

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 08/13/1975
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 8000 NE TILLAMOOK ST PORTLAND, OR 97213-6655
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 503-251-2819
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/27/2024	LISA LOPEZ
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 277
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 133 6a(2) 121 6b 6c 145 6d 266 6e 1 6f 267 6g(1) 274 6g(2) 263 6h 12
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2L

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)** ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)** ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)** ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5)** ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1)** ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)** ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)** ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (4)** ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)** ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)** ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	406471	114	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	7107741
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	11868658

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

6855023

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

53876

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

319124

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

745445

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

34170

▶ OTHER INTER PLAN TRANSFER

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

1152615

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

8007638

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

330330

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

567045

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

2522

▶ OTHER INTER PLAN TRANSFER

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

899897

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

7107741

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
TIAA-CREF INVESTMENT MGMT
13-3586142

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
VANGUARD
23-1945930

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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13-1624203

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
28 50 52 13	N/A	33295	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA REAL ESTATE					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TIAA-CREF					
c EIN-PN 13-1624203-004		d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1133696		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
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c EIN-PN		d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)		
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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
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Part II **Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		32987
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		29540
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	45556	60627
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1698110	1133696
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	25587572	30014659
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	6855023	7107741
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	34186261	38379250
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	34186261	38379250

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	753989	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1009563	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	910	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1764462
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	2965	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	319124	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		322089
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	632774	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		632774
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		-216302
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3761515
c Other income	2c		35646
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6300184

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	2073900	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		2073900
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	33295	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		33295
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		2107195

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		4192989
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **MOSS ADAMS LLP**

(2) EIN: **91-0189318**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	32971
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 93-0309970

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 13-1624203 Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	20

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.	☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No
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Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes ☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes ☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes ☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

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Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)

14c

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year

15b

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers

16b

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.



Report of Independent Auditors
and Financial Statements with
Supplemental Schedules

University of Western States
403(b) Plan

December 31, 2023 and 2022



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Report of Independent Auditors

The Retirement Plan Advisory Committee
University of Western States 403(b) Plan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of University of Western States 403(b) Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of University of Western States 403(b) Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 7 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of University of Western States 403(b) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about University of Western States 403(b) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 University of Western States 403(b) Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about University of Western States 403(b) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, line 4(i) - schedule of assets held at year end and Schedule H, line 4(a) – schedule of delinquent participant contributions as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moss Adams LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Portland, Oregon

June 17, 2024

Financial Statements

University of Western States 403(b) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value		
Registered investment companies	\$ 29,121,330	\$ 24,775,568
Fixed annuity contracts	5,305,735	5,141,905
Pooled separate accounts	<u>2,027,025</u>	<u>2,510,114</u>
	36,454,090	32,427,587
Fixed annuity contracts, at contract value	<u>1,802,006</u>	<u>1,713,118</u>
Total investments	<u>38,256,096</u>	<u>34,140,705</u>
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	60,627	45,556
Participant contributions	29,540	-
Employer contributions	<u>32,987</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>123,154</u>	<u>45,556</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u><u>\$ 38,379,250</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,186,261</u></u>

See accompanying notes.

University of Western States 403(b) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Investment income

Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 3,545,213
Interest from fixed annuity contracts	319,124
Dividends	632,774

4,497,111

Interest income on notes receivable from participants

2,965

Plan servicing credit income

35,646

Contributions

Participant	1,009,563
Employer	753,989
Rollover	910

1,764,462

Total additions

6,300,184

DEDUCTIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO

Benefits paid

2,073,900

Administrative expenses

33,295

Total deductions

2,107,195

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

4,192,989

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Beginning of year

34,186,261

End of year

\$ 38,379,250

See accompanying notes.

University of Western States 403(b) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Description of Plan

The following brief description of the University of Western States (the University) 403(b) Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement, as amended, for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General – The Plan is a 403(b) salary deferral and employer contribution plan covering substantially all the employees of the University, and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). The University is the Plan's sponsor and administrator.

Eligibility – Employees of the University, except non-resident aliens and students, are eligible to make elective deferrals effective the first day of the month following salary reduction form submission, or the first day of the month following the form's effective date, whichever is later. Employees eligible to make elective deferrals, who are not notified of quarterly teaching assignments and work more than 30 hours per week, are eligible to receive employer contributions as soon as administratively feasible upon completion of 12 consecutive months of eligible service during which 975 hours of service is worked and attaining 21 years of age.

