

NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

Financial Statements and
Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2002

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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INTRODUCTION

The following discussion and analysis provides an overview of the financial position and activities of New Jersey City University (the "University") for the year ended June 30, 2002. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The University's financial position at June 30, 2002 includes assets of \$133.3 million and liabilities of \$66.6 million. Net assets, which represent the residual interest in the University's assets after liabilities are deducted, increased \$3.4 million in fiscal 2002 to \$66.7 million at June 30, 2002. Changes in net assets represent the operating activity of the University, resulting from revenues and expenses, and are summarized by unrestricted and restricted categories for the year ended June 30, 2002 as follows:

	2002		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	<i>(in millions)</i>		
Total operating revenues	\$ 31.9	\$ 18.4	\$ 50.3
Total operating expenses	73.8	18.4	92.2
Operating loss	(41.9)	(000 C)	3.4
Net assets - beginning of year	15.0	48.3	63.3
Net assets - end of year	\$ 16.2	\$ 50.5	\$ 66.7

Restricted resources are subject to externally-imposed stipulations such as certain operating and capital grants and gifts, including investments in capital assets. Unrestricted resources are not subject to externally-imposed stipulations and are substantially designated for academic programs and initiatives. The increase in net assets of \$3.4 million for fiscal 2002 was primarily attributable to a capital grant from the State Equipment Leasing Fund (ELF) of \$1.9 million which was recorded as restricted revenue, while the related expenditures were capitalized. The increase in unrestricted net assets of \$1.2 million for the year was primarily attributable to cost savings initiatives implemented in response to the cut of \$2.3 million in the State of New Jersey's appropriation, offset by the cost to the University for the State of New Jersey's early retirement incentive program.

Student enrollment increased during the year with growth in the graduate, continuing education and online programs. Undergraduate enrollment increased from 8,044 in the 2000/01 academic year to 8,137 in 2001/02. Graduate enrollment increased 17% from 2,282 in 2000/01 to 2,660 in 2001/02, resulting in increased revenue from tuition.

USING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The University's financial report contains three financial statements: the Statement of Net Assets, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets and the Statement of Cash Flows. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) principles. During 2002, the University adopted four pronouncements of the GASB which are explained in the notes to the financial statements. One of these pronouncements, GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, establishes standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities requiring that financial statements be presented on a basis to focus on the University as a whole. Previously, financial statements focused on the accountability of individual fund groups rather than on the University as a whole.

	<u>2002</u>
	<i>(in millions)</i>
Current assets	\$ 20.3
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital Assets	77.6
Other Assets	35.4
Total assets	<u>133.3</u>
Current liabilities	13.1
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>53.6</u>
Total liabilities	<u>66.7</u>

Current assets consist primarily of cash, investments in the State Cash Management Fund, deposits held with the bond trustees, and student and grant receivables. Current liabilities consist primarily of trade accounts payable, accrued benefits, deferred revenue, and the current portion of bond obligations. The University's current ratio of assets to liabilities was 1.5.

The ratio of unrestricted financial resources to operations is a key indicator of financial strength and flexibility to cover operating expenses without relying on generating additional resources. The University's unrestricted financial resource ratio was 17.1%, which is above the median of 11.6% for A3 rated public universities per Moody's Investors Service.

CAPITAL AND DEBT ACTIVITIES

One of the critical factors in continuing the quality of the University's academic and community programs is the development and renewal of its capital assets. The University continues to implement its long-range plan to renovate older facilities, balanced with new construction, acquisition of adjacent property and development of the surrounding community.

Capital additions totaling \$11.2 million in fiscal year 2002 consisted primarily of replacement, renovation and new construction of academic and administrative facilities, as well as investments in equipment, including information technology. Major construction projects included progress on a new 59,000 square foot Fine Arts Building which will be completed in Spring 2003, relocation and renovation of the Medical Services offices, and renovation of the Vodra Hall dormitory. Construction-in-progress of \$6.9 million at June 30, 2002 was primarily comprised of expenditures on the Fine Arts Building.

Current year capital asset additions were funded with tax-exempt debt, grants and gifts, as well as funds from current operations. In February 2002, the University issued \$15 million in Series 2002A revenue bonds through the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (EFA) to finance the new Fine Arts Building and several other projects including upgrades to the fire safety control system, parking improvements and renovations to the Student Union Building.

