NASHVILLE STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Standard Notes to the Financial Statements June 30, 2005

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

REPORTING ENTITY

The institution is a part of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee (Tennessee Board of Regents). This system is a component unit of the State of Tennessee because the state appoints a majority of the system's governing body and provides financial support; the system is discretely presented in the Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. This was followed in November 1999 by GASB Statement No. 35, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Public Colleges and Universities and in May 2002 by GASB Statement No 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units. The financial statement presentation required by GASB No. 34, No. 35 and No. 39 provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the institution's, including component units, assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, expenses, changes in net assets, and cash flows.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

For financial statement purposes, the institution is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. All significant interfund transactions have been eliminated.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The institution has the option of following private-sector guidance issued subsequent to November 30, 1989, subject to the above limitation. The institution has elected not to follow private-sector guidance issued subsequent to November 30, 1989.

Amounts reported as operating revenues include: 1) tuition and fees, net of waivers and discounts, 2) federal, state, local and private grants and contracts, 3) sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, and 4) other sources of revenue. Operating expenses for the institution include: 1) salaries and wages, 2) employee benefits, 3) scholarships and fellowships, 4) depreciation, and 5) utilities, supplies, and other services.

All other activity is nonoperating in nature. This activity includes: 1) state appropriations for operations, 2) investment income, 3) bond issuance costs, 4) interest on capital asset-related debt, and 5) gifts and non-exchange transactions.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the institution's policy to use the restricted resources first.

COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The institution's employees accrue annual leave at varying rates, depending upon length of service or classification. Some employees also earn compensatory time. The amount of these liabilities and their related benefits are reported in the Statement of Net Assets.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, library holdings, and software, are reported in the Statement of Net Assets at historical cost or at fair value at date of donation, less accumulated depreciation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' useful lives are not capitalized.

A capitalization threshold of \$100,000 is used for buildings, and \$50,000 is used for infrastructure. Equipment is capitalized when the unit acquisition cost is \$5,000 or greater. The capitalization threshold for additions and improvements to buildings and land is set at \$50,000. The capitalization threshold for software is set at \$100,000.

These assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range from 5 to 40 years.

LWIA EQUIPMENT

Under a contract with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the institution is the administrative entity and grant recipient for the Local Workforce Investment Area in workforce investment area Numbers 8 and 9 of the State of Tennessee. The title to all the equipment purchased by Nashville State Technical Community College under the provisions of the Workforce Investment Act resides with the U.S. Government. Therefore, this equipment is not included in Nashville State Technical Community College's capital assets.

NET ASSETS

The institution's net assets are classified as follows:

INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT: This represents the institution's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of invested in capital assets, net of related debt.

RESTRICTED NET ASSETS – NONEXPENDABLE: Nonexpendable restricted net assets consist of endowment and similar type funds in which donors or other outside sources have stipulated, as a condition of the gift instrument, that the principal is to be maintained inviolate and in perpetuity, and invested for the purpose of producing present and future income, which may be expendable or added to principal.

RESTRICTED NET ASSETS – EXPENDABLE: Restricted expendable net assets include resources in which the institution is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS: Unrestricted net assets represent resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of educational departments and auxiliary enterprises. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the institution, and may be used at the discretion of the institution to meet current expenses for any purpose. The auxiliary enterprises are substantially self-supporting activities that provide services for students, faculty, and staff.

SCHOLARSHIP DISCOUNTS AND ALLOWANCES

Student tuition and fee revenues, and certain other revenues from students, are reported net of scholarship discount and allowances in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets. Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the institution, and the amount that is paid by the student and/or third parties making payments on the students' behalf. Certain governmental grants, such as Pell grants, and other Federal, state or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as either operating or nonoperating revenues in the institution's financial statements.

To the extent that revenues from such programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees and other student charges, the institution has recorded a scholarship discount and allowance.

2. Independent Audit

The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2005 are unaudited. The most recent audit covered the years ended June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, for which an audit report has been issued. The institution received an unqualified opinion in the audit report for the years ended June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003. There is no audit in progress for the year ended June 30, 2005.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

In addition to demand deposits and petty cash on hand, this classification includes instruments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which have original maturities of three months or less. At June 30, 2005, cash and cash equivalents consists of \$511,134.89 in bank accounts, \$1,600.00 of petty cash on hand, and \$17,855,907.67 in the State of Tennessee Local Government Investment Pool administered by the State Treasurer.