Newly hired employees are eligible to receive employer contributions immediately upon hire if they have completed applicable hours of service requirements with a previous employer within 2 years prior to the date of hire. Hours of service for purposes of satisfying the one-year service requirement shall include only hours of service with a predecessor employer organization that meets the eligibility requirements of Code Section 403(b)(1) or an institution of higher education.

Contributions

Participant contributions – Contributions to the Plan are made through employee deferrals on earned compensation, as defined in the Plan. As a condition of employment, participants covered under the collective bargaining agreement are required to contribute 1% of eligible compensation after one year of service. Participants may contribute on a tax-deferred basis up to the annual limitations as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also make rollover contributions representing distributions from other qualified plans.

Employer matching and discretionary contributions – For the year ended December 31, 2023, the University made non-discretionary matching contributions of up to the first 10% of each eligible participant's wages in accordance with the Plan document. The University may also make discretionary employer contributions allocated to eligible participants in the same proportion as a participant's compensation bears to the total of all participants' compensation. There were no discretionary employer contributions made for the year ended December 31, 2023.

All contributions are subject to regulatory limitations.

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Participant accounts – Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and University matching contributions, if eligible, as well as allocations of any discretionary employer contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants direct the investment of all contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Vesting – Participants are vested immediately in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Employer contributions to participants who are covered under the collective bargaining agreement are 100% vested at all times. Upon a participant's death, disability, or attainment of normal retirement age, as defined, while employed with the University, the participant's account will become fully vested. Employer contributions to all other participants shall vest in accordance with the following schedule:

Completion of the Year of Service	Vested Percentage	Forfeited Percentage
0	0%	100%
1	0%	100%
2	20%	80%
3	40%	60%
4	80%	20%
5	100%	0%

Forfeitures – Forfeitures are the nonvested portion of a participant's account that are lost upon termination of employment. Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and may be used to reduce future employer contributions or to restore previously forfeited amounts. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$3,543 and \$3 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the University's contributions were reduced by \$80,969 from forfeited nonvested accounts.

Collateralized plan loans – Participants may borrow directly from TIAA a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their elective deferral account balance, subject to the rules of the individual agreements. Principal and interest payments are made monthly or quarterly by the participant directly to TIAA. The maximum loan term is five years unless the loan term qualifies as a home loan for the purchase of a primary residence, in which case the term of the loan is not to exceed 10 years. These loans are secured by collateral which equals 110% of the outstanding loan balance and is held in the TIAA Traditional Annuity and bear fixed, reasonable rates of interest, as determined by the custodian. These funds are restricted with respect to withdrawals and transfers while the loan is outstanding. The loans themselves are not reported as separate assets of the Plan.

As of December 31, 2023, the rates of interest on outstanding loans ranged from 4.31% to 5.73% with various maturities through January 2026. The total loan balance outstanding against TIAA Plan assets was approximately \$6,000 and \$12,000 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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If a participant stops making payments as required under the terms of the agreement, the loan will go into default. The funds held in the TIAA Traditional Annuity account associated with the defaulted loan are credited with interest in an amount equivalent to the loan interest being accumulated on the defaulted loan. The total loan collateral included in the Plan assets was approximately \$7,000 and \$13,000 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Defaulted loan collateral balances are segregated into the defaulted plan loan account and are no longer accessible by the participant. Upon the participant reaching a triggering event the collateral will be distributed and remitted to TIAA as a deemed distribution.

Notes receivable from participants – Participants may borrow from their TIAA accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are issued by the Plan and secured by the balance in the participant's account. All loans must be repaid within a period of five years, unless the loan is used to purchase a principal residence, in which case, the loan must be repaid within a reasonable period of time not to exceed 10 years. Under the terms of the Plan agreement, loans will bear a reasonable rate of interest determined by TIAA. Principal and interest payments are made monthly or quarterly by the participants directly to TIAA. As of December 31, 2023, the rates of interest on outstanding notes receivable ranged from 4.25% to 8.00% with various maturities through May 2028.

