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.**

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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.)
- [X] 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. . . . . ▶ [X]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] 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 STREET
PORTLAND, OR 97213-6655

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)
93-0309970

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number
503-251-5819

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.	10/14/2026	CINDY LEGER
	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 [X] 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**	252
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	**6a(1)**	93
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	95
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	162
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	257
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	1
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	258
g(1)	Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(1)**	247
g(2)	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g(2)**	252
h	Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.	**6h**	6
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 Characteristic Codes in the instructions:

2F 2G 2L 2M 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[X] Insurance	**(1)**	[X] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

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)** [X] **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)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [X] **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [X] **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 2025 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2025 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).

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2025

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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.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
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(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	103	01/01/2025	12/31/2025

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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	(c) Amount	**(d)** Purpose	

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	7965665
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	9009940

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	7249151
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	51795		
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)			
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	344061		
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	1941021		
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	43308		
	▶ MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT GAINS AND TRANSFERS FROM FULLY ALLOCATED CONTRACTS				
	(6)Total additions			7c(6)	2380185
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)			7d	9629336
e	Deductions:				
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	1099939		
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	50971		
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	512761		
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)			
	▶				
	(5) Total deductions			7e(5)	1663671
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)			7f	7965665

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)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	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.**	**2025** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

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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)

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).. . . . . [X] 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

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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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(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?
15 17 27 28 38 50 52 54 64 66	NONE	48756	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

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

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(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?
10 50	NONE	39375	Yes [ ] No [X]	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:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:

b EIN:

c Position:

d Address:

e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

DFE/Participating Plan Information

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B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

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	**d** Entity code	**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
13-1624203-004	P	771157

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:

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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)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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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)

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)

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 plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

a Plan name

b Name of plan sponsor | **c** EIN-PN

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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).

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2025

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For calendar plan year 2025 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2025 and ending 12/31/2025

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

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)	24378	23310
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	30536	29555
(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)	38367	139019
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	961266	771157
(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)	30728212	31057345
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	7249151	7965665
(15) Other	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d Employer-related investments:			
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
1e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
1f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	39031910	39986051
Liabilities			
1g Benefit claims payable	1g		
1h Operating payables	1h		
1i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
1j Other liabilities	1j		
1k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
1l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	39031910	39986051

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)	694805	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	893877	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		1588682
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)	8667	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	344061	
(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		352728
(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)	1074522	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		1074522
(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)		0
(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)		0

		(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)		31245
(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)		3918145
c Other income	2c		46893
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7012215
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	5469932	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	500011	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		5969943
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)	6289	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	42467	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	39375	
(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)		88131
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		6058074
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		954141
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) [X] 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) [X] 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: CROWE LLP **(2)** EIN: 35-0921680

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.)	4a	X		271810
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.)	4b		X	
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.)	4c		X	
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.)	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		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?	4f		X	
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?	4g		X	
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?	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
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.)	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
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.	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? [ ] Yes [X] 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).

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2025

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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

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 | 0

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): 82-2826183

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 | 9

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.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

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

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

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.

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

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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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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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 _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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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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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): _____

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 08 / 07 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500954A .

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2025 and 2024

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN
Portland, Oregon

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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University of Western States 403(b) Plan

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, 2025 and 2024, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 a qualified institution as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 and for the year ended December 31, 2025, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 6 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.

- the information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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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 the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 the Plan’s ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date 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 the 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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 schedules of Schedule H, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2025 and Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2025, 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 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 Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Crowe LLP.

Crowe LLP

Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
October 13, 2026

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value (Note 4)	$ 36,233,398	$ 36,779,607
Investments, at contract value (Note 3)	3,560,769	2,159,022
Total investments	39,794,167	38,938,629
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	139,019	38,367
Participant contributions	29,555	30,536
Employer contributions	23,310	24,378
	191,884	93,281
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	$ 39,986,051	$ 39,031,910

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year ended December 31, 2025

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO	
Investment Income	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$ 3,949,389
Interest- investment contracts	344,062
Dividends	1,074,522
	5,367,973
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	8,667
Plan servicing credit income	46,893
Contributions	
Employer	694,805
Employee	893,877
	1,588,682
Total additions	7,012,215
DEDUCTIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO	
Benefits paid	5,969,943
Administrative expenses	88,131
Total deductions	6,058,074
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	954,141
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
Beginning of year	39,031,910
End of year	$ 39,986,051

