



# **University of Saskatchewan Students' Union**

2006-07 Annual Report





## **Our Vision**

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union strives to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.

## **Our Mission**

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union exists to represent, serve, and support the academic and non-academic needs of undergraduate students of the University of Saskatchewan through accountable, dynamic, and unified leadership. It also serves to protect and maintain the integrity of quality accessible public education.

## **Our Values**

The following principles shall guide the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union in all of its endeavours; innovation; integrity; mutual respect; professionalism; service; social, economic, and environmental responsibility; teamwork; and trust.





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## General Manager's Message

It is with great pleasure that I submit this report for the year 2006-07 and I am pleased to say that despite facing some significant challenges, the organization continues to thrive and to work in the very best interests of the undergraduate population at the University of Saskatchewan.

In the new fiscal year the USSU was confronted with some very troubling legal and political issues which ultimately resulted in the resignation of President Evan Cole. A result of the lawsuit that continues to unfold as a consequence of the Canadian Federation of Students referendum, held in the fall of 2005, President Cole's resignation was highly controversial and difficult for all concerned. The USSU wishes to thank him for his work on behalf of students as he continues his involvement through his position on Senate. A by-election, held in October of 2006, brought Ryan Allan in as President, taking over from Vice-President of Operations and Finance, Cody Lang, who had acted in a caretaker role. However, the spring election saw an entirely new Executive elected and so the USSU has had less stability in its governance arm over the past year than is often the case.

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Despite some of our difficulties, a number of very important initiatives are now well underway. This year saw University Students' Council approve a new infrastructure fee which will enable the USSU to proceed with an expansion/renovation of Place Riel. This renovation, which has been the subject of discussion and planning for nearly 10 years, now appears to be a reality. Saunders and Evans Architects have solved the problem of location by proposing expansion between Marquis Hall and the Murray



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Building, allowing the USSU to find the necessary swing space to move its offices. This will also allow for expanded retail outlets and, we hope, for additional campus club space. Much more detailed planning will be underway soon and we hope to begin actual construction sometime in 2008.

A second major initiative was the referendum on a universal bus pass. Sponsored by Vice-President Student Issues, Ashlee Smith, the referendum saw a very significant vote in favour of a U-PASS system that will provide all undergraduate, on-campus students (with few notable exceptions) with a term bus pass for only \$59.00. Undertaken both as an environmental initiative and as a service to students, the U-PASS system has become standard at many Canadian universities and the USSU is proud to be part of this system. It will be reviewed by referendum in two years to ensure that it is providing the service students want.

Yet another initiative was a review of the health and dental program. Four providers were invited to submit proposals and were requested, along with supplying standard information, to include a section indicating the ways in which they would practice sustainability if hired as the provider. After numerous meetings, presentations and reviews, the Executive recommended StudentCare to Council: this was accepted and a three-year contract was signed.

The USSU also underwent some staff re-organization and change. First of all a much more clear division was made between Marketing and Communications. A new Communications Manager, Robert Martz, was hired and given responsibility for all USSU Communications, including the annual reports, the plasma screens, the USSU Archives, the USSU website and media relations. Jason Ventnor, Marketing Services Manager, took over all marketing ventures as well as Welcome Week, student events, table rentals, elections, and now Student Crew. Management of the Pride, Help, and Women's Centres and the office of Victim Advocate were moved into the Human Resources portfolio.

As the General Manager one of my most important responsibilities is enabling the Executive to carry out its work. Among other things this involves sitting as a non-voting member of Executive Committee and acting as a resource when called upon for the University Students' Council. I attend their Thursday meetings and ensure that the materials and information they need are provided and accurate. Moreover, I represent the USSU on the USSU Daycare Board, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Board, the WUSC committee, the Student Issues Board, the Joint Liaison Committee, the Coke



Steering Committee, and the Renovation Steering Committee. These, and a variety of other commitments, allow me to forward USSU interests in a broad framework.

In addition to the regular day-to-day activities of the USSU, the organization also takes time to celebrate. Each spring, following the USSU elections, the VP Academic Affairs announces the results of the Experience in Excellence Awards that recognize the ten top professors, as determined by their students. These individuals, along with a variety of USSU and University of Saskatchewan staff, are then feted at gala event. We also take time in the spring to recognize long service employees and to say farewell to our out-going executive before welcoming the new one.

Again this year, the staff of the USSU has been a great pleasure to work with. They are a truly professional group who are united in their dedication to the organization. I continue to have enormous confidence in the USSU's vision, in our collective ability to achieve our goals, and to maintain our mission to be the recognized leader in enhancing the student experience.



Caroline Cottrell  
USSU General Manager





## Facilities & Operations Manager's Message

Work commenced on the installation of Security Cameras throughout the MUB building and the Louis' Patio. This installation included an upgrade of Louis' current security camera system. The MUB is open in the evenings and the lounge areas are used on the weekends. The tenants of that building see this is a positive action on the part of the USSU, their Landlord for the space.

We continued to wait patiently for our power to be switched over to the new transformer. As of April 30th, another year has passed and the project is not complete. We are looking to the summer of 2007 for completion. This project will provide additional power to the Student Centre giving tenants and students the ability to provide or expand services without worrying about electrical overload. Once this is complete, our renovation/expansion can move ahead without any electrical implications or obstacles.

The students allocated funding to renovate the men's and women's washrooms in Lower Place Riel. This renovation consisted not only of new paint and steam cleaning, but also upgrading of the toilets and sinks. We installed electronic eyes for the water closets and urinals making them flush automatically and a trough type sink basin in each washroom eliminated the need for countertops and keeps the water in the sink. New partitions and lighting were also included in the renovation. Doors were removed to conform with new washroom facilities elsewhere on campus. The Student Centre also converted space in Upper Place Riel to accommodate a new tenant called

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Campus Centre Pharmacy. The owner/operator owns other pharmacies in Saskatoon and is working to make this one a success.

