerful noncommercial college radio station in the State of South Carolina.

*Reporting Entity*

The financial reporting entity, as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Certification Section 2600, *Reporting Entity and Component Unit Presentation and Disclosure*, consists of the primary government and its component units. Component units are legally separate organizations from which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The accompanying financial statements present only the portion of South Carolina State University’s funds that is attributable to the transactions of WSSB.

*Basis of Accounting*

For financial reporting purposes, WSSB is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, WSSB’s financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenditures and affect disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For purposes of the financial statements, WSSB considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Funds invested through the State of South Carolina State Treasurer’s Office are considered cash equivalents.

*Receivables*

Accounts receivable consists of grants receivable and amounts due from South Carolina State University Foundation, Inc. (“SC State University Foundation”), a tax exempt component unit of the University.

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*Capital Assets*

Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition, or fair market value at the date of donation in the case of gifts. WSSB follows capitalization guidelines established by the State of South Carolina. All land is capitalized, regardless of cost. Qualifying improvements that rest in or on the land itself are recorded as depreciable land improvements. Major additions and renovations and other improvements that add to the usable space, prepare existing buildings for new uses, or extend the useful life of an existing building are capitalized. WSSB capitalizes movable personal property with a unit value in excess of \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of two years. Furniture and fixtures are depreciated over an estimated useful life of 8 years using the straight-line method. Routine repairs and maintenance expenses, except individual items costing in excess of \$5,000, are charged to operating expenses in the year in which the expense is incurred.

*Unearned Revenues*

Unearned revenues include amounts received from grant and contract sponsors that have not yet been earned.

*Net Position*

WSSB's net position is classified as follows:

*Invested in Capital Assets:* These amounts represent WSSB's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, WSSB did not have any debt obligation related to its capital assets.

*Unrestricted Net Position:* These amounts represent resources derived from the limited operations of WSSB. These resources may be used at the discretion of the governing board to meet current expenses. General practice is to first apply the expense to restricted resources then to unrestricted resources.

*Income Taxes*

WSSB, as a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, is excluded from federal income taxes under Section 115(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. There are no provisions for federal and state income taxes and no uncertain tax provisions.

*Classification of Revenues and Expenses*

WSSB has classified its revenues and expenses as either operating or nonoperating according to the following criteria:

*Operating Revenues and Expenses:* Operating revenues generally result from exchange transactions to provide services related to WSSB's principal on-going operations. These revenues include (1) fees received from organizations and individuals in exchange for radio

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program services provided by WSSB; and (2) grants and contracts that are essentially the same as contracts for services that finance programs WSSB would not otherwise undertake. Operating expenses include all expense transactions incurred other than those related to investing capital or noncapital financing activities.

*Nonoperating Revenues:* Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions. These revenues consisted of state appropriations and in-kind contributions for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016. The in-kind contributions received were in exchange for on-air radio promotion of the University's football program.

## **2. Deposits**

All cash deposits of WSSB are under the control of the State Treasurer who, by law, has sole authority of investing State funds. WSSB's cash deposits with the State Treasurer totaled \$134,148 and \$158,925 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Custodial credit risk for cash deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, WSSB's deposits may not be returned to it. For cash deposits held by the State Treasurer, State law requires full collateralization of all State Treasurer bank balances. The State Treasurer must correct any deficiencies in collateral within seven days. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and credit risk of the State Treasurer's cash deposits is disclosed in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina.

With respect to investments in the State's internal cash management pool, all of the State Treasurer's investments are insured or registered or are investments for which the securities are held by the State or its agents in the State's name. Information pertaining to the reported amounts, fair values, and credit risk of the State Treasurer's investments is disclosed in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of South Carolina.

## **3. Capital Assets**

Capital assets activity was as follows:

<i>Year ended June 30, 2017</i>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 184,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,179
Accumulated depreciation	(152,984)	(8,983)	-	(161,967)
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 31,195</b>	<b>\$ (8,983)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 22,212</b>

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<i>Year ended June 30, 2016</i>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Increases</b>	<b>Decreases</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 159,177	\$ 25,002	\$ -	\$ 184,179
Accumulated depreciation	(132,300)	(20,684)	-	(152,984)
Capital assets, net	\$ 26,877	\$ 4,318	\$ -	\$ 31,195

#### **4. Pension Plan**

The Retirement Division of the State Budget and Control Board maintains four independent defined benefit plans and issues its own publicly available Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) which includes financial statements and required supplementary information. A copy of the separately issued CAFR may be obtained by writing to the Retirement Division, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29223. Furthermore, the Division and the four pension plans are included in the CAFR of the State of South Carolina.

Article X, Section 16 of the South Carolina Constitution requires that all State operated retirement systems be funded on a sound actuarial basis. Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, prescribes requirements relating to membership, benefits, and employee/employer contributions for each pension plan. Employee and employer contribution rates for the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System are actuarially determined. Annual benefits, payable monthly for life, are based on length of service and on average final compensation.

The majority of employees of the University are covered by a retirement plan through the South Carolina Retirement System (“SCRS”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Retirement Division, a public employee retirement system. Generally, all State employees are required to participate in and contribute to the SCRS as a condition of employment unless exempted by law as provided in Section 9-1-480 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. This plan provides retirement annuity benefits as well as disability, cost of living adjustment, death, and group-life insurance benefits to eligible employees and retirees.