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of 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 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 nonresident aliens and students, are eligible to make elective deferrals immediately upon hire. Employees become eligible for employer contributions upon attaining age 21 and completing one year of service (defined as 975 hours in a twelve-month period). Effective April 1, 2022, non-bargaining employees must regularly work at least 30 hours per week to qualify for employer contributions. Bargaining unit employees remain eligible at 50% appointment (17.5 hours per week), consistent with the collective bargaining agreement.

Predecessor service may count toward eligibility if completed within two years prior to hire, provided that the employee was employed by the predecessor on a regular basis (not as a temporary, adjunct, or student employee), the break in service between employers was not greater than six months, and the employee completed at least 975 hours in a twelve-month period. Hours of service for leased employees are also credited once such individuals become employees.

Contributions: Participant Contributions: Eligible employees may contribute a portion of compensation as pre-tax elective deferrals, subject to Internal Revenue Service annual limits. Bargaining unit employees are required to contribute a mandatory 1% of compensation as a condition of employment after meeting eligibility requirements. Catch-up contributions are permitted for employees who reach age 50. Participants may also roll over amounts from other qualified plans.

Employer Matching Contributions: The University provides a dollar-for-dollar match on pre-tax elective deferrals and mandatory employee deferrals, up to 10% of eligible compensation. Matching contributions are made only with respect to pre-tax elective deferrals and mandatory deferrals. Effective October 1, 2023, eligibility for matching contributions begins as soon as administratively feasible after age and service requirements are met.

Employer Nonelective Contributions: The University may, at its discretion, make nonelective contributions, including contributions for deemed disability compensation. No discretionary nonelective contributions were made for the year ended December 31, 2025.

All contributions are subject to regulatory limitations.

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 and with his or her withdrawals. 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 options offered by the Plan.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Vesting: Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, rollover contributions, and any related 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 the future employer contributions or to restore previously forfeited amounts. Forfeited nonvested account balances totaled $20,447 and $781 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2025, no forfeitures were used to reduce the University's contributions.

Plan Loans: Participants are permitted to obtain loans directly from TIAA. The loan agreements with TIAA require a portion of the participant's account balance in the Plan to serve as collateral for the loan, sufficient to cover 110% of the outstanding loan balance in the event of default. The amount of Plan assets pledged as collateral for loans issued to participants by TIAA and CREF at December 31, 2025 and 2024, was $300 and $3,000, respectively.

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, 2025, the rates of interest on outstanding notes receivable ranged from 8.00% to 9.00% with various maturities through August 2035.

Benefit Payments: Subject to the terms in the individual agreements, participants (or their beneficiaries) may generally request payment of vested benefits upon severance of employment. For vested balances that exceed $7,000, and to the extent permitted by the individual agreements, participants may elect to receive their vested account balance: 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) through the purchase of an annuity contract or conversion to an income option. 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.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the University has the right under the Plan to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accounts of the Plan are maintained and the financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes, and actual amounts may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments, other than fully benefit-responsive contracts, are reported at fair value. The unit values of the Plan's holdings in fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, including certain TIAA Traditional Annuities are reported at contract value, which equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the Plan's contracts, less any withdrawals. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions, as further described in Note 3.

Net realized and unrealized appreciation/ depreciation in fair value of investments represents the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year, net of certain expenses. Purchases and sales of investment securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis as earned. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date.

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, 2025 or 2024.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative 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.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan holds various investments. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, liquidity and credit risks, as well as risks associated with global events. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments and the sensitivity of certain fair value estimates to change in valuation assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and participants' individual account balances.

Payments to Insurance Carrier for Purchase of Annuities: Participants are able to use their asset balance in the Plan to purchase immediate annuities from an insurance carrier. When participants utilize their asset balance to purchase an immediate annuity from an insurance carrier, the assets leave the Plan and are no longer considered Plan assets. During the plan year ended December 31, 2025, benefits paid to participants included $500,011 in payments to an insurance carrier for purchase of annuities.