The University asked the Students’ Union if we could do something in the vestibule area outside of the Campus Computer Store storage area on the way to Marquis Hall. The area is the indoor walkway to Marquis and it was showing signs of wear. We painted the walls and the pillar and added a bulletin board in the area. The University looked after upgrading the flooring. The area is now less of an eyesore for people passing through.

The Head Lease and Master Operating Agreement continue to be examined and items are being considered for negotiation and/or re-negotiation as we move towards a new agreement with the University.

Initial meetings began with Congress of the Humanities Conference organizers who wanted to book up space in the Student Centre to use for the conference. The Students’ Union was more than happy to accommodate all their needs.

The Transit Steering Committee worked hard on planning the Transit Hub in front of Place Riel Student Centre. This Hub opened in the spring of 2007, and is now readily able to accomodate the increased transit traffic prompted by UPASS.

After operations as usual through the fall term, the winter term brought us back again to capital expense proposals and operating budget planning for the 2007/08 fiscal year. There are many upcoming projects being planned for the Place Riel Students’ Centre, its tenants and its operations and services.



Freda Salikin  
Facilities & Operations Manager



## USSU OPERATIONS

The USSU currently operates a variety of on-campus businesses that includes XL Design & Reproduction, Browsers, Copy Central, and Louis'.



## XL DESIGN & REPRODUCTION

Now in the second year of operation, XL Design and Reproductions continued not only to serve existing clients but gained new clients as well.

Since we are always keeping on top of new products and equipment, the computers in this operation received an upgrade of the new Adobe system in May, 2006.

After a strategic planning session during the USSU Retreat in May of 2006, XL Design and Reproductions purchased two new pieces of equipment to provide greater service to the student body. One of the pieces of equipment is a Xerox 6204 Wide Format copier, which offers a cost effective wide format option for students on campus who would like to advertise events at a cost less than that of color wide format

reproduction. The copier was installed in January of 2006, and has been widely used.

The second piece of equipment is our Xerox Docucolor 240. This new machine offers faster copying as well as folding, stapling, and hole punching, options previously unheard of in color copier equipment. This machine is also capable of handling heavier paper which was not an option with our previous color copier. A significant financial benefit was realized in signing this new lease, as it reduced the leasing costs of a Xerox WorkPro copier located in Copy Central.

Most of the January production requests were directly related to the University Centennial events and the Congress of the Humanities Conference. Other jobs came in the form of posters and banners for internal and external clients.

XL Design and Reproductions continues to maintain top quality and efficient service to new and returning clients. We are looking forward to 2007 – 2008 which we feel will bring further growth and product development to this operation.

# browsers

used bookstore and internet café

## BROWSERS

Browsers had a meeting with art professor Jennifer Crane to discuss displaying student artwork in Browsers. The meeting was very informative and positive, however we are still not displaying student work.

When Browsers was built, we did a weight audit on the loading of the floor. This year in September, 2006, Cliff Rempel from Rempel Engineering & Management Ltd., did another review and confirmed that, "for future planning, ensure that the stack height is limited to the height of the existing stacks. Also, ensure that the stacks are not spaced any closer than they are at present." We do not have any plans to change what we have at Browsers. Two years ago, we decreased the shelving from its original design by 4 units to add more seats for the coffee/lunch patrons.

Browsers was host to various student musicians throughout this year. These events were coordinated through our Marketing Services Manager, and by Mark DeJong of

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the Music Department. They were enjoyed by all those who attended.

The Browsers staff component was increased by a permanent part-time person. This additional permanent position compliments the Supervisor and provides consistency to the operation.

We worked very hard on a proposal to present to the University for Browsers to operate the concession/food service area at the new Learning Centre in the Murray Building which we affectionately called Browsers-2. This proposal was not accepted because the University decided they would like to operate this service themselves.

Browsers was also asked by the University to host their Innovation Gallery during Congress. We were pleased to comply.



## **COPY CENTRAL**

The Agreement with the Library to continue with Copy Central and Print for Pay systems was renewed for another year.

Copy Central added a copier to the Royal West College. It is a coin operated and card reader machine which allows students at this off-campus college access to a photocopier, another service provided by the Students' Union.

Last year, an agreement was made with WBM to take over the USSU's photocopier lease and eventually upgrade all the photocopiers located throughout the University campus in exchange for exclusive USSU copying. This partnership is an incredible success and has allowed the USSU to continue to upgrade the copying services it provides to the undergraduate students and other users of the machines. This year, since the lease was paid up, we incurred a depreciation write-off of all the photocopiers, making this operation look like it was financially performing quite poorly. This is not the case and we believe it remains a viable service for the USSU to provide.



## LOUIS'

After much talk about this happening, the Students' Union/Louis' finally secured an agreement with Consumer Services that the University/Residence Meal Cards will be accepted in Louis'. We agreed to accept the card only on 'off hours' and that the cards would not be accepted for alcoholic beverage purchases. Louis' proceeded to install the electrical and the computer wiring necessary for the installation of the equipment that was to be provided by Consumer Services to get the program up and running. However, this installation has now been halted while Consumer Services does a systematic review of its own operations. We wait.

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Vanier Cup offered Louis' another chance to demonstrate its versatility. The freezing cold weather did not stop all their hard working staff from pouring cans of beer into plastic cups to keep the fans happy. We really enjoyed being a part of such a huge University event.

Louis' also had a opportunity to showcase their venue as well as their catering offerings during Saskatoon's largest ever Congress of the Humanities. During those busy ten days, Louis' extended operating hours and was named the official hospitality spot for the conference. They held numerous large events and catered many events at many different locations on campus. Congress was a huge success for Louis'.