With regard to future capital needs, the University is engaged in an ongoing facilities planning process to assure that it has an appropriate and well-maintained campus. Approximately \$75 million in additional facilities projects have been identified to meet the needs of the University including a performing arts center, additional student housing, a new Arts & Sciences building, transportation facilities expansion, development of the west side campus, and Science Center renovation and expansion, among other projects. Funding for these projects could come from the State of New Jersey, additional EFA bond issues, and/or private fundraising and grants. A new

debt issue of about \$40 million is planned in early 2003 to provide for the funding of some of these major projects.

Moody’s Investor Services, Inc. has assigned a debt rating of “A3” to the University. Bonds that are rated “A” possess many favorable attributes and are considered upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors providing security to principle and interest are considered adequate, while the resources to absorb future financial challenges are not as strong as Aaa or Aa rated institutions.

Bonds payable totaled \$53.6 million at June 30, 2002. An institution’s ratio of unrestricted financial resources to debt is a key indicator of financial strength. The University’s ratio was 30.2% at June 30, 2002, which is better than the median of 14.3% for A3 rated public universities per Moody’s Investors Service. Additionally, the University’s ratio of debt to total capitalization was 44.6%, which is an indication of capacity to support additional debt.

NET ASSETS

Net assets represent the residual interest in the University’s assets after liabilities are deducted. The University’s net assets at June 30, 2002 are as follows:

	<u>2002</u>
	<i>(in millions)</i>
Invested in capital assets, net	\$ 39.6
Restricted:	
Expendable	10.9
Unrestricted	16.2
 Total Net assets	 <u>\$ 66.7</u>

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt of \$39.6 million represents the University’s capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted expendable net assets of \$10.9 million are subject to externally imposed restrictions governing their use including debt service and other bond covenant requirements, and grant funds. The University’s unrestricted net assets of \$16.2 million are not subject to externally imposed stipulations and are designated for operational use, as well as capital projects.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets presents the University’s results of operations. A summarization of this statement for the year ended June 30, 2002 is as follows:

Investment income was \$1.0 million primarily from short-term fixed income investments in the State Cash Management Fund and investments of bond proceeds deposited with the trustees.

Operating expenses for the year ended June 30, 2002 of \$92.2 million were contained in response to the mid-year State appropriation decrease. Several prompt actions were taken during the year including a hiring freeze for most positions, curtailing travel, and reducing all nonessential expenditures. As a result, unrestricted expenses of \$73.8 million for the fiscal year were slightly lower than unrestricted revenues of \$75.0 million.

ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FUTURE

Looking toward the future, management believes that the University will be able to maintain its financial condition and continue to provide a high level of service to its students, the surrounding community and the State of New Jersey.

With 46% of revenues coming from state appropriations, the financial condition of the University is closely linked to that of the State of New Jersey. Because of slow economic growth in the

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
New Jersey City University:

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of New Jersey City University (the "University"), a component unit of the State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the accompanying table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the University's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Jersey City University as of June 30, 2002, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in note 1, the University adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statements No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, by *Basic Financial*

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Statement of Net Assets

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Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,379,588
Student receivables, net of allowance of \$606,000		860,989
Grants receivables		1,196,359
Other receivables		1,397,138
Deposits held with trustees		2,267,004
Other current assets		161,731

Total current assets 20,262,809

Noncurrent assets:

Deposits held with trustees		34,335,576
Student loans, net of allowance of \$721,000		454,126
Deferred financing costs, net		650,669
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$42,526,941		77,601,949

Total noncurrent assets 113,042,320

Total assets 133,305,129

Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses:

Vendor		4,526,949
Payroll		2,566,022
Compensated absences, current portion		1,503,732
Accrued interest		1,022,342

Total accounts payable and accrued expenses 9,619,045

Long term debt, current portion 1,961,445

Deferred student tuition and fees 1,453,868

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended June 30, 2002

Operating revenues:		
Student revenue:		
Tuition and fees	\$	40,702,147
Auxiliary enterprises		2,311,341
Less scholarship allowance		(11,145,791)
Total student revenue, net		31,867,697
Federal grants		10,062,725
State of New Jersey grants		8,295,044
Other operating revenues		78,679
Total operating revenues		50,304,145
Operating expenses:		
Instruction		34,126,244
Research and programs		1,185,798
Public service and enterprise development		517,498
Academic support		9,516,418
Student services		14,020,048
Institutional support		13,442,512
Operation and maintenance of plant		9,963,405
Auxiliary enterprises		2,028,668
Student aid		2,460,758
Depreciation		4,928,718
Total operating expenses o services 3c		