LGIP Deposits – Capital Projects - Payments related to the institution's capital projects are made by the State of Tennessee's Department of Finance and Administration. The institution's estimated local share of the cost of each project is held in a separate Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account. As expenses are incurred, funds are withdrawn from the LGIP account by the Tennessee Board of Regents and transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds in the account are not available to the institution for any other purpose until the project is completed and the Tennessee Board of Regents releases any remaining funds.

4. Deposits

The institution's bank accounts are in financial institutions that participate in the bank collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. The securities pledged to protect these accounts are pledged in the aggregate rather than against each individual account. The members of the pool may be required by agreement to pay an assessment to cover any deficiency. Under this additional assessment agreement, public fund accounts covered by the pool are considered to be insured for purposes of credit risk disclosure.

At June 30, 2005, the carrying amount of the institution's deposits was \$511,134.89, and the bank balance including accrued interest was \$1,408,096.05. The bank balance was insured.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, commercial banks have pledged securities as collateral for institution funds on deposit. The required collateral accepted as security for deposits shall be collateral whose market value is equal to either one hundred fifteen percent (115%), one hundred percent (100%), or ninety percent (90%) of the uninsured deposits. The pledge level is based on financial criteria set by the Collateral Pool Board with the financially strongest institutions being eligible for the lowest pledge level.

The institution also has deposits in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) administered by the State Treasurer. The LGIP is part of the Pooled Investment Fund. The Pooled Investment Fund's investment policy and required risk disclosures are presented in the <u>Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.</u> That report may be obtained by writing to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts, 14th Floor William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37242-0298, or by calling (615) 741-2140.

5. Investments

Nashville State Technical Community College has no investments. Investments for the Nashville State Technical Community College Foundation are detailed in the Component Unit Note 18.

6. Accounts, Notes, and Grants Receivable

Accounts receivable included the following at June 30, 2005:

Student accounts receivable	\$714,961.63
Grants receivable	623,612.30
State appropriation receivable	47,500.00
Other receivables	<u>37,605.75</u>
Subtotal	\$1,423,679.68
Less allowance for doubtful account	(100,900.00)
Total	\$1,322,779.68

7. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	Beg Balance	<u>Additions</u>	Transfers	Reductions	End Balance
Land	\$1,340,140.00				\$1,340,140.00
Land improve & Infrastructure	1,470,802.96	\$106,579.25			1,577,382.21
Buildings	21,069,601.86				21,069,601.86
Equipment	2,725,212.99	770,015.75		\$266,146.28	3,229,082.46
Library holdings	695,755.88	64,122.91		96,661.22	663,217.57
Projects in progress		783,006.08			783,006.08
Total	\$27,301,513.69	\$1,723,723.99		\$362,807.50	\$28,662,430.18
Less accum dep:					
Land improve & infrastructure	\$636,074.58	\$74,653.19			\$710,727.77
Buildings	8,423,743.11	587,690.70			9,011,433.81
Equipment	2,107,560.03	148,496.89		259,770.48	1,996,286.44
Library holdings	366,206.73	75,987.88		96,661.22	345,533.39
Total accum dep	\$11,533,584.45	\$886,828.66		\$356,431.70	\$12,063,981.41
Capital assets, net	\$15,767,929.24	\$836,895.33		\$6,375.80	\$16,598,448.77

8. <u>Long-term Liabilities</u>

Long term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2005, was as follows:

	Beg Balance	Additions	Reductions	End Balance	Curr Portion
Payables:					
Bonds		\$73,347.50		\$73,347.50	\$9,004.65
Subtotal		\$73,347.50		\$73,347.50	\$9,004.65
Other Liab					
Comp Absenc	\$574,884.62	\$526,244.62	\$420,103.16	\$681,026.08	\$343,411.04
Subtotal	\$574,884.62	\$526,244.62	\$420,103.16	\$681,026.08	\$343,411.04
Total long-term liabilities	\$574,884.62	\$599,592.12	\$420,103.16	\$754,373.58	\$352,415.69

Bonds Payable

Bond issues, with interest rates ranging from 4.5% to 5% for Tennessee State School Bond Authority bonds, are due serially to May 1, 2012 and are secured by pledges of the facilities' revenues to which they relate and certain other revenues and fees of the university, including state appropriations. The bonded indebtedness

with the Tennessee State School Bond Authority reported on the Statement of Net Assets is shown net of assets held by the authority in the debt service reserve and net of unexpended loan proceeds.