Louis' patrons will have noticed a change to the venue thanks to a renovation done with money donated in 2003 Studentcare Networks. Louis' was repainted, had a fireplace and feature wall installed in the private function area and added some new 'bench' seating in various areas.

Louis' continues to grow in the special events and catering areas and is a popular venue for weddings and for catering off-site events.

Beach Volleyball was a major success in 2006/07. Team registration was not the



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highest that we have seen, but the players enjoy the facility and the hospitality Louis' presents. Our courts remain a popular venue for rent. We purchased new sand at the end of the season so that next year we can hit the ground running with an even better venue.

Louis' daily fare changes regularly and this year was no exception. One of the most successful promotions is \$1 draft night, which was very popular with students. We continue to change our menu two to three times a year to add variety or in response to comments or requests that we may receive or to compete with trends in the marketplace or supply pricing. We work to bring the best value and variety for the best price.



## USSU CENTRES

The USSU provides a wide variety of services of benefit to students. They include Safewalk / Student Crew, the Food Centre, the Help Centre, the Information Centre, the Women's Centre, the Pride Centre, and Victim Advocate.



## SAFEWALK / Student Crew

Student Crew was formed to allow students the opportunity to earn extra money while being flexible to accommodate their busy class, lab and tutorial schedules. Students are able to sign up for the work that best suits their schedule and to work when they can. Student Crew can be seen across campus at events, postering, collecting money from Student Information Terminals, providing security and hospitality at Safe Study sessions, and in a variety of other places and roles.



Student Crew also provides University-wide Server Intervention Courses. In the past year, over 250 people have taken the Server Intervention Course making many students aware of the need for safe service of alcohol on the University of Saskatchewan campus and at all student events.

The Student Crew director ensures that the program continues to thrive and provides a quality service for the university community and meaningful employment for students, as well as providing the Server Intervention Course to the University of Saskatchewan community.



## Food Centre

The USSU Food Centre is in its fifth year of operation and is committed to providing food and other services to students in need.

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The Food Centre is located in Room 72, Lower Saskatchewan Hall, and employs one part-time attendant. The position was created to increase the student population's awareness of the program, meet an increased demand for its services and provide a welcoming atmosphere. Volunteers also ensure that services are available at extended hours, and assist with the events run by the Food Centre Attendant.

In partnership with the Saskatoon Food Bank, the USSU Food Centre provides food hampers for students in financial need. Since the inception of the centre in 2002-2003, over 300 hampers have been handed out. For the fourth year in a row, the Food Centre organized the highly successful Trick or Eat campaign to benefit the Saskatoon Food Bank. Approximately 300 students from University of Saskatchewan and SIAST Kelsey campuses volunteered their time on Halloween night, going door to door collecting donations of cash and non-perishable food items. In only three hours, the volunteers collected 7843 pounds of food and \$400 in donations.

The Food Centre has continued to partner with the Childhood Hunger and Education

Program (CHEP) to bring Good Food Boxes to students and staff. Good Food Boxes are a convenient way to provide quality, affordable fruits and vegetables to the campus population. Three varieties of boxes are available in a range of sizes suitable for anyone, from single students to families. In the last academic year, 130 boxes were delivered to students and staff on campus.

During the Christmas season, the Food Centre continued the tradition of adopting a family through the "Brent and Penney Adopt-A-Family" Christmas campaign, for the third year in a row. Donations from university students and staff meant that the Food Centre could provide food and gifts to a family of one mother and her four children last Christmas season.

The Food Centre will continue to offer and build on these services throughout the 2007-08 academic year.



## USSU HELP CENTRE

**“The USSU Help Centre ... celebrated its thirty-fifth year of operation.”**

The USSU Help Centre (located in Room 27, Lower Place Riel, next to the Arts tunnel) celebrated its thirty-fifth year of operation. During the 2006-07 year, over 12,000 visitors dropped by the Centre for any number of services. This was a 1,500 person (14.24 percent) increase over the previous year. The most frequent services accessed were: The exam file; requesting directions and phone numbers; finding referrals; safe sex supplies (condoms, lubricant, and information); as well as being a great place to hang out, study, and meet other volunteers.

Of course none of this would have been possible without a great group of volunteers. This year over 40 students signed up for shifts. With many previous volunteers graduating, most of these volunteers were new. The Centre was able to remain open during all 60 hours of regular operating time, which contributed to the strong visitor usage. Our "Front-line" volunteers receive training in customer service and student



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loans. Our “Peer Supporter” volunteers receive training in active listening and suicide intervention in addition to customer service and student loans. Most training takes place at the annual Volunteer Orientation Training Retreat (V.O.T.R.) with supplemental training held throughout the year. The orientation provides training to volunteers from all USSU Centres. With training and personal experience surrounding campus life, our volunteers are able to offer clients assistance on a wide variety of issues. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Help Centre was unable to arrange the regular “Suicide Talk” information session held at V.O.T.R. This training was held two weeks later and open to all USSU volunteers. The Director was informed by the presenter of a new program “Safe Talk”, a more in-depth version of “Suicide Talk”, that was now offered. Arrangements were made later in the term to view this program and obtain feedback to see if the program will become a regular training tool in the future.

The first term was filled with orientation events aimed at new students as well as general promotion of Centre services. The Director along with other USSU Centres and program providers attended promotional events such as Surviving US! for registered first year university students, Experience US! for Grade 12 students, Welcome 2006 for international students, Aboriginal students orientation, the On Campus Day: Information Fair, as well as Campus Orientation in September and January. Through these and other promotional events in the Arts tunnel, the Centre has been able to maintain and increase awareness of our services.

The second term started off with intensive training for “Peer Support” volunteers. In early January, the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.) with Dave Biblow was held over the weekend. Arranging this program for volunteers from all Centres is an annual event by the Director. This program provides participants with training on how to recognize, intervene, and recommend resources when suspecting an individual may be suicidal. Selecting a date to have this training is a challenge each year due to considerations including student exam/assignment schedules and allowing new volunteers the opportunity to take the course that is only held once a year.