Benefit payments – Subject to the terms of the individual agreements, participants (or their beneficiaries) may generally request payment of vested benefits upon severance of employment. For vested individual account balances of \$5,000 or less and unless otherwise elected, participants may receive a direct rollover into an individual retirement account. For vested balances that exceed \$5,000, and to the extent permitted by the individual agreements, participants may elect that their account be paid: 1) in a lump sum, 2) in a partial payment, 3) in installment payments over a period not to exceed the life expectancy of the participant or their designated beneficiary, or 4) be applied to the purchase of an annuity contract or converted to an income option.

Hardship withdrawals – Hardship withdrawals are permitted under the Plan in the event of an immediate and heavy financial need and may not exceed the amount necessary to meet that need. All hardship withdrawals shall be administered by the plan administrator in accordance with the Plan provisions.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting – The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP), using the accrual method of accounting.

Use of estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires the use of estimates and assumptions that may affect certain amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation – The investments are reported at contract value and fair value. The Plan's custodians, TIAA and CREF, respectively, certify the contract value of the fully benefit-responsive fixed annuity contracts and the fair market value of all other investments. If available, quoted market prices are used to value investments.

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Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Contract value is the relevant measurement for assets invested in fully benefit-responsive fixed annuity investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Income recognition – Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The net appreciation in fair value of investments consists of both the realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of those investments.

Contributions – Contributions from participants and corresponding matching contributions are recorded in the year in which the related participant compensation is earned.

Notes receivable from participants – Notes receivable from participants are measured at amortized cost, which represents unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent notes receivable from participants are reclassified as distributions upon the occurrence of a distributable event, based on the terms of the Plan Agreement. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023 or 2022.

Payment of benefits – Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses – Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the University and are excluded from these financial statements. Administrative expenses paid by the Plan may include notes receivable and distribution fees charged to participants' accounts, investment-related expenses, and administrative Plan fees. Several of the investment fund options are subject to investment and administrative fees based on a percentage of invested assets, as disclosed in the fund's prospectus. All such fees are charged directly against the fund's investment performance; thus, they are not separately disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

Subsequent events – Subsequent events are events or transactions that occur after the statement of net assets available for benefits date but before the financial statements are available to be issued. The Plan recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits, including the estimates inherent in the process of preparing the financial statements. The Plan's financial statements do not recognize subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that did not exist at the date of the statement of net assets available for benefits but arose after the statement of net assets available for benefits date and before financial statements are available to be issued. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through June 17, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Note 3 – TIAA Traditional Annuity

The TIAA Traditional Annuity is a guaranteed fixed annuity contract available as an investment option to Plan participants that is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TIAA. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contract types, including Group Retirement Annuities (GRA) and Group Supplemental Retirement Annuities (GSRA), which the Plan's contracts are primarily invested with. The type of contract through which a participant invests in the TIAA Traditional Annuity determines the applicability of certain account features, such as the guaranteed minimum interest rate, additional interest declarations, the degree of liquidity of the participant's account, and the options for receiving income upon retirement.

When participants choose to allocate a portion of their retirement savings to the TIAA Traditional Annuity during the accumulation phase of the contract, their contributions purchase a specific amount of lifetime income based on the contractual rate schedule in effect at the time the premium is paid. The participant's principal, plus a specified minimum rate of interest, is guaranteed by TIAA's claims-paying ability. The guaranteed annual interest rate is 3.0% for all premiums remitted since 1979 under all accumulating contracts. The TIAA Traditional Annuity also provides the potential for additional interest if declared by TIAA's Board of Trustees. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the declaration year, which begins each March 1 for accumulating annuities, and January 1 for lifetime payout annuities. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. Together, the guaranteed minimum and additional amounts make up the crediting interest rate.

The GRA and GSRA contracts provide for full participant-directed liquidity. When a participant's accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. See Notes 4 and 5 for additional information regarding the Plan's investments in the GRA and GSRA portions of the TIAA Traditional Annuity, respectively.

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

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Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation techniques used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the techniques used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Registered investment companies (mutual funds) – Registered investment companies are shares of registered investment company funds (or mutual funds) that are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan and are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded or listed.

