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 its accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

What We Found

- Southeastern did not maintain adequate controls over its PeopleSoft system that processes transactions and maintains data related to student records and registration, financial aid, human resources, payroll, and financial operations during fiscal year 2015. Inadequate controls makes the system vulnerable to improper transaction processing, unauthorized access, unapproved changes, and/or the inability to timely restore critical operations.
- Financial information relating to the following accounts was materially correct, as adjusted: cash and cash equivalents, investments, amounts due from State Treasury, capital assets, unearned revenue, bonds payable, net position, student tuition and fees, state appropriations, federal nonoperating revenues, and educational and general expenses.
- In an analysis of the past five fiscal years, we noted that expenses have remained fairly consistent; however, state appropriations decreased 42%, and federal revenues have decreased 48%. 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, and auxiliary and other revenues. Tuition and fees have increased by 31% as a result of the increases in tuition permitted by the GRAD Act (Act 741 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature). Auxiliary and other revenues have increased by 13%.

Five-Year Revenue Trend, by Fiscal Year

Fiscal/Enrollment Trends, by Fiscal Year

Source: Fiscal year 2011-2012 ULS Audit Reports; Fiscal year 2013-2015 Southeastern Annual Fiscal Reports