In mid-January, the Director attended the 6th Annual National Peer Support Conference in Edmonton. The decision to drive allowed for two volunteers, one from the Women’s Centre and one from the L.G.B.T.A. Centre, to attend. Approximately 50 representatives from various universities/colleges attended and shared training ideas and program initiatives to better serve student needs. This also provided a great opportunity to network and create new contacts. A significant advancement in peer

support offered by the University of Alberta was the development of an online forum both students and non-students could use to obtain advice or ask questions.

At the end of March, the Help Centre promoted Suicide Awareness Week by arranging a "Suicide Talk" information session open to students, staff, and the general public. This year we saw an increase in attendance by 20 over last year with strong positive feedback from participants. A few expressed interest in taking the A.S.I.S.T. course after the session when offered next year. The selection of a Campus Suicide Awareness Day in February rather than following the National Suicide Awareness Week in March is aimed to help increase attendance further. The Centre also helped promote other awareness campaigns including Sexual Assault Awareness Week while providing general information. We look forward to continuing to grow on the Help Centre's success in 2007-08.




## **Information Centre**

Located in Upper Place Riel, a key service to the students at the University community can be found. Serving approximately 80,000 customers annually, the Information Centre continued to be a very busy operation throughout the fiscal year of May 1, 2006 through April 30th, 2007.

In June 2006, transit began implementing changes to all of the schedules. This meant the Information Centre staff had to learn all new routes in order to answer questions about public transit. The new routes took effect in July and staff members from Saskatoon Transit were on site answering questions as well. The Term Passes for 2006/07 were received in August and went for sale August 23rd.

Greystone Theatre arranged for the Information Centre to handle all 90 tickets per show. We usually handled 40 tickets per show for them, but now they want us to increase our volume due to our great accessibility.

In the absence of a Student Services Coordinator and a Communications Coordinator, the Information Centre staff pulled double time explaining rules, regulations and costs to people wanting to rent tables or grille advertising space. These two positions were hired in July.



The Information Centre was equipped with high speed debit machines. It is a welcome upgrade. This is a great additional service, since the Information Centre can be really busy, especially at month end!

Apart from regular event sales on Ticket Master, we did sell-out sales for the Rolling Stones, Vanier Cup Tickets and Cirque du Soleil.

Who can forget the Blizzard on January 10, 2007! The University did an amazing job at keeping people safe and calm. The Information Centre staff realized the severity of the storm and remained open for people to come and ask questions until after 6:00 p.m. We stayed in constant contact with the University's Communications office and Saskatoon transit. The Place Riel Student Centre main complex did not lock up so that anyone stranded could come in and stay warm and safe. Buses remained off-schedule for a day or two because of all the snow!

This past year, the Information Centre experienced its highest daily sales for lottery. Saskatchewan Lotteries had a few bonus draws in effect and with those, the clerks stayed busy selling tickets. Millionaire For Life was a new ticket and sales were very popular.

We did a commission comparison with our phone card supplier, Retail Results and another company who wanted to take over as our supplier. The only revenue generated at the Information Centre is from commissions. Retail Results has a much better return, therefore we will continue to order through them.

A referendum was passed in February in which a majority of students voted to implement a universal transit pass. The U-Pass initiative requires that members of the USSU pay an assessed amount, which will permit members of the USSU unlimited use of certain conventional transit services offered by the City of Saskatoon. The primary objectives are to provide a lower cost transportation service to undergraduate students, ease traffic congestion and ease parking requirements on and around the University of Saskatchewan campus increase transit rider ship. This U-pass will come into effect September 2007. We will be working on that from now until then to come up with the best possible way to administer the plan.

As our fiscal year was winding down, we were brought into discussions for planning with a major conference the University was planning for the 2007/08 fiscal year. The University is hosting Congress of the Humanities and the Students' Union/Information

Centre will assist in its success any way we can. As well, 2007/08 is also the year of the 100th anniversary of the University of Saskatchewan. Again, the Students' Union/ Information Centre would love to assist them in making this a success!



## The Pride Centre

The Pride Centre (formerly known as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Centre) has had another year of growth, energy, and excitement. With over 10,006 drop-ins (April 2006-April 2007) and 1576 calls, it remains one of the busiest centres on campus.

Drop-in reasons include:

- Peer Support
- Discussion Groups
- Information and Resources
- Student Advocacy
- Safer sex information (including free condoms, dental dams, female condoms, lube and latex gloves)
- The Pride Centre Library resources
- A safe and positive space to relax, visit, study and meet new people

With over 50 volunteers for the year, the Pride Centre has been able to offer incredible services for everyone accessing our location. Of those volunteers, 22 were new this year. The volunteers have been working on a variety of projects to benefit the USSU such as coordinating our first-ever Ally Promotion Week, Transgender Awareness Day, organizing our first Campus Pride Festival, and continuing our visibility on campus through our Sheaf column, "Out and About."

Through a variety of events, the centre has been able to maintain and increase



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our visibility on campus. Some highlights include: producing two successful drag shows at Louis' with nearly one thousand people in attendance; planning and participating in the 10th Annual Breaking the Silence conference; planning an event for and participating in the Pride Festival; hosting our very first Campus Pride Festival (Queerapalooza); launching the LGBT academic speaker series (Rainbow Explorations); the continuation of our monthly e-newsletter; creating a queer U of S Student Bursary; and co-presenting a production of That Takes Ovaries with the USSU Women's' Centre.

In January 2007, the director attended the second annual Queer Services Conference in Winnipeg. This conference had over 200 people in attendance from queer campus groups across Canada. The director was asked to present at the conference on Networking on Campus. As well, our Pro Bono Student, Glen Rutland, was able to present a workshop on policies and procedures and was able to network his paper on Gender Identity on Campus and distribute it nationally. The conference was a great opportunity to network, share programming ideas, and develop skills. Unfortunately, due to a massive blizzard, the delegation of 22 USSU LGBT Centre volunteers slated to go to the conference had to be cancelled.

