



BOSTON COLLEGE

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Boston College Financial Statement Summary 2020-2021

The Fiscal 2021 Boston College (“the University”) financial statements illustrate a year of unprecedented net asset growth and balance sheet strength, despite ongoing challenges imposed by the enduring global pandemic. Diligent stewardship of University resources and careful containment of unanticipated pandemic related expenses result in a positive operating bottom line for the fiscal year.

The financial statements also reflect a historic endowment return contributing in excess of \$1.1 billion to the University’s balance sheet as well as government support provided through the CARES Act, used for student aid and University support to off-set COVID-19 related expenses and lost revenue.

Also, of note, in June of 2020, the University entered into an integration agreement with Pine Manor College (“PMC”). This agreement, uniting the two institutional missions of serving underrepresented, first-generation, low-income students, resulted in Boston College assuming ownership of PMC’s approximately 50-acre campus as well as all other assets and liabilities. Additionally, Boston College established the Pine Manor Institute for Student Success, designating \$50.0 million of existing endowment funds to provide academic support and outreach programs. The University’s financial statements reflect the consolidation of PMC, including an inherent contribution recorded in the nonoperating section of the statement of activities, which reflects the appraised value of assets in excess of liabilities.

The following discussion and analysis provide additional commentary and data related to the financial performance of Boston College for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2021.

Statement of Financial position (Total Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets)

The University’s total assets at May 31, 2021 were \$6.4 billion, which was \$1,236.3 million or 24% higher than at the end of the previous fiscal year. The increase was largely attributable to growth in the investments due to growth in the

University's endowment, coupled with the generosity of our donors who provided \$63.6 million in contributions to the endowment.

Also contributing to the University's increase in assets in Fiscal 2021 was growth in property, plant and equipment. The increase was largely driven by the integration of PMC as well as significant construction projects on campus, including the Pete Frates Center at Harrington Athletics Village and Integrated Science Center, offset by the annual increase to accumulated depreciation.

Total liabilities amounted to \$1.6 billion at May 31, 2021, a decrease of \$38.1 million. This decrease was primarily a result of annual debt service payments of \$31.5 million.

The resulting total net assets, the equivalent of the University's net worth, totaled \$4.8 billion as of May 31, 2021, an increase of \$1,274.5 million or 36% during the fiscal year.

Statement of Activities

Operating Results

The University's total operating revenues grew \$20.0 million or 2% over Fiscal 2020. This overall growth is in large part attributable to the strength of the University's enrollments contributing \$23.4 million or 5% growth in the tuition and fees revenue line.

Cost containment measures continued to remain in place in Fiscal 2021 resulting in minimal expense growth of \$20.0 million or 2% over the previous fiscal year. This increase was primarily driven by costs associated with COVID-19 including personal protective equipment, testing, and isolation housing.

The University's increase in net assets from operating activities, (operating revenues in excess of operating expenses), of \$160 thousand shows consistency with our previous fiscal year and reflects solid operating results despite the challenges of returning to campus following the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown in Fiscal 2020.

Non-Operating Results

The University's net assets increased \$1.3 billion from non-operating activities in Fiscal 2021. This was primarily driven by the University's investment return. The University also recorded an inherent contribution from the acquisition of PMC, representing the appraised value of assets in excess of liabilities assumed pursuant to the integration agreement. The use of \$132.6 million in non-operating assets to support University operations results in the net overall increase from non-operating activities in Fiscal 2021.

Looking ahead

As detailed above, Boston College enters the Fiscal 2022 from a position of strength. A history of consistent, positive operating results combined with a strong liquidity profile, comprehensive planning, and diligent stewardship of resources, have enabled the University to continue to thrive amidst the formidable challenges brought on by the global pandemic.

As always, but now more than ever, the University continues to focus on operating efficiencies, sustainability, resource conservation, and expense management to help ensure that resources are devoted to the highest strategic priorities.