The College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF) Portfolios – The CREF Portfolios consist of eight investment portfolios: Stock, Global Equities, Growth, Equity Index, Core Bond, Inflation Linked Bond, Social Choice and Money Market Accounts. Units held in the CREF portfolios are valued using the NAV of the fund, based on the fair value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV of the portfolio is calculated based on a compilation of primarily observable market information. The number of units of the fund that are outstanding on the calculation date is derived from observable purchase and redemption activity in the fund. The Plan may redeem units at NAV on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. Participants cannot redeem units from CREF Accounts (with the exception of the Money Market Account) for 90 days if a purchase, sale and/or repurchase is made within that account within a 60-day period. The CREF variable annuity accounts are considered registered investment companies.

TIAA Real Estate Pooled Separate Account – The TIAA Real Estate Account, which is a pooled separate account (PSA), is a single account that invests primarily in real estate holdings. Real estate holdings are valued principally using external appraisals, which are estimates of property values based on a professional's opinion. Participants redeeming units from the TIAA Real Estate Account may only do so once per calendar quarter. Units of the PSA are valued using the NAV of the shares held by the Plan and are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded. As a result, Plan management has determined that the fair market value is appropriately presented as a Level 1 investment.

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TIAA Access Annuity Separate Account – The TIAA Access Annuity Separate Account is a variable annuity that is funded through the TIAA Separate Account VA-3, which invests in proprietary and non-proprietary mutual funds through various sub-accounts reported as registered investment companies on the Schedule H, line 4(i) – Schedule of assets (held at end of year) as instructed by TIAA. Many of the underlying funds offered through the separate account are also available for direct purchase outside of the annuity option. Participants cannot redeem units from the TIAA Access Annuity Separate Account sub-accounts (with the exception of the Money Market Fund and the Short-Term Bond Fund) for 30 calendar days starting the day after the transfer. Restricted transfers do not include systematic transactions, death and hardship withdrawals, or certain transactions made within an employee benefit plan. Units held in the TIAA Access Annuity Separate Account are valued using the NAV practical expedient of the funds as reported by the fund managers. The NAV practical expedient is based on the fair value of the underlying assets owned by the pooled separate account, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV practical expedient of the pooled separate account is calculated based on a compilation of primarily observable market information. The number of units of the fund that are outstanding on the calculation date is derived from observable purchase and redemption activity in the fund.

TIAA Traditional Group Retirement Annuity Contract – The TIAA Traditional Annuity GRA contract is non-fully benefit-responsive, is considered a fixed annuity contract, and is presented at estimated fair value on the statements of net assets available for benefits. The guaranteed interest rate at December 31, 2023 and 2022, was 3% plus declared dividends for the years then ended. The estimated fair value of the contract is based upon the fair value of the underlying investments in the insurance company general account as reported on the audited financial statements of TIAA.

The valuation methods used by the Plan may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables present information about the Plan's assets measured at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 29,121,330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,121,330
Fixed annuity contracts	-	-	5,305,735	5,305,735
Real estate pooled separate account	1,133,696	-	-	1,133,696
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 30,255,026</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,305,735</u>	35,560,761
Investments measured at NAV (practical expedient)				<u>893,329</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 36,454,090</u>

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	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2022			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 24,775,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,775,568
Fixed annuity contracts	-	-	5,141,905	5,141,905
Real estate pooled separate account	1,698,110	-	-	1,698,110
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	<u>\$ 26,473,678</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,141,905</u>	31,615,583
Investments measured at NAV (practical expedient)				<u>812,004</u>
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 32,427,587</u>

The following table summarizes certain changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 investments for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>TIAA Traditional Non-Fully Benefit- Responsive Contracts</u>
Purchases	\$ 51,684
Issuances	-
Transfers in	-
Transfers out	-

The following table presents the Plan's Level 3 investments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those instruments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the significant unobservable inputs and ranges of values for those inputs:

Name	Fair Value		Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Input Values/ (Weighted Avg)
	12/31/2023	12/31/2022			
Non-fully benefit-responsive fixed annuity investment contracts	\$ 5,305,735	\$ 5,141,905	Discounted cash flows	Discount rate	Annual 3.0%

Note 5 – TIAA Traditional Group Supplemental Retirement Annuity Contract

The Plan holds a TIAA Traditional Annuity GSRA contract that is a fully benefit-responsive investment contract (FBRIC). TIAA maintains the contributions in a general account. The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 3.0%. The crediting rate is reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The FBRIC does not permit the insurance company to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