Debt service requirements to maturity for all bonds payable at June 30, 2005, are as follows:

For the Year(s) Ending June 30	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
2006	\$9,004.65	\$3,597.62	\$12,602.27
2007	9,450.38	3,169.90	12,620.28
2008	9,894.55	2,744.62	12,639.17
2009	10,409.06	2,249.90	12,658.96
2010	10,950.33	1,729.44	12,679.77
2011	11,519.75	1,181.92	12,701.67
2012	<u>12,118.78</u>	605.94	12,724.72
Total	\$73,347.50	\$15,279.34	\$88,626.84

9. Endowments

If a donor has not provided specific instructions to the Nashville State Technical Community College Foundation, state law permits the College to authorize for expenditure the net appreciation realized of the investments of endowment funds. When administering its power to spend net appreciation, the College is required to consider the College's long-term and short-term needs, present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price-level trends, and general economic conditions. Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purposes for which the endowment was established.

At June 30, 2005, net appreciation of \$98.13 is available to be spent, of which \$98.13 is restricted to specific purposes.

10. Unrestricted Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets include funds that have been designated or reserved for specific purposes. These purposes include the following:

	<u>FY 2005</u>
Working capital	\$614,111.22
Encumbrances	349,154.33
Auxiliaries	9,500.00
Renewal and replacement of equipment	6,283,609.74
Debt retirement	27,840.80
Unreserved/undesignated balance	4,877,225.64
Total	\$12,161,441.73

11. Pension Plans

Defined Benefit Plan

<u>Plan Description</u> - The institution contributes to the State Employees, Teachers, and Higher Education Employees Pension Plan (SETHEEPP), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS). TCRS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits as well as annual cost-of-living adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries.

Title 8, Chapters 34-37, <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>, establishes benefit provisions. State statutes are amended by the Tennessee General Assembly.

The TCRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for SETHEEPP. That report may be obtained by writing to the Tennessee Treasury Department, Consolidated Retirement System, 10th Floor Andrew Jackson Building, Nashville, TN 37243-0230 or by calling (615) 741-8202, extension 139.

<u>Funding Policy</u> - Plan members are noncontributory. The institution is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 10.54% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of the institution are established and may be amended by the TCRS Board of Trustees. The institution's contributions to TCRS for the years ending June 30, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$776,333.28 \$515,155.30, and \$518,740.79, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Defined Contribution Plans

<u>Plan Description</u> – The institution contributes to three defined contribution plans: Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company, and Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC). These plans are administered by the Tennessee Department of the Treasury. Each plan provides retirement benefits to faculty and staff who are exempt from the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act and who waive membership in the TCRS. Benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Plan provisions are established by state statute in Title 8, Chapter 35, Part 4, <u>Tennessee Code Annotated</u>. State statutes are amended by the Tennessee General Assembly.

<u>Funding Policy</u> – Plan members are noncontributory. The institution contributes an amount equal to 10% of the employee's base salary up to the social security wage base and 11% above the social security wage base. Contribution requirements are established and amended by state statute. The contribution made by the institution to the plans for the year ended June 30, 2005, was \$558,374.54 and for the year ended June 30, 2004, was \$513,194.10. Contributions met the requirements for each year.

12. Other Post-Employment Benefits

The State of Tennessee administers a group health insurance program that provides post-employment health insurance benefits to eligible institution retirees. This benefit is provided by and administered by the State of Tennessee. The institution assumes no liability for retiree health care programs. Information related to this plan is available at the statewide level in the <u>Tennessee Comprehensive Annual Financial Report</u>. That report may be obtained by writing to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts, 14th Floor William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower, 312 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0298, or by calling (615) 741-2140.

