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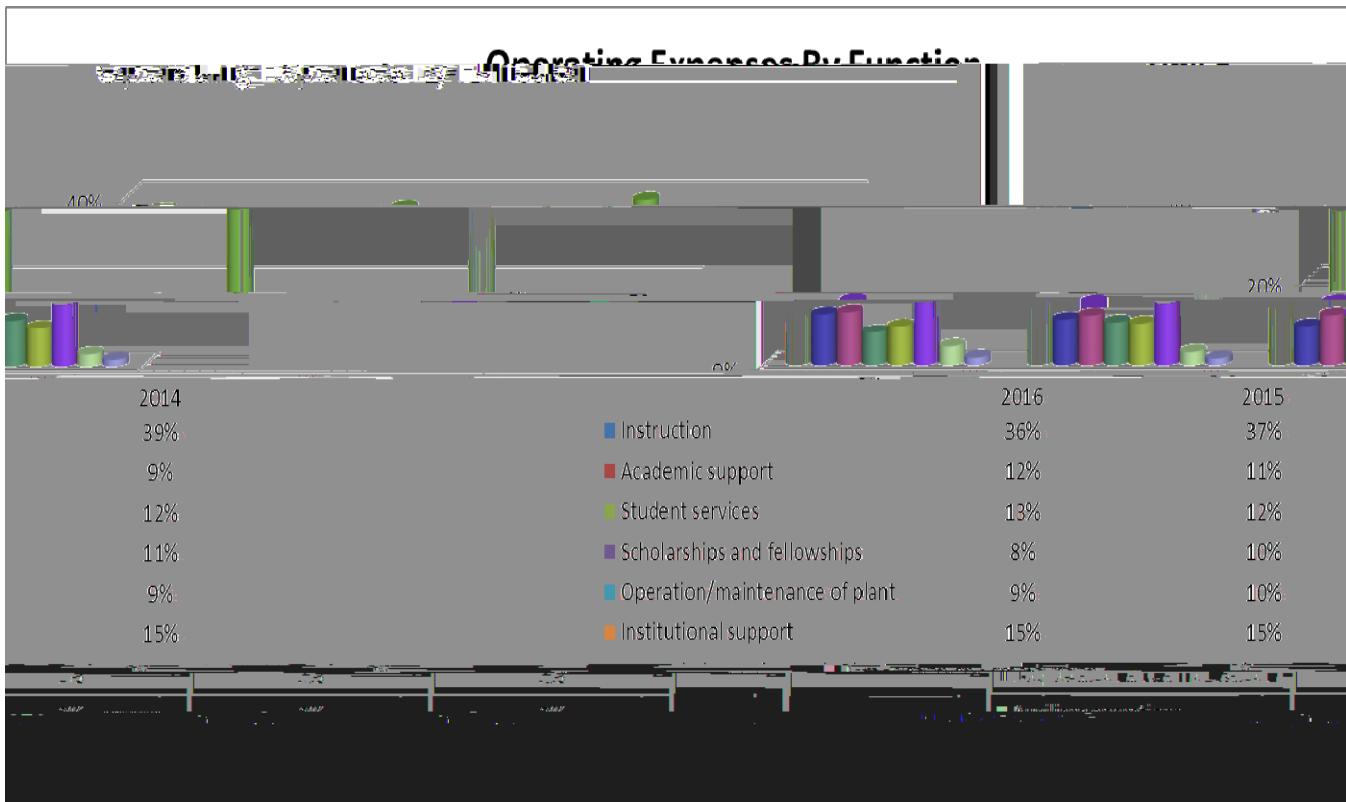
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The College's operating expenses, on a natural classification basis, are composed of the following for the fiscal years ended June 30:

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Compensation and benefits	<b>\$ 39.9:6.6:2</b>	\$ 17,148,932
Supplies and services	<b>7.9:5.274</b>	5,596,245
Scholarships and fellowships	<b>4.343.4;4</b>	2,705,745
Depreciation and amortization	<b>3.432.862</b>	832,582
 Total	 <b><u>\$ 48.:;,.686</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 26,283,504</u></b>

### Note 11 - Rgpukqpu

#### Defined Benefit Plan Description

The College makes contributions for employees paid by state appropriations through a benefit charge assessed by the Commonwealth. Such pension expense amounted to \$1,002,078 and \$1,033,515 for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Employees, who contribute a percentage of their regular compensation, fund the annuity portion of the retirement system. Annual covered payroll was approximately 81% and 80% of total related payroll for fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Certain employees of the College participate in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan – the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System – administered by the Massachusetts State Board of Retirement (the “Board”), which is a public employee retirement system (“PERS”). Under a cost-sharing plan, pension obligations for employees of all employers are pooled and plan assets a

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Note 11 - **Pensions - Continued**

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - Continued*

At June 30, 2016 and 2015, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Change in plan actuarial assumptions	\$ 203,104	\$ 13,503
Contributions made after the measurement date	81,586	64,503
Differences between expected and actual experience	<u>23,182</u>	-
Total	<u>\$ 307,872</u>	<u>\$ 78,006</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>		
Changes in proportion	\$ 947,142	\$ 670,168
Differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	<u>33,701</u>	<u>246,542</u>
Total	<u>\$ 980,843</u>	<u>\$ 916,710</u>

The College's contributions of \$81,586 and \$64,503 made during the fiscal years ending 2016 and 2015, respectively, subsequent to the measurement date will be  
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Note 11 - **Pensions - Continued**

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Measurement date	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Inflation	3.00%	3.00%
Salary increases	3.50% to 9.00%	3.50% to 9.00%
Investment rate of return	7.50%	8.00%
Investment rate credited to annuity savings fund	3.50%	3.50%

For measurement dates June 30, 2015 and 2014, mortality rates were based on the pre-retirement of RP-2000 Employees table projected 20 years with Scale BB and Scale AA, (gender distinct), respectively, and post-retirement of Healthy Annuitant table projected 15 years with Scale BB and AA (gender distinct), respectively. The actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2015 valuation rolled forward to June 30, 2015 and the calculation of the total pension liability at June 30, 2015 were consistent with the results of an actuarial experience study performed as of January 1, 2015.