The Speaker's Bureau has been taken to a whole different level. This year, 23 LGBT sensitivity training sessions were done. These sessions were given to a variety of groups. Examples include: classes in the Colleges of Medicine, Social Work, Education, Women and Gender Studies, high schools, and the University of Saskatchewan Department of Human Resources.

The centre also successfully maintained its regular programming. We saw a brand new set of people accessing our services for our Tuesday night programming and Friday afternoon movies. Our volunteers facilitated both of these programs. Tuesday night programming provided games, entertainment, discussion, and crafts. This year also saw the creation of two new discussion groups within the centre: the Coming Out group was resurrected, while the 24+ group took flight with 15 people coming on-board.

### **Queerapalooza**

This was the University of Saskatchewan's first Campus Pride Festival. Queerapalooza saw us partner with the Chaplains, the Student Christian Movement, the Aboriginal Student's Centre, and the Regina filmmaker, David Geiss. A highlight of the week was, "Making the Invisible Visible" with a group of us wearing our brightest rainbow outfits around campus.

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### **Ally Promotion Week**

This was an incredible volunteer initiative with tables set up in Health Sciences, the Arts Tunnel, Education, Agriculture, and Medicine. We had over 1200 students and staff sign the ally pledge forms and proudly wear our hot pink Ally button.

### **Youth Retreat**

This was another first for us. This partnership with the Avenue Community Centre (ACC) for Gender and Sexual Diversity had us create a three day long LGBT retreat for high school students. It was an incredible skill-builder for our volunteers and gave them an opportunity to see how their plans unfolded. Within this, it was a great chance for us to promote the centre to high-school participants to get them excited about the university experience. The ACC provided some leadership and all the funding for the weekend and hopes to do another retreat with the Pride Centre in the fall.

### **Breaking the Silence and Community Outreach**

Our centre hosted an open house for the Saskatoon high school Gay-Straight Alliances in the first semester and was pleased with the outcome. Within Breaking the Silence, we also hosted a session and saw 33 youth from across the province (and their teachers) squeeze themselves into our centre. They were bustling with questions and were very excited to see our space.

### **Rainbow Explorations**

This was the result of a thought that came out of the Provost Advisory Committee that came to fruition this year. Over two hundred people attended the six sessions, and another series is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2007. This series connected our faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates doing research around LGBT issues.

### **That Takes Ovaries**

This was a partnership with the USSU Women's Centre. This highly successful theatre production saw hundreds of people in attendance; thousands of dollars raised for our respective bursaries, and cemented the growing relationship between the USSU Pride Centre and the USSU Women's Centre.

### **Centre Name Change**

One of the most dramatic accomplishments was the introduction of a new centre name. The USSU Pride Centre name was chosen through a series of democratic votes within our volunteer collective. This is a huge step to making our centre inclusive, safe,



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and empowering to people of gender identities and sexual orientations.

### **Provost Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues**

This active committee saw six new members join this year. They oversaw the Rainbow Explorations series, and the Positive Space Program. The PAC coordinators also did an overhaul on the Positive Space booklet. This continues to be one of the most productive and active Provost Advisory Committees on campus.

### **Campus Advocacy**

Unfortunately, the director was brought in to work on four discrimination cases on campus this year. All four cases were resolved. In many cases, more sensitivity training was given, and many student organizations, colleges, and departments signed onto Positive Space as a response to the discrimination.

### **Student Services Survey**

With the other centres, we created a student services survey that shows how much progress still needs to be made. Nearly one thousand students, faculty, and staff participated and the results show there is a lack of awareness around diversity issues. While there was some awareness of initiatives such as the Positive Space Program demonstrated, 69.1% of heterosexual participants had not heard of the program (while only 32.3% of non-heterosexual participants were unaware). Additionally, while 40.4% of heterosexual participants had witnessed homophobia on campus, and even larger number of non-heterosexual participants (61.3%) had witnessed homophobic acts or attitudes.

### **Queer Student Bursary Fund**

This was yet another first for our centre. We were able to partner with community businesses and were able to fundraise a significant amount to start an annual LGBTQ student's bursary to recognize student's academic achievements and their involvement within the community. So far, over three thousand dollars is in the fund. The bursary fund is also a great tool for campus outreach and future partnerships.



## Women's Centre

The USSU Women's Centre celebrated another hectic, yet successful year in 2006-2007. Settling in to our new space in Room 105 of the Memorial Union building, the Centre saw growth in both the number of volunteers as well as the traffic coming through our doors. Staying committed to raising awareness and action around feminist issues as outlined in our mission and goals, the Women's Centre organized many inspiring events, well attended workshops, and thought-provoking discussion groups. With the fierce and vocal volunteer power, we promoted our profile on campus and in the community and continued to work within existing partnerships in the shared goal of gender equality and equity.

The Women's Centre, with its move in January 2006, found this change of location to be beneficial in many ways. Being in a more visible space in the Memorial Union Building proved to be a good fit as there were many more drop-ins and the location facilitated friendly relations between the volunteers and students using the Centres and the staff and volunteers at the Sheaf. The Pride Centre (formerly LGBTQA Centre) and Women's Centre had the luxury of sharing volunteers with our close proximity and there were many collaborations and friendships that resulted.