From July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, employees participating in the SCRS were required to contribute 8.16% of all earnable compensation. Effective July 1, 2015, the employer contribution rate was 15.91%.

Certain State employees may elect to participate in the Optional Retirement Program (“ORP”), a defined contribution plan. The ORP was established in 1987 under Title 9, Chapter 17, of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The ORP provides retirement and death benefits through the purchase of individual fixed or variable annuity contracts which are issued to, and become the property of, the participants. The State assumes no liability for this plan other than for payment of contributions to designated insurance companies.

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ORP participation is limited to faculty and administrative staff of the State's higher education institutions who meet all eligibility requirements for membership in the SCRS. To elect participation in the ORP, eligible employees must irrevocably waive SCRS membership within their first ninety days of employment.

Under State law, contributions to the ORP are required at the same rates as for the SCRS, 10.91% plus the retiree surcharge of 5.0% from the employer in fiscal year 2017.

Several optional deferred compensation plans are available to State employees and employers of its political subdivisions. Certain employees of the University have elected to participate. The multiple- employer plans, created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 457, 401(k), and 403(b), are administered by third parties and are not included in the CAFR of the State of South Carolina. Compensation deferred under the plans is placed in trust for the contributing employee. The State has no liability for losses under the plans.

Employees may withdraw the current value of their contributions when they terminate State employment. Employees may also withdraw contributions prior to termination if they meet requirements specified by the applicable plan.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and the annual Appropriation Act, the State of South Carolina provides certain health care, dental, and life insurance benefits to certain active and retired State employees and certain surviving dependents of retirees. All permanent full-time and certain permanent part-time employees of the University are eligible to receive these benefits. The State provides post-employment health and dental benefits to employees who retire from State service or who terminated with at least 20 years of State service who meet one or more of the eligibility requirements, such as age, length of service, and hire date. Generally, those who retire must have at least 10 years of retirement service credit to qualify for these State-funded benefits. Benefits are effective at date of retirement when the employee is eligible for retirement benefits.

**5. Related Parties**

Certain separately chartered legal entities, whose activities are related to those of WSSB, exist primarily to provide financial assistance and other support to WSSB and its objectives. They include the SC State University Foundation, and the employees of WSSB.

The following tables summarize WSSB's related party transactions:

<u>June 30,</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Receivable from SC State University Foundation	\$ 30,512	\$ 34,874

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<i>Year ended June 30,</i>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>
Member dues - Processed by SC State University Foundation	\$ 7,403	\$ 23,440		
Other revenue - Processed by SC State University Foundation	\$ -	\$ 100		
Expenses - Processed by SC State University Foundation	\$ 11,761	\$ 12,606		

## **6. Risk Management**

The University, including WSSB, is exposed to various risks of loss and maintains State or commercial insurance coverage for each of those risks. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses for the covered risks. Settlement claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years.

The State of South Carolina believes it is more economical to manage certain risks internally and set aside assets for claim settlement. Several state funds accumulate assets and the State itself assumes substantially all the risk for the following claims of covered employees: Unemployment compensation benefits; Worker's compensation benefits for job-related illnesses or injuries; Health and dental insurance benefit; Long-term disability and group-life insurance benefits. Employees can elect health insurance coverage through either a health maintenance organization or through the State's self-insured plan.

The University and other entities pay premiums to the state's Insurance Reserve Fund ("IRF"), which issues policies, accumulates assets to cover the risk of loss, and pays claims incurred for covered losses relating to the following activities: Theft, damage to, or destruction of assets; Real property, its contents, and other equipment; Motor vehicles and watercraft; Torts; Business interruptions; Natural disaster; and Medical malpractice claims against covered employees. The IRF is a self-insurer and purchases reinsurance to obtain certain services and to limit losses in certain areas. The IRF's rates are determined actuarially.

The University obtains coverage through a commercial insurer for employee fidelity bond insurance for all employees for losses arising from theft or misappropriation and for health insurance for its student-athletes.

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**7. Operating Expenses by Function**

Operating expenses by functional classification were as follows:

Year ended June 30, 2017	Compensation and Employee Benefits		Services and Supplies		Depreciation	Total
Programming and production	\$ 184,897		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,897	
Management and general	-		133,295		-	133,295
Fund raising and membership development	3,272		8,489		-	11,761
Depreciation	-		-		8,983	8,983
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 188,169</b>		<b>\$ 141,784</b>	<b>\$ 8,983</b>		<b>\$ 338,936</b>

Year ended June 30, 2016	Compensation and Employee Benefits		Services and Supplies		Depreciation	Total
Programming and production	\$ 168,518		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,518	
Management and general	-		156,062		-	156,062
Fund raising and membership development	9,072		3,533		-	12,605
Depreciation	-		-		20,684	20,684
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 177,590</b>		<b>\$ 159,595</b>	<b>\$ 20,684</b>		<b>\$ 357,869</b>

**8. Subsequent Events**

WSSB has evaluated subsequent events from June 30, 2017 through March 19, 2018 (the date of the audit report and the date the financial statements were ready to be issued). During this period, no material recognizable events were identified.