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The contract meets the FBRIC criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for FBRICs because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by TIAA, represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due is dependent on the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations, which may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Note 6 – Tax Status

The Plan document is a volume submitter defined contribution plan that received a favorable opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service on August 7, 2017, which stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Although the Plan has been amended since the date of the opinion letter, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

In accordance with guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, the plan administrator evaluated the Plan's tax positions and does not believe the Plan has any uncertain tax positions that require disclosure or adjustment to the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 7 – Information Certified by the Custodians

The plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, TIAA and CREF, custodians of the assets of the Plan, have certified to the completeness and accuracy of the following:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.
- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest, dividends, and plan servicing credit income reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- Investments reflected on the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

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Note 8 – Parties-in-Interest Transactions

The Plan paid expenses related to the Plan's operations and investment management to various service providers. Certain Plan investments are managed by TIAA and CREF, the custodians of the Plan; therefore, transactions with these entities qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

TIAA and CREF receive revenue from investment service providers for services they provide to the funds. This revenue is used to offset certain amounts owed to TIAA and CREF for its administrative services to the Plan. If the revenue received from such service providers exceeds the amount due to TIAA and CREF, they remit the excess to the Plan's trust on a quarterly basis. Such amounts may be applied to pay Plan administrative expenses or allocated to the accounts of the participants. The Plan received \$35,646 in servicing credit income during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 9 – Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to risks, such as interest rate, market volatility, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investments securities, such as a pandemic or international conflict. It is reasonably possible that, given the level of risk associated with investment securities, changes in the near term could materially affect a participant's account balance and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Note 10 – Plan Termination

Although there is no current intent to do so, the University has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provision of ERISA. In the event of a complete or partial termination of the Plan, or upon complete discontinuance of contributions, the entire interest of each of the affected participants will become fully vested.

Note 10 – Plan Termination

The Form 5500 has certain items that differ from amounts shown on the accompanying financial statements. These differences relate to classification only and have no effect upon net assets available for benefits for either period.

Supplemental Schedules

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*	TIAA Traditional GRA Annuity (non-fully benefit-responsive)	Insurance Company General Contract	**	\$ 5,305,735
*	TIAA Traditional GSRA Annuity (fully benefit-responsive)	Insurance Company General Contract	**	1,802,006
		Registered Investment Company	**	2,417,957
		Registered Investment Company	**	2,244,901
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,787,390
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,831,742
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,636,820
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,786,831
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,214,172
		Registered Investment Company	**	1,226,706
		Registered Investment Company	**	647,481
		Registered Investment Company	**	603,940
		Registered Investment Company	**	464,772
*	TIAA-CREF Social Ch Eq-Inst	Registered Investment Company	**	569,526
		Registered Investment Company	**	461,886
		Registered Investment Company	**	447,837
		Registered Investment Company	**	339,824
*	TIAA-CREF Core Impact Bd-Inst	Registered Investment Company	**	236,463
		Registered Investment Company	**	302,574
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		Registered Investment Company	**	6,026
*	CREF Stock R1	Registered Investment Company	**	4,887,165
*	CREF Social Choice R1	Registered Investment Company	**	1,712,205
*	CREF Bond Market R1	Registered Investment Company	**	785,206
*	CREF Equity Index R1	Registered Investment Company	**	657,715
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*	TIAA Access Mid-Cap Val T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		79,437
*	TIAA Access Lg-Cap Val T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		84,305
*	TIAA Access Quant Sml Cap Eq T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		55,372
*	TIAA Access Bond Plus T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		35,538
*	TIAA Access Social Ch Eq T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		31,330
*	TIAA Access Mid-Cap Gr T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		30,988
*	TIAA Access Lg-Cap Gr T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		1,154
*	TIAA Access Growth & Income T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		16,072
*	TIAA Access Lifecycle 2040 T4	+ Registered Investment Company	**		4,771
*	TIAA Real Estate	Pooled Separate Account	**		1,133,696
*	Participant loans	Interest rates were 4.25-8.00%, maturing through May 2028	-0-		60,627
				\$	<u>38,316,723</u>
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Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are included: ☐	\$ 32,870	\$ 101	\$ -	\$ -

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