Like many previous years, the Women's Centre collaborated with several community groups to organize and execute the annual Take Back the Night march. This year, in conjunction with the Saskatoon Women's Community Coalition, the Women's Centre and Victim Advocate office took an active role in planning the route, making placards, and getting the word out about this important anti-violence event. A group of loud and passionate volunteers came out to lead the march clad in black and red as the Radical Cheerleaders. Our march started at the Vimy Memorial bandstand and ended at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge and could not have taken place without our fearless parade marshals and march organizers. Continuing with our annual events, the Women's Centre, Victim Advocate, and members of the Saskatoon Women's Community Coalition organized a memorial event on December 6th to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. This year's event was a candlelight vigil at city hall to remember the fourteen victims of

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the Montreal Massacre, to acknowledge the violence that so many women continue to experience today, and to remember our Stolen Sisters – the hundreds of missing Aboriginal women. This event ended with a panel discussion with community members who are doing anti-violence work, including representatives from AIDS Saskatoon, Saskatoon Men’s Resource Centre Tamara’s House, and Iskwewuk E-wichiwitochik (Women Working Together). Furthermore, the Women’s Centre collaborated once again with members of the Saskatoon Women’s Community Coalition to organize the annual International Women’s Day celebration. This year, the dinner and entertainment were held at the Albert Community Centre and the event sold out of 160 tickets days in advance. The theme this year was Strong Voices, Strong Women and the greater Saskatoon community embraced this event with enthusiasm.

This year, the Women’s Centre departed from its usual February theatre production of Eve Ensler’s Vagina Monologues in favour of a new, fresh, debut event called That Takes Ovaries! In partnership with the Pride Centre, That Takes Ovaries was a two day run of provoking theatre, including monologues adapted from stories found in a book of the same title, as well as a one-act four person play called Small Domestic Acts written by playwright Joan Lipkin. This major production was a fundraiser for the bursaries the two Centres offer to student parents and LGBT youth active in promoting gender equality and we raised over \$3600 on two nights through ticket sales and sales of those now infamous chocolate vaginas on a stick. The cast, crew, and audiences were thrilled to be a part of a refreshing take on feminist theatre.

With the cuts to the Status of Women Canada federal budget, feminist and women’s groups all over Canada were speaking out loudly about the state of gender equity, and the Women’s Centre was among them. In collaboration with other concerned individuals, the Women’s Centre volunteers participated in several rallies and marches to fight back against the federal cuts. One particular rally we helped organize was one that took place outside of federal MP Carole Skelton’s office in which the community voiced its concerns. This led to a meeting with provincial ministers to discuss strategies on how we can continue making our voices heard in Ottawa.

Another successful venture for the Women’s Centre this year was its role in organizing the annual Roundtable Discussion on Sexualized Violence. Along with the Victim Advocate office and members of CASA, this conference was organized for the first weekend in March where we welcomed colleagues working in anti-violence work from over 9 different universities or colleges. This weekend was spent discussing our organizations, successful strategies for on campus anti-violence initiatives, and challenges we face as

well as discussions on how to establish a nation-wide network of sexualized violence services.

The volunteers and regular drop-in are who make the Centre such a warm, friendly, and welcoming space for everyone. The 2006-2007 was full of ups and downs for the Women's Centre, but true to the Centre's spirit, goals, and mission we persevered to have a successful and fulfilling year.



### **Victim Advocate**

The USSU Victim Advocate is a free and confidential service that provides immediate support, information, referrals, and advocacy to those affected by sexualized violence and harassment. In 2005-06, 18 individuals were served, while in 2006-07, the Victim Advocate saw 60 individuals.

Serving clients is the number one priority of the Victim Advocate. However, an equally important aspect of the position is public education and awareness. The Victim Advocate continues to work to address the systemic nature of sexualized violence by offering public education and awareness programming to students, staff, faculty, and others in the community. Over the past year, students have been reached through activities including class presentations, volunteer training, and information tables. *Single and Sexy*, an informative play about student issues, was edited and produced by the Victim Advocate for the second time this past year, and performed for first year students at the 2006 University of Saskatchewan Orientation. This production continues to receive extremely positive feedback and therefore will continue to be a part of the annual Orientation program. However, due to the broad scope of the play and the time commitment required, this production will be coordinated by the USSU Marketing Services Manager in future years.

One notable awareness initiative undertaken in the past year was the creation of a comprehensive resource manual (*Options*) that provides survivors of violence or harassment with an extensive list of on and off campus resources. Another successful project was the online survey created by the USSU Centres and Victim Advocate to assess students' levels of knowledge about various services and their attitudes toward certain key social issues. This survey yielded valuable results that will undoubtedly prove useful in tailoring future initiatives



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Many relationships were strengthened this year with both on and off campus groups. These relationships led to the completion of many projects that would not have been possible otherwise, including a successful Sexual Assault Awareness Week in September and a sexual harassment awareness campaign in the winter. The Victim Advocate joined the Board of the Saskatoon Women's Community Coalition this year, allowing for collaboration on several events, including the Take Back the Night March, the White Ribbon Campaign, and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6) Memorial. In addition, the Avenue Community Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, the USSU LGBTA Centre, the USSU Women's Centre, and the Victim Advocate collaborated to produce the second annual Carnival of Sex Drag Show, an educational event celebrating positive sexuality.

Continuing in the spirit of partnership, the Victim Advocate was active on several committees this year, including the Student Advocacy Network and the Provost's Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues. In addition to strengthening relationships with campus and community groups in Saskatoon, the Victim Advocate continued to build connections with representatives across Western Canada by helping to organize the second annual Roundtable Discussion on Sexualized Violence. This conference brought together representatives from campus Sexual Assault Centers, Women's Centers, LGBT/Pride Centers and other related services to address the issue of sexualized violence on Canadian campuses by discussing challenges, identifying gaps, highlighting successes and best practices, and creating recommendations for change.

This year also marked the end of external funding for the Victim Advocate. To date, Status of Women Canada has funded the majority of the operating costs, through a series of generous grants. However, all outside funding expired November 2006, leaving the USSU to cover the full operating budget and salary for the upcoming 2007 – 2008 year. While placing a slightly greater financial strain on the organization, this change was always expected to happen and will allow the position to become more in line with the other student services operated by the USSU.