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NOTE 3 – TIAA TRADITIONAL INDIVIDUAL FIXED ANNUITY ACCOUNTS

The Plan holds both fully benefit-responsive and non-fully benefit-responsive investment contracts through its investment holdings in the TIAA Traditional Account (TIAA; Issuer).The TIAA Traditional Individual Fixed Annuity Contracts are individual guaranteed fixed annuity investment contracts issued by TIAA. Within the TIAA Traditional Individual Fixed Annuity Contracts are six types of contracts available to participants: the Retirement Annuity (RA), the Group Retirement Annuity (GRA), the Retirement Choice (RC), the Supplemental Retirement Annuity (SRA), the Group Supplemental Retirement Annuity (GSRA), and the Retirement Choice Plus (RCP). Each of these contracts has unique provisions and qualities. There are certain liquidity restrictions on the RA, GRA, and RC contracts. Participants with RA, GRA, and RC contracts have certain restrictions over the availability of lump-sum withdrawals from the contracts as well as over the number of installments in which participant-initiated transfers and participant-initiated withdrawals are made. Based on these provisions, the RA, GRA, and RC contracts are considered to be non-fully benefit-responsive. As there are no comparable restrictions over the SRA, GSRA and RCP contracts, those contracts are considered fully benefit-responsive. Participants in the Plan hold investments in both non-fully benefit-responsive and fully benefit-responsive contracts through the TIAA Traditional Account.

For both the fully benefit-responsive and non-fully-benefit responsive contracts within the TIAA Traditional Account, TIAA maintains the contributions in its general account. TIAA's general account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and is charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investments at contract value. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the Issuer or otherwise.

The TIAA Traditional Account is offered through both participant-controlled and plan-controlled annuity contracts. The RA, GRA, SRA and GSRA contract types are participant-controlled, while the RC and RCP contract types are plan-controlled. Benefit payments are made in accordance with the applicable contract and Plan provisions. As discussed above, certain contract types contain liquidity restrictions affecting participant-initiated withdrawals and transfers, which are considered in determining whether the applicable contract is fully benefit responsive.

The crediting interest rates of the fully benefit-responsive contracts may vary from participant to participant. The crediting rates are based on an agreed-upon formula with the Issuer, as defined in the contract agreement. The guaranteed annual interest rate is 3% for all premiums remitted since 1979 under the RA, GRA, SRA and GSRA contracts and is between 1% and 3% for the RC and RCP contracts. Such interest rates are reviewed periodically, and a new rate may from time to time be substituted for the rate in the current certificate. A new rate will apply only to benefits arising from any premiums, additional amounts, and internal transfers applied to the Traditional Annuity while such rate schedule is in effect and will not affect any benefits purchased prior to the change, as defined in the contracts. The key factors that influence future interest crediting rates could include the following: the level of market interest rates; the amount and timing of participant contributions, transfers and withdrawals into/out of the contracts; and the duration of the underlying investments backing the contract.

The Plan's assets held in fully benefit-responsive TIAA Traditional contracts represent an accumulation of multiple contracts with potentially different effective crediting rates. These various contracts may have many different effective crediting rates.

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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.

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 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 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, 2025 and 2024.

Registered investment companies: The fair values of registered investment companies investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level1 inputs)

Variable Annuities: The fair values of the Plan's investments held in variable annuity accounts are determined using published daily quoted prices (Level 1 inputs).

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.

TIAA Access Annuity Separate Account: The fair values of the variable annuity separate account TIAA Separate Account VA-3 and its various sub-account separate accounts are based on the net asset values reported by the separate account managers as of the financial statement dates and recent transaction prices. The investment objective of each of the sub-accounts of TIAA Separate Account VA-3 separate accounts is generally reflected in the name of the sub-account. The separate account sub-accounts seek long-term total return, mainly through capital appreciation and investment income through investment in mutual funds that invest in domestic equities, international equities, and debt securities. Withdrawals or transfers from the sub- accounts may be made on a daily basis. Transfers from the sub-accounts to the TIAA Traditional Annuity, to the TIAA Real Estate Account, to another TIAA annuity or CREF Account must generally be at least $1,000. Generally, variable annuity accounts have individual prospectuses which describe the underlying investments and the investment objectives of the contracts.