13. <u>Insurance-Related Activities</u>

The state purchases commercial insurance for real property, flood, earthquake, and builder's risk losses and surety bond coverage on the state's officials and employees. The insurance policy deductibles vary from \$1 million to \$5 million by type of risk coverage. A designation of \$5 million for incurred losses has been established in the state's general fund. In FY 2003, the state incurred 13 property claims which exceeded the per occurrence deductible. The gross amount of claims for the period was approximately \$7.2 million, of which the state's property insurance carrier will ultimately assume approximately \$2.2 million.

At June 30, 2005, the scheduled coverage was \$32,871,000.00 for buildings and \$18,143,300.00 for contents.

The state has set aside assets for claim settlement in an internal service fund, the Claims Award Fund. This fund services all claims for risk of loss to which the state is exposed, including general liability, automobile liability, professional malpractice, and workers' compensation. The institution participates in the Claims Award Fund. The fund allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payment by charging a premium to the institution based on a percentage of the institution's expected loss costs, which include both

experience and exposures. This charge considers recent trends in actual claims experience of the state as a whole. An actuarial valuation is performed as of fiscal year-end to determine the fund liability and premium allocation. The institution is subject to the liability limitations under the provisions of the Tennessee Claims Commission Act, Tennessee Code Annotated 9-8-101 et seq. Liability for the negligence of the institution for bodily injury and property damage is limited to \$300,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence. The limits of liability under workers' compensation are set forth in Tennessee Code Annotated 50-6-101 et seq. Claims are paid through the State's Claims Award Fund.

The state has also set aside assets in the Employee Group Insurance Fund, an internal service fund, to provide a program of health insurance coverage for the employees of the state with the risk retained by the state. The institution participates in the Employee Group Insurance Fund. The fund allocates the cost of providing claims servicing and claims payment by charging a premium to the institution based on estimates of the ultimate cost of claims that have been reported but not settled and of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Employees and providers have 13 months to file medical claims.

14. Commitments and Contingencies

<u>Sick Leave</u> - The institution records the cost of sick leave when paid. Generally, since sick leave (earned one day per month with unlimited accumulation) is paid only when an employee dies or is absent because of illness, injury, or related family death, there is no liability for sick leave at June 30. The dollar amount of unused sick leave was \$4,605,736.13 at June 30, 2005.

Operating Leases - The institution has entered into various operating leases for buildings and equipment. Such leases will probably continue to be required. Expenses under operating leases for real and personal property were \$0.00, and \$58,068.05 respectively for the year ended June 30, 2005. Comparative amounts for the year ended June 30, 2004 were \$0.00 and \$59,053.98, respectively. The following is a schedule by years of future minimum rental payments required under noncancelable operating leases that have initial or remaining lease terms in excess of one year as of June 30, 2005:

 Year ending June 30:
 \$2,394.00

 2006
 \$2,394.00

 Total minimum payments required
 \$2,394.00

Construction in Progress - At June 30, 2005, outstanding commitments under construction contracts totaled \$424,147.66 for the A Building Lab, fire alarm/security system, infrastructure, and Cookeville building projects and ADA improvements of which \$397,585.17 will be funded by future state capital outlay appropriations.

<u>Contracts</u> – In December 2004, the Tennessee Board of Regents system entered into a contract with SundgardSCT for the purchase of a comprehensive enterprise resource planning system. The contract includes a multi-year phase-in of administrative software for financial, human resource, and student systems. The institution's outstanding liability for this contract is estimated as \$1,487,922.00 at June 30, 2005.

15. <u>Natural Classifications with Functional Classifications</u>

The institution's operating expenses by functional classification for the year ended June 30, 2005, are as follows:

	Natural Classification					
	<u>Salaries</u>	Benefits	<u>Other</u>	Scholarship	Depreciation	<u>Total</u>
			Operating			
Functional						
Classification						
Instruction	\$9,622,447.73	\$2,545,937.59	\$3,511,210.61	\$127,862.28		\$15,807,458.21
Public Service	434,369.55	116,084.44	185,244.17	,		735,698.16
Acad. Support	2,519,250.36	718,093.99	(479,385.63)	30,478.00		2,788,436.72
Student Serv.	1,215,812.99	466,490.75	604,568.66	22,749.76		2,309,622.16
Instit. Support	1,900,350.78	646,959.62	733,752.11	10,067.32		3,291,129.83
M&O	490,367.48	171,684.29	1,252,303.33			1,914,355.10
Schols. & Fellows			98,428.89	1,350,264.87		1,448,693.76
Auxiliary			2,991.50			2,991.50
Depreciation					\$790,167.44	790,167.44
Total Expenses	\$16,182,598.89	\$4,665,250.68	\$5,909,113.64	\$1,541,422.23	\$790,167.44	\$29,088,552.88

16. Prior Period Adjustment(s)

UNRESTRICTED DEDUCTION \$17,352.00

2004 Accounts Receivable correction

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17. Restatement of Prior Year Balances

Accounts Receivable

In prior years, the institution included certain foundation assets in both the institution column and the component unit column. Due to steps taken to segregate the foundation's assets from the institution's assets, the following FY 2004 accounts have been restated:

Institution Accounts Restated			
	Original Amount	Increase/(Decrease)	Restated Amount
Statement of Net Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,271,302.87	(\$365,212.33)	\$4,906,090.54
Short-term Investments	61,340.34	(61,340.34)	0.00
Accounts Receivable	1,260,262.10	(48.16)	1,260,215.94
Deposits Held in Custody for Others	476,136.44	(426,600.83)	49,535.61
Statement of Cash Flows			
Deposits Held in Custody for Others	\$254,269.86	(\$365,212.33)	(\$110,942.47)
<u>Cc</u>	omponent Unit Accoun	ts Restated	
	Original Amount	Increase/(Decrease)	Restated Amount
Statement of Net Assets:			
Deposits with University	\$426,600.83	(\$426,600.83)	0.00
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.00	365,212.33	365,212.33
Investments	0.00	61,340.34	61,340.34

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18. Component Unit(s)

The Nashville State Technical Community College Foundation is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization supporting Nashville State Technical Community College. The Foundation acts primarily as a fund-raising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the College in support of its programs. The 29-member board of the Foundation is self-perpetuating and consists of graduates and friends of the College. Although the College does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or income thereon, that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the College by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the College, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the College and is discretely presented in the College's financial statements.

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the Foundation made distributions of \$61,273.12 to or on behalf of the College for both restricted and unrestricted purposes. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained from Debra Bauer, Nashville State Technical Community College, 120 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN, 37209.

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization that reports under FASB standards, including FASB Statement No. 117, Financial Reporting for Not-for-Profit Organizations. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. With the exception of necessary presentation adjustments, no modifications have been made to the Foundation's financial information in the College's financial report for these differences.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposit accounts, certificates of deposit, and money market funds totaling \$591,148.71. The bank balances of deposits as of June 30, 2005 were entirely insured.

<u>Investments</u> – Investments are recorded on the date of contribution and are stated at market value. Unrealized gains and losses are determined by the difference between market values at the beginning and end of the year. Investment securities held at June 30, 2005, were as follows:

	Cost	Market Value
Pershing-Mutual Funds	\$62,428.27	\$62,428.27

<u>Pledges Receivable</u> - Pledges receivable are summarized below net of the allowance for doubtful accounts:

Current pledges	\$11,670.24
Pledges due in one to five years	0.00
Subtotal	\$11,670.24
Less discounts to net present value	(0.00)
Total pledges receivable, net	\$11,670.24

Endowments - If a donor has not provided specific instructions to Nashville State Technical Community College Foundation, state law permits the foundation to authorize for expenditure the net appreciation (realized and unrealized) of the investments of endowment funds. When administering its power to spend net appreciation, the foundation is required to consider the foundation's long-term and short-term needs, present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price-level trends, and general economic conditions. Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purposes for which the endowment was established.

The foundation chooses to spend only a portion of the investment income (including changes in the value of investments) each year. Under the spending plan established by the foundation, 95% of investment earnings, on endowments not otherwise specifying a specific spending plan, are available for allocation. The remaining amount, if any, is added to the endowment base. At June 30, 2005, net appreciation of \$948.22 is available to be spent, of which \$948.22 is restricted to specific purposes.