Overall, the USSU Victim Advocate continued to prove itself as a valuable service in 2006 – 2007, providing services to many individuals and undertaking a number of successful initiatives. As the position becomes more established, these successes can only be expected to increase. As such, the Victim Advocate can be expected to continue to make a positive impact in the lives of survivors, and the University community as a whole, for years to come.



## Awards

On March 18, 2007, the USSU again recognized excellence at the University of Saskatchewan with the 2007 Experience in Excellence Awards. The intent of the Experience in Excellence Awards is to show the Students' Unions' appreciation for those individuals who strive to enhance the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan. These individuals show us that one person can make a difference and bolster the image of our students and our University, now and into the future.

### Teaching Excellence Awards

An excellent teacher not only gives access to knowledge, but also provides the tools with which to turn that knowledge into wisdom. Students evaluate teachers in a number of ways, including enthusiasm, organization, and fairness of evaluation. These factors lead to a classroom environment where students feel free to explore, critique, grow, and become leaders. The teachers recognized for the 2004-2005 academic year were:

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| ▷ Ellen Black, German                      | ▷ Susan McDonald, English            |
| ▷ Ann De Vito, Latin                       | ▷ Tim Molnar, Educational Curriculum |
| ▷ Iryna Dudka, Ukrainian                   | ▷ Peter Purdue, Art Educations       |
| ▷ Jim Handy, History                       | ▷ Yang Shi, Mechanical Engineering   |
| ▷ Marie Lovrod, Women's and Gender Studies | ▷ Jeffrey Steeves, Political Studies |



### **Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement**

The University of Saskatchewan experience has a broader scope than a classroom. To be involved means to add to ourselves, our personal portfolios, and to make a difference in some way. These students give their time and energy to ensure that the many non-academic facets of our collective experience are enhanced. Volunteers are leaders who make much of what we do possible and, without them, student life would be greatly diminished. The winners were: James Mantyka (Member of Student Council), Vicki Herman (USSU Centres), Jeremy Ring (Volunteerism), and Board of College Presidents (Campus Groups).

### **Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award**

There are many non-academic staff members who are responsible for enhancing the student experience. These people are the administrative and professional teams who greet us, and provide us with a smile, information, and expertise from year to year. The spirit that these people bring to their work improves our campus. This year the Doug Favell Memorial Staff Spirit Awards went to Avril Arthur (USSU Staff Member) and Tonya Kaye (U of S Staff Member).

### **LGBTA Centre Doug Wilson Award, Help Centre Award and Women's Centre Award**


Among the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students and alumni there are those who show leadership and courage in advancing the quality of life for those experiencing significant struggles. These struggles may involve, but are not limited to, sexual orientation, gender, ancestry, ability, poverty and/or violence. In providing leadership, these individuals have contributed to the continuing effort for the achievement of social justice. The USSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Centre Doug Wilson Award went to Edna Jen Warrington, the USSU Women's Centre Award to Marie Lovrod, and the USSU Help Centre Award to Kelly Pawlyshyn.

### **Walter Murray Leadership Award**

There are those students who achieve more than most believe capable of one individual, thus enhancing the student experience for all who follow. They challenge the University of Saskatchewan and create a more positive environment for all. This year the Walter Murray Leadership award was presented to Drew Dwernychuk.







Summarized Financial Statements of

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STUDENTS' UNION**

Year ended April 30, 2007



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## **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and statement of operations are derived from the complete financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at April 30, 2007 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated July 6, 2007. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'KPMG LLP'.

Chartered Accountants

Saskatoon, Canada

July 6, 2007

## Summarized Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	2007	2006
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and trust cash	\$ 1,032,132	\$ 496,027
Investments, at cost	1,450,555	1,724,986
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	207,451	204,455
Inventories	135,467	124,942
Property and equipment, net of accumulated amortization	5,405,316	5,635,090
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,230,921</b>	<b>\$ 8,185,500</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable, deferred revenue and trust liability	\$ 853,302	\$ 991,871
Payable to the University of Saskatchewan	312,008	574,430
Deferred trust fund contributions	5,425,676	5,052,150
Obligations under capital lease	132,969	85,303
	<b>6,723,955</b>	<b>6,703,754</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Unrestricted surplus	\$ 1,633,289	984,109
Self insurance reserve	27,006	-
Equity (deficit) in property and equipment	(153,329)	497,637
	1,506,966	1,481,746
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,230,921</b>	<b>\$ 8,185,500</b>

*See accompanying note to financial statements.*

## Summarized Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2007, with comparative figures for 2006

	2007	2006
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Sales	\$ 1,926,192	\$ 1,797,675
Student fees	801,325	768,109
Facilities	766,103	750,268
Deferred trust fund contributions	305,571	296,820
Marketing and media	193,585	194,628
Entertainment	162,673	206,940
Interest	72,142	65,882
Student services	36,126	46,192
Other	28,857	29,430
Self insurance fees	27,006	-
	4,319,580	4,155,944
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Business operations	1,815,974	1,651,675
Administrative	716,519	667,407
Building maintenance	593,426	535,567
Amortization	495,989	487,473
Student governance	198,935	243,715
Student services	186,121	181,644
Entertainment	161,535	197,886
Marketing and media	64,489	59,969
	4,232,988	4,025,336
<b>Income before the undernoted</b>	<b>86,592</b>	<b>130,608</b>
<b>Other income (expense):</b>		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	(141,202)	(3,718)
Gain on writedown of obligation under capital lease	41,714	-
Gain on disposal of long-term investments	38,116	25,939
	(61,372)	22,221
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,220</b>	<b>\$ 152,829</b>

*Note: A full version of the financial statements will be made available at the office of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union.*

## Student Fees

### Payment Deadlines

The deadline for payment of Term 1 (Fall) fees and tuition is September 29, 2006. The deadline for payment of Term 2 (Winter) fees is January 31, 2007. To check your current account, log in to PAWS, at [paws.usask.ca](http://paws.usask.ca).