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended June 30, 2002

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Student receipts	\$ 32,610,786
Grants and contracts	21,083,766
Payments for salaries and benefits	(57,155,820)
Payments to suppliers	(17,187,271)
Payments for utilities	(2,556,449)
Payments to students	(2,839,703)
Loans issued to students	(89,795)
Collection of loans to students	136,797
Auxiliary enterprises	942,781
Other payments	<u>(506,507)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(25,561,415)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
State of New Jersey appropriations	38,116,188
Federal Family Education Loan Program receipts	5,477,574
Federal Family Education Loan Program disbursements	<u>(5,477,574)</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>38,116,188</u>
Cash flows from capital financing activities:	
Proceeds from capital debt	16,701,916
Capital grants and gifts	2,210,797
Purchase of capital assets	(11,870,553)
Bond issuance costs	(214,508)
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,140,101)
Interest paid on capital debt	(1,681,301)
Drawdowns on deposits held with trustees	2,940,111
Deposits made with trustees	<u>(16,218,483)</u>
Net cash used by capital financing activities	<u>(9,272,122)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Interest on investments	<u>744,042</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>744,042</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	4,026,693
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of year	<u>10,352,895</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of year	<u>\$ 14,379,588</u>
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Operating loss	\$ (41,885,922)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities:	
Bad debt expense	591,149
Amortization expense	115,457
State of New Jersey paid fringe benefits	6,438,674
Depreciation expense	4,928,718
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Receivables, net	3,058,776
Other assets, current and noncurrent	(180,321)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,173,358
Deferred revenue	<u>198,696</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>\$ (25,561,415)</u>
Noncash transactions:	
Gifts	\$ 17,500
State of New Jersey paid fringe benefits	<u>6,438,674</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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(1) **Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Organization

New Jersey City University (the University), formerly Jersey City State College, is a public institution of higher education in the State of New Jersey (the State). Effective May 29, 1999, the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education approved the name change and university status. Under the law, the University is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey with a high degree of autonomy. However, under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, the University is considered a component unit of the State of New Jersey for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, the University's financial statements are included in the State of New Jersey's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The University, located in Hudson County, is dedicated to urban programs designed to meet the complex economic, social, and educational problems of the "inner" cities of metropolitan New Jersey. The urban mission is unique among the State Colleges and Universities of New Jersey, and in order to strengthen this mission, the University has embarked on a plan designed to make it the premier Cooperative Education University in the State. The University serves thousands of residents of the northeast corner of the State. Approximately 10% of the student population is comprised of men and women from other areas of New Jersey, adjacent states, and foreign countries. The operation and management of the University is vested in its nine-member board of trustees.

Special features of the campus include the A. Harry Moore Laboratory School for Special Education, the Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Institute of Criminal Justice, the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning (CATALYST), the Center for Occupational Education, the Adult Education Center, the Media Arts Center, and the Margaret Williams Theater for the Performing Arts. The University has an athletic building consisting of a gymnasium, fitness center, swimming pool, and modern dance studio. The University has three auditoriums, in addition to its approximately 110 classrooms and laboratories.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accounting policies of the University conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to colleges and universities. The University reports are based on all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements as well as applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Review Boards of the Committee on Accounting Procedure issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The University has not elected to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

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During 2002, the University adopted four pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statements No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, and No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*. Lastly, the University adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*. The University adopted the provisions of these Statements as of July 1, 2001 (see note 11). Resulting significant changes to the financial statements are:

- The inclusion of a Management’s Discussion and Analysis section.
- The classification of assets and liabilities as either current or noncurrent.
- The categorization of net assets as invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted (nonexpendable and expendable), or unrestricted.
- The classification of revenues and expenses as either operating or nonoperating.
- The netting of scholarship allowances against student tuition and fees and auxiliary enterprises revenues.
- The recognition of depreciation expense on capital assets.
- The presentation of a statement of cash flows using the direct method.

GASB Statement No. 35 establishes standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and requires that a statement of cash flows be prepared using the direct method and that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following net asset categories.

