

Office of Administrative Accounting

#5 Plan cycle - 5 Plan cycle 2022/2023 7/1/22 - 6/30/23

Introduction

The mission of the Office of Administrative Accounting is to provide quality financial services and information to assist the University in optimizing the use of its financial resources including the effective management of student financial records in a manner that best supports the student population. Additionally, this office endeavors to support administrators' decisions related to the business management of the University, enabling the University to pursue its broader mission. Personnel in this office also maintain compliance with NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers) accounting standards and reporting requirements and accrediting agency requirements. The major areas of financial management include general operations, accounts payable, billing of all charges and receipting of all income, travel and auxiliary accounting, fixed-asset accounting, and payroll functions.

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness is working with the Office of Administrative Accounting to revamp objectives and assessments.

Performance Objective 1 The Office of Administrative Accounting, through its processes and procedures, will obtain unmodified audit opinions from external auditors.

1 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: To receive unqualified audit opinions from the Office of the Legislative Auditor through an external review of reports. This is achieved by reviewing records which document compliance with policies and procedures established by NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers), the Division of Administration, the University of Louisiana System, and federal regulatory agencies. The Legislative Auditor conducts reviews of McNeese every other year.

1.1 Data

Audit Year	Results	
2010	No matter required disclosure	
2012	No matter required disclosure	
2014	No matter required disclosure	
2016	Failure to submit past-due student accounts receivable for collection	
2018	Prior audit finding determined to be resolved and no other matter required disclosure	
2019	No matter required disclosure	
2020	Lack of Information Technology Policies and Procedures finding.	
2021	No matter required disclosure	
2022	Currently undergoing audit for 2021 and 2022	
2023	Prior year audit was completed without any matters requiring disclosure	

1.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2018-2019:

A management letter for the fiscal years ending June 2017 and June 2018 was issued in December of 2018. The corrective action plan from the prior audit was determined to be resolved.

2019-2020:

A management letter for the fiscal years ending June 2019 and June 2020 was issued in May 2021. A correction action plan was established to develop written policies and procedures relating to IT governance, data classification, identity and access management, change management, and network security.

2020-2021:

Fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022 are currently under audit.

2021-2022

Fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022 are currently under audit.

2022-2023:

This is a non-audit year. Prior year audit resulted in no required disclosures.

2 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: Use agreed upon schedule of financial activities to complete external audits with an unmodified opinion (comprehensive annual financial report and single audit of federal programs) and publish NCAA agreed-upon procedures.

2.1 Data

Audit Year	Results	
2018	No matter required disclosure	
2019	No matter required disclosure	
2020	No matter required disclosure	
2021	1 minor exception was noted	
2022	Agreed-upon procedures have not yet begun.	
2023	No matter required disclosure	

2.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2018-2019:

An Agreed-upon Procedure Report was issued in February of 2019. No exceptions were found as a result of the procedures.

2019-2020:

An Agreed-upon Procedure Report was issued in January of 2020. No exceptions were found as a result of the procedures.

2020-2021:

An Agreed-upon Procedure Report was issued in January of 2021. One minor exception was noted as a result of the procedures.

2021-2022:

Current year agreed-upon procedures have not yet begun.

2022-2023:

An Agreed upon Procedure Report was issued in October 2022. No exceptions were noted as a result of the procedures.

Performance Objective 2 The Office of Administrative Accounting will increase timeliness of semester payments made by students and parents.

1 Assessment and Benchmark

Benchmark: Reduce aged student account receivables by 2.5% each fiscal year.

1.1 Data

Fiscal Year	Ending balance of student AR	% change
2018	\$1,835,498	_
2019	\$1,692,385	7.8%
2020	\$1,593,506	5.8%
2021	\$642,466	59.7%
2022	\$1,051,766	63.7%
2023	Not available yet	

1.1.1 Analysis of Data and Plan for Continuous Improvement

2018-2019:

Target is to reduce aged student account receivables by 2.5% by fiscal year end 2020.

2019-2020:

Target of reducing aged student account receivables by 2.5% by fiscal year end 2020 was met.

2020-2021:

Student account receivables were drastically reduced due to the Federal CARES Act funding which was applied to student debt for balances remaining from Spring 2020 through Fall 2021.

2021-2022:

Student account receivables increased for fiscal year 2022 as the Federal CARES Act funds are not available any longer.

2022-2023:

This information is not yet available for fiscal year 2022-2023.