### Full-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	\$ 53.52
Athletic Fee	55.80
Recreation Fee	49.48
Sheaf Fee	6.72
Student Services Fee	30.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	3.00
Health and Dental Plan	243.25
Student Infrastructure Fee	88.00
U-Pass	118.00

### Part-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	\$ 26.76
Athletic Fee	27.90
Recreation Fee	24.74
Sheaf Fee	3.36
Student Services Fee	30.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	3.00
Student Infrastructure Fee	44.00
U-Pass	59.00

### Off-Campus and Audit Only Students

Students' Union	\$ 26.76
Student Services Fee	15.00
Student Infrastructure Fee	44.00

### Miscellaneous Fees

Supplemental and deferred examinations:

Supplemental (each course)	\$ 60.00
Deferred (each course)	40.00
Additional fee for off-campus centre (each course)	25.00

**Note:** Supervision fee for mentioned services varies with college.

### Special Supplemental and Deferred Examinations

Special Supplemental (each course)	\$ 100.00
Special Deferred (each course)	80.00
Additional fee for off-campus centre (each course)	25.00

**Note:** Supervision fee for mentioned services varies with college.

## 2006-07 Directory

### 2006-07 Executive Council

**President:** Even Cole, Cody Lang, Ryan Allan  
**VP Operations & Finance:** Cody Lang  
**VP Academic Affairs:** Brad Flavell  
**VP External Affairs:** Alice Collins  
**VP Student Issues:** Ashlee Smith

### University Students' Council

**Chair:** Matt Leisle  
**Agriculture:** Steven Leibel  
**Arts & Science:** Tyler Olson  
**Arts & Science:** Josie Steeves  
**Associated Residence Committee:** Cameron Ewen  
**Commerce:** Ana Carolina Melendez  
**Commerce:** Vogeson Paley  
**Dentistry:** Jess Chhokar  
**Education:** Jocelyn Grismer  
**Education:** Kristina Rabyj  
**Engineering:** Benjamin David  
**Engineering:** James Mantyka  
**Indigenous Students' Council:** Katharine Kirkness  
**International Students' Association:** Itemobong Umoh  
**Kinesiology:** Lane Buswell  
**Law:** Alison Forbes  
**Medicine:** Rachana Bodani  
**Nursing:** Megan Harder  
**Pharmacy & Nutrition:** Cathryn Abrametz  
**Physical Therapy:** Karla Horvey  
**St. Thomas More:** Stephanie Parker  
**St. Thomas More:** Ellyse Schultz  
**WCVM:** Matt Flintoft

### USSU Administration

**General Manager:** Caroline Contrell  
**Facilities & Operations Manager:** Freda Salikin  
**Human Resources Manager:** Amy Yeagar  
**Marketing Services Manager:** Jason Ventnor  
**Communications Manager:** Rob Martz  
**Accounting Assistant:** Amanda Mitchell  
**Accounting Assistant:** Peggy Pfeil  
**Confidential Secretary:** Kendra Wilkie  
**Receptionist:** Lyndon MacNeil  
**Communications Assistant:** Christian Cortez  
**Academic Affairs Officer:** Drew Dwernychuk

### USSU Operations

**Browsers:** Tara Mupanguri, Lyndon MacNeil  
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**Information Centre:** Stefanie Livingston  
**Louis':** Scott Cavanagh, Jason Kovitch, George Foufas, Norman Parchman  
**XL Design & Reproductions:** Avril Arthur

### USSU Centres

**Food Centre:** Margot Gough  
**Help Centre:** Bill Bewer  
**LBGTA Centre:** Nicole White  
**Safewalk / Student Crew:** Jeremy Ring  
**Victim Advocate:** Allyson Clarke  
**Women's Centre:** Jennifer Kim

# 2006-07 Directory

## Affiliated Clubs

ACE Saskatchewan  
African Students Association  
AIESEC Saskatoon  
Amnesty International University of Saskatchewan  
Anthropologists Among US (AnAmUS)  
Anthropology Physical Anthropology Linguistics Archaeology (APALA)  
Biochemistry Students Association  
Biology Club  
Campus Association of Bahai Studies  
Campus for Christ and Athletes in Action  
Catholic Christian Outreach  
Caveat Lector  
Chemistry Students Society  
Chinese Students' and Scholars' Association (CSSA)  
CLASSIC Inc.  
Computer Science Student Society  
Engineers Without Borders  
Environmental Studies Students Association  
Friends of Lua Humanitarian Development Agency  
Frontier College Saskatoon  
Golden Key International Honour Society  
Green Party Campus Club  
High Voltage Classic  
History Undergraduate Students Association  
IEEE Illumination  
Indigenous Student Council  
Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship  
International Studies Student Association  
Jewish Students Association  
Le Cercle Francais  
Lutheran Student Movement  
Marijauna Campus Club  
Microbiology and Immunology Students Association  
Muslim Students Association  
New Covenant Bible Fellowship  
Newman Centre  
Ore Gangue  
Orthodox Christian Fellowship  
Physics Student Society  
Physiology Students Society  
Political Studies and Public Administration Students Society (PASS)  
Prairie Fire Cheerleading (UofS Cheerleading Team)  
Praise and Worship  
Pre-Med Club  
PreRx  
Religious Studies Students Union (RSSU)  
Saskatchewan 4-H Alumni-Active Saskatoon Branch  
Saskatchewan Party Youth Campus Club  
Saskatoon Historical Education Association (SHEA)  
Saskatoon Psychology Students Society  
Sociology Undergrad Students Association  
Spectrum  
Student