Investment assets of SERS are with the Pension Reserves Investment Trust (“PRIT”) Fund. The

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Note 11 - **Pensions - Continued**

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50% and 8.00%, respectively, at June 30, 2015 and 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rates and the Commonwealth's contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contributions rates and the member rates. Based on those assumptions, the net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of rev eO eÒ O at at triex s

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Note 12 - **Fringe Benefits Provided by State - Continued**

*Fringe Benefits - Continued*

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is statutorily responsible for the pension benefit of College employees who participate in the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System (the "Retirement System"). The Retirement System, a single employer defined benefit public employee retirement system, is administered by the Commonwealth and covers substantially all non-student employees.

In addition to providing pension benefits, under Chapter 32A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Commonwealth is required to provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees of the Commonwealth, housing authorities, redevelopment authorities, and certain other governmental agencies. Substantially all of the Commonwealth's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach retirement age while working for the Commonwealth. Eligible retirees are required to contribute a specified percentage of the health care benefit costs, which is comparable to contributions required from employees. The Commonwealth is reimbursed for the cost of benefits to retirees of eligible authorities and non-state agencies.

*Group Insurance Commission*

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Note 12 - **Fringe Benefits Provided by State - Continued**

*Group Insurance Commission - Continued*

The GIC is a quasi-independent state agency governed by an eleven-member body (the “Commission”) appointed by the Governor. The GIC is located administratively

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### **Note 14 - Contingencies - Continued**

The College participates in the Massachusetts College Savings Prepaid Tuition Program (the “Program”). Individuals pay into the Program in advance for future tuition at the cost of tuition at the time of election to participate, which is increased by changes in the Consumer Price Index plus 2%. The College is obligated to accept from the Program as payment of tuition the amount determined by this Program without regard to the standard tuition rate in effect at the time of the individual’s enrollment at the College. The effect of this Program cannot be determined as it is contingent on future tuition increases and the Program participants who attend the College.

The College is continuing the process of replacing exterior caulking in many of its buildings due to the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (“PCBs”). The cost of the remediation project is the responsibility of the Commonwealth, and all liabilities required in accordance with GASB 40, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pollution Remediation Obligations*, will be reported by the Commonwealth.

### **Note 15 - Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System**

Section 15C of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws requires Commonwealth Colleges and Universities to report activity of campus-based funds to the Comptroller of the Commonwealth on the Commonwealth’s Statewide Accounting System, Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System (“MMARS”) on the statutory basis of accounting. The statutory basis of accounting is a modified accrual basis of accounting and differs from the information included in these financial statements. Management believes the amounts reported on MMARS meet the guidelines of the Comptroller’s *Guide for Higher Education Audited Financial Statements*.

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**Note 15 - Massachusetts Management Accounting and Reporting System - Continued**

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**Schedules of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Unaudited)**

**Employees' Retirement System**

Valuation date	January 1, 2015	January 1, 2014
Measurement date	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
College's proportion of the net pension liability	0.010%	0.018%
College's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,172,795	\$ 1,201,187
College's covered-employee payroll	\$ 620,818	\$ 1,200,107
College's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	188.91%	100.09%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	67.87%	76.32%

Notes:

The GASB pronouncement requiring the presentation of the information on this schedule became effective for years beginning after June 15, 2014 and is intended to provide data for the most recent ten years.

*See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.*

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**Schedules of Contributions (Unaudited)**

**For the Years Ended June 30,**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 81,586	\$ 64,503
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(81,586)</u>	<u>(64,503)</u>
Contribution excess	<u>\$ _____-</u>	<u>\$ _____-</u>
College's covered-employee payroll	\$ 863,051	\$ 620,818
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	9.45%	10.39%

Notes:

Employers participating in the Massachusetts State Employees' Retirement System are required by MA General Laws, Section 32, to contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate each year.

The GASB pronouncement requiring the presentation of the information on this schedule became effective for years beginning after June 15, 2014 and is intended to provide data for the most recent ten years.

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**Notes to the Required Supplementary Information**

**For Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 (Unaudited)**

Note 1 - **Changes in Assumptions**

Changes in assumptions about the discount rate from 8.00% to 7.50%, using different scales within mortality tables, and other inputs resulted in additional plan wide pension expense of \$2.33 billion to be charged to income over an amortization period of 5.5 years beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Previously, changes in assumptions about future economic or demographic factors and inputs resulted in additional plan wide pension expense of \$102 million to be charged to income over an amortization period of 5.5 years beginning in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The unamortized portion of the change is reported as a deferred outflow of resources in the Statements S J Pu

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CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
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To the Board of Trustees of  
Berkshire Community College  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Berkshire Community College (the "College"), which comprise the statements of net position as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Berkshire Community College's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2016. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Berkshire Community College Foundation, Inc. as described in our report on Berkshire Community College's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered Berkshire Community College's

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audits we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Berkshire Community College's uni\$