- ***Invested in capital assets, net of related debt:*** Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- ***Restricted:***
 - ***Expendable*** – Net assets whose use by the University is subject to externally-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the University pursuant to the stipulations or that expire by the passage of time.
 - ***Unrestricted:*** Net assets not subject to externally-imposed stipulations that may be designated for specific purposes by action of management to the board of trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. Substantially all unrestricted net assets are designated for academic programs, initiatives and capital programs.

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the University’s policy is to first apply the expense towards restricted resources, and then towards unrestricted resources.

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Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. The University reports as a business type activity, as defined by GASB Statement No. 34. Business type activities are those that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The University classifies as cash equivalents, funds that are in short-term, highly liquid investments and are readily convertible to known amounts of cash. These funds mature in three months or less.

The University invests portions of its cash in two funds, a money market fund which permits the

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Deferred Financing Costs

The University capitalizes costs incurred in connection with its long term debt and amortizes these costs over the life of the respective obligations.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues from student tuition and fees and auxiliary enterprises are presented net of scholarships applied to student accounts and are recognized in the period earned. Other payments made directly to students are presented as scholarships and are included in operating expenses in the period incurred. Student tuition and fees and deposits collected in advance of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue in the accompanying statement of net assets.

Grant revenue is comprised mainly of funds received from grants from Federal and State of New Jersey sources and is recognized as the related expenses are incurred. Amounts received from grants which have not yet been earned under the terms of the agreements are included in deferred revenue in the accompanying statement of net assets.

Revenue from State of New Jersey appropriations is recognized in the fiscal year during which the State of New Jersey appropriates the funds to the University.

Classification of Revenue

The University's policy for defining operating activities in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets are those that serve the University's principal purpose and generally result from exchange transactions such as the payment received for services. Examples include (1) student tuition and fees, net of scholarship allowances, (2) auxiliary enterprises and (3) most Federal and State grants. Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions, such as operating appropriations from the State, net investment income and gifts and capital grants and gifts.

Income Taxes

The University is exempt from Federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 115.

Financial Dependency

Appropriations from the State of New Jersey are the University's largest sources of nonoperating revenue. The University is economically dependent on these appropriations to carry on its operations.

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(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of cash as of June 30, 2002 was \$438,110, while the amount on deposit with the bank was \$1,717,097. The University's bank deposits as of June 30, 2002 were partially insured by Federal Depository Insurance in the amount of \$100,000. The excess bank balance of \$1,617,097 was collateralized in accordance with Chapter 64 of Title 18A of New Jersey Statutes.

The University participates in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund wherein amounts also contributed by other State entities are combined into a large-scale investment program. The carrying amount and fair value as of June 30, 2002 was \$13,941,478.

Statutes of the State of New Jersey and Regulations of the State Investment Council authorize the New Jersey Division of Investments to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, foreign governments, agencies and municipal or political subdivisions of the State, commercial paper, bankers acceptances, revenue obligations of public authorities, debt instruments of banks, collateralized notes, and mortgages, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, equity, and convertible equity securities, and other common types of investment securities. Investee institutions and organizations are prescribed by the statutes and

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(4) Capital Assets

The detail of capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2002 follows:

	June 30, 2001 (restated)	Additions	Retirements	June 30, 2002
Depreciable assets:				
Land improvements	\$ 776,970	—	(236,197)	540,773
Buildings and building improvements	75,056,230	1,790,000	—	76,846,230
Equipment and other assets	27,334,768	3,164,249	(2,142,313)	28,356,704
	<u>103,167,968</u>	<u>4,954,249</u>	<u>(2,378,510)</u>	<u>105,743,707</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	(39,657,013)	(4,928,718)	2,058,790	(42,526,941)
	<u>63,510,955</u>	<u>25,531</u>	<u>(319,720)</u>	<u>63,216,766</u>
Non-depreciable assets:				
Land	7,466,374	—	—	7,466,374
Construction in progress	680,817	6,237,992	—	6,918,809
	<u>\$ 71,658,146</u>	<u>6,263,523</u>	<u>(319,720)</u>	<u>77,601,949</u>

Estimated costs to complete the projects classified as construction in progress as of June 30, 2002 approximated \$8 million and are anticipated to be funded primarily from State of New Jersey financial assistance, bond financing, and other unrestricted resources. During 2002, the University capitalized interest income of approximately \$101,000 and interest expense of approximately \$155,000 which is included in construction in progress as of June 30, 2002.