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Traditional Investment Contracts (not fully benefit-responsive): The TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts are individual guaranteed fixed annuity investment contracts issued by TIAA ("Issuer"). Due to certain liquidity restriction provisions, certain contracts within the TIAA Traditional Annuity contract held by the Plan are not fully benefit-responsive and, accordingly, are measured at fair value. TIAA and Plan management have determined contract value to be the most reasonable estimate of fair value for these contracts. Contract value equals the contributions deposited into the contracts, plus interest credited to the contracts, less contract withdrawals, and it reflects the value at which participant transactions are executed under the contracts. The fair values of the Plan's investment contracts have been estimated by TIAA by discounting the projected cash flows using risk-adjusted market discount rates which correlate closely with TIAA Traditional Annuity's historical interest crediting rates (generally 3% for current premiums on accumulating annuities, but in some recent contracts between 1% and 3% and provide the potential for additional interest as declared by TIAA's discretion). The contract values are guaranteed by TIAA. Based upon recent credit ratings for TIAA, management believes no adjustment to contract value is required related to credit quality. Since investment contracts are not transferable, there is no market from which to obtain observable market prices for the contracts held by the Plan or comparable contracts (level 3 inputs). During the year ended December 31, 2025, there were purchases and participant redemptions of approximately $613,912 and $1,499,370, respectively, of these Level 3 investments held by the Plan. There were no transfers of investments into or out of level 3 during the year ended December 31, 2025.

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, 2025 and 2024:

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	$ 22,818,562	$ -	$ -	$ 22,818,562
Variable annuity contracts	7,175,357	-	-	7,175,357
Traditional investment contracts	-	-	4,404,896	4,404,896
Real estate pooled separate accounts	771,157	-	-	771,157
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	$ 30,765,076	$ -	$ 4,404,896	35,169,972
Investments measured at NAV (practical expedient)				1,063,426
Investments at fair value				$ 36,233,398

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	$ 21,467,107	$ -	$ -	$ 21,467,107
Variable annuity contracts	8,256,640	-	-	8,256,640
Traditional investment contracts	-	-	5,090,129	5,090,129
Real estate pooled separate accounts	961,266	-	-	961,266
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	$ 30,685,013	$ -	$ 5,090,129	35,775,142
Investments measured at NAV (practical expedient)				1,004,465
Investments at fair value				$ 36,779,607

The following table presents the Plan's Level 3 investments, the valuation technique used to measure the fair value of those instruments as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the significant unobservable inputs and ranges of values for those inputs:

	Fair Value at December 31, 2025	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Input Values
TIAA Traditional Annuity	$ 4,404,896	Discounted cash flow	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RA: 3.55% to 6.50% GSRA: 3.00% to 5.75% RCP: 3.05% to 6.00%

	Fair Value at December 31, 2024	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Input Values (Weighted Avg)
TIAA Traditional Annuity	$ 5,090,129	Discounted cash flow	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	GSRA: 3.00% to 5.75% RC: 3.9% to 6.75% RCP: 3.15% to 6.00%

NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS

The Plan document is a volume submitted 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.

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NOTE 5 – TAX STATUS (Continued)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan Sponsor has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in 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. The Plan Sponsor believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2022.

NOTE 6 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedules, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2025 and 2024, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2025, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) and College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF) (collectively TIAA and CREF) including TIAA as agent for TIAA Trust, N.A.

NOTE 7 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Substantially all administrative fees are paid by the Plan's sponsor.

Certain Plan investments are mutual funds, variable annuities, and individual fixed annuity contracts offered by TIAA and CREF, the Plan's service provider; therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Investment management fees charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment returns qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Certain professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan were paid by the University.

