MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This document (the “MOU”) is entered into on October 11th, 2016, between

THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS’ UNION SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (the “USSUSC”)

And

THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

October 11th, 2016

Definitions and Preamble

In this document, the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union Sustainability Committee will be referred to as the USSUSC and the President’s Office will be referred to as President’s Office.

Both the USSUSC and the President’s Office desire to work in cooperation to support, promote, and champion sustainability initiatives on our campus. Both parties want to confirm publicly their shared commitment to these initiatives and, in particular, the ways in which sustainability engages the student community. This MOU is a manifestation of that public commitment.

Further, both parties understand that cooperation does not just mean supporting one another, but actively working to create a culture of sustainability, whether together or separately within the USSUSC’s and the President’s Office’s respective communities.

Article 1: Purpose and Principles

1.1 This MOU is based upon the shared interest of both USSUSC and the President’s Office in supporting sustainability initiatives put forward by undergraduate students, facilitating actionable change for sustainability initiatives, and providing learning opportunities on sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan.

Article 2: Commitments of the USSUSC and the President’s Office

2.1 On a biannual basis the USSUSC will inform the President’s Office of sustainability initiatives emerging from USSUSC, student groups, and other stakeholders. In turn, the President’s Office will attend meetings biannually with
the USSUSC, to establish a strong partnership aimed at exploring issues of importance to students regarding sustainability, to be informed of past successes, to analyse initiatives which require further planning and consultation, and to examine future sustainability initiatives.

2.2 On an annual basis there will be the opportunity for the President to renew his/her commitment to act as the leader for the wider campus community on environmental, social, and economic sustainability. This commitment will be affirmed during Sustainability Week in October 2016 at a public ceremony to celebrate a committed partnership between students, the USSUSC, and the President’s Office. This commitment will be made public to the wider campus communities and will subsequently take place annually unless otherwise determined by the USSUSC and the President’s Office.

2.3 The USSUSC and the President’s office will also:
- Increase the visibility of campus’ sustainability goals, including active leadership and support for the Campus Sustainability Plan;
- Advance sustainability across campus, and work with various disciplines to facilitate the development of messaging and programs regarding sustainability in a way that is relevant to each particular discipline;
- Champion actionable results on energy and water conservation and waste prevention initiatives on campus to foster a culture of stewardship within the university community,
- Engage with the community and encourage the creation of partnerships with local companies, corporations, and third party research groups which actively pursue sustainability goals and are situated on the University of Saskatchewan campus or in the local community; and,
- Provide resources to champion sustainability on campus.

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