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(5) Noncurrent Liabilities

Long Term Debt

The University has financed capital assets through various revenue bonds issued by the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority (the Authority). The University has pledged all net revenue derived from the operation of the dormitories, student center, recreation center, academic building and athletic and recreation facilities as security. Estimated costs in connection with these capital assets of approximately \$56 million as of June 30, 2002 are included in the accompanying statement of net assets. The following obligations to the Authority were outstanding as of June 30, 2002:

	<u>Interest rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
New Jersey Educational Facility Authority Revenue Bonds:		
Series 1977 C Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2010	6.29%	\$ 4,095,000
Series 1993 H Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2018	5.00 - 5.10%	1,855,000
Series 1995 C Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2007	3.80 - 4.90%	1,385,000
Series 1998 E Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2028	4.40 - 9.00%	6,710,000
Series 1999 B Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2018	4.40 - 5.00%	12,430,000
Series 1999 B Revenue Bonds, due July 1, 2020, 2022, and 2025	4.75 - 5.00%	5,075,000
Series 2000 B Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2021	4.13 - 5.75%	5,596,750
Series 2002 A Revenue Bonds, due serially to 2032	3.00 - 5.00%	15,115,000
New Jersey Educational Facility Authority Equipment Leasing Fund Series 2001 A	3.5 - 5.00%	622,125
New Jersey Educational Facility Authority Dorm Safety	4.50%	<u>751,849</u>
Total long term debt		53,635,724
Less noncurrent portion		<u>(51,674,279)</u>
Total current portion long term debt		<u>\$ 1,961,445</u>

On February 15, 2002, the University issued through the Authority \$15,115,000 Series 2002 A Revenue

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(6) Retirement Plans

Plan Descriptions

The University participates in two major retirement plans for its employees – Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP) which presently makes contributions to Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA/CREF), Aetna Life Insurance, Lincoln Life Insurance, Metropolitan Life Insurance, Travelers Insurance, and VALIC. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey. ABP alternatives are administered by a separate board of trustees. Generally all employees, except certain part-time employees, participate in one of these plans.

PERS was established under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage, including post-retirement health care, to substantially all full-time employees of the State or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system.

In addition to the two plans in which the University participates, certain faculty members of the University participate in the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) which is a State of New Jersey cost-sharing defined benefit plan. TPAF was established under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full-time public school employees in the State of New Jersey. The State of New Jersey issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS and TPAF. This report may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

PERS Funding Policy

PERS members are required to contribute 3% of their annual covered salary for the year ended June 30, 2002. The State of New Jersey, in accordance with State statutes, makes employer contributions on behalf of the University. The State of New Jersey contribution is based upon annual actuarially determined percentages of total compensation of all active members. The State of New Jersey's annual contribution approximates the actuarially determined pension cost for the year. Employers were not required to contribute in 2002 due to legislation enacted in 1997 by the State of New Jersey, which fully funded previously existing unfunded accrued liabilities of PERS through State of New Jersey bonds. The contribution requirements of the plan members and the University are established and may be amended by the State of New Jersey.

Alternate Benefit Program Information

ABP provides the choice of six investment carriers all of which are privately operated defined contribution retirement plans. The University assumes no liability for ABP members other than payment of contributions. ABP provides retirement and death benefits for or on behalf of these full-time professional employees and faculty members electing to participate in this optional retirement program. Participation eligibility, as well as contributory and noncontributory requirements, is established by the State of New Jersey Retirement and Social Security Law. Benefits are determined by the amount of individual accumulations and the retirement income option selected. All benefits vest after the completion of one year of service. Individually owned annuity contracts that provide for full ownership of retirement and survivor benefits are purchased at the time of vesting.

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Participating University employees are required to contribute 5% and may contribute, on a pre-tax basis, an additional voluntary contribution of salary up to the maximum Federal statutory limit. Employer contributions are 8%. During the year ended June 30, 2002, ABP received employer and employee contributions from the University as follows:

Employer contributions	\$	2,331,000
Employee contributions		1,457,000
Basis for contributions:		
Participating employee salaries		29,138,500

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(10) Student Financial Assistance Programs

The University's students receive support from Federal and State of New Jersey student financial assistance programs.