TIAA and CREF receive revenue from investment providers for services TIAA and CREF provide to the funds. TIAA and CREF, in turn, periodically fund the Plan with revenue credit. These transactions are considered parties-in-interest transactions. Notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure through October 13, 2026, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES 403(B) PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
December 31, 2025

Name of Plan Sponsor: University of Western States
Employer Identification Number: 93-0309970
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

Check here if Late Participant Loan Repayments are Included	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	
	2025 – $238,213	2024 – $33,597 (corrected in December 2025)		

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December 31, 2025

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*	TIAA Traditional GRA Annuity	Traditional Investment Contract	**	$ 4,404,896
*	TIAA Traditional GSRA Annuity	Insurance Company General Contract	**	3,560,769
	Vanguard Target Retire 2025	Registered Investment Company	**	1,796,366
	Vanguard Target Retire 2050	Registered Investment Company	**	2,662,879
	Vanguard Target Retire 2035	Registered Investment Company	**	2,470,164
	Vanguard Target Retire 2020	Registered Investment Company	**	1,526,663
	Vanguard Target Retire 2040	Registered Investment Company	**	2,483,086
	Vanguard Target Retire 2045	Registered Investment Company	**	2,921,130
	Vanguard Ttl Stk Mkt Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	**	2,022,367
	Vanguard Target Retire 2030	Registered Investment Company	**	989,438
	Vanguard Federal Money Mkt Inv	Registered Investment Company	**	682,045
	Vanguard Ttl Intl Stx Idk Adm	Registered Investment Company	**	757,249
	MFS Value Fund Class R6	Registered Investment Company	**	433,102
	Vanguard Target Retire 2055	Registered Investment Company	**	773,371
	Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	**	373,660
	Vanguard Target Retire Income	Registered Investment Company	**	383,669
	Vanguard Real Estate Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	**	215,970
	Harding Loe Intl Eq Por Inst Z	Registered Investment Company	**	140,756
	Harbor Capital Appreciation Rt	Registered Investment Company	**	71,750
	DFA Intl Small Company I	Registered Investment Company	**	42,131
	DFA World Ex US Value Inst	Registered Investment Company	**	56,711
	Vanguard Target Retire 2060	Registered Investment Company	**	161,158
	Vanguard Target Retire 2065	Registered Investment Company	**	44,193
	Baird Core Plus Bond Fund Inst	Registered Investment Company	**	143,173
	Conestoga Small Cap Instl	Registered Investment Company	**	163,807
	Nuveen Large Cap Resp Eq R6	Registered Investment Company	**	719,318
	Nuveen Core Impact Bond R6	Registered Investment Company	**	177,165
	Nuveen Intl Resp Equity R6	Registered Investment Company	**	320,453
	Vanguard Small Cap Val Idx Adm	Registered Investment Company	**	283,944
	Vanguard Target Retire 2070	Registered Investment Company	**	2,844
*	CREF Total Global Stock R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	1,849,970
*	CREF Total Global Stock R4	Variable Annuity Contract	**	1,478,515
*	CREF Responsible Balanced R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	995,672
*	CREF Responsible Balanced R4	Variable Annuity Contract	**	179,301
*	CREF Money Market R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	147,643
*	CREF Global Equities R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	758,687
*	CREF Growth R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	305,780
*	CREF S&P 500 Index R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	839,617
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	234,605
*	CREF Core Bond R1	Variable Annuity Contract	**	385,567
*	TIAA Access Nuv Core Pl Bd T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	21,276
*	TIAA Access Nuv Core Equity T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	25,702
*	TIAA Access Nuv Intl Equity T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	236,956

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*	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Gr T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	$ 1,267
*	TIAA Access Nuv Lrg Cap Val T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	135,194
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2030 T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	207,627
*	TIAA Access Nuv LifCyc 2040 T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	5,112
*	TIAA Access Nuv Mid Cap Grw T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	25,491
*	TIAA Access Nuv Mid Cap Val T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	89,167
*	TIAA Access Nuv RlEstSecSel T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	95,282
*	TIAA Access Nuv Sm Cp Bl IxT4	Annuity Separate Account	**	118,845
*	TIAA Access Nuv Qt Sm Cp Eq T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	71,124
*	TIAA Access Nuv LgCp Res Eq T4	Annuity Separate Account	**	30,383
*	TIAA Real Estate	Real Estate Pooled Separate Account	**	771,157
*	Participant Loans	Interest Rates were 8.00%-9.00% maturing through August 2035		139,019
				$ 39,933,186

* Represents a permitted party-in-interest.
** Information is not required for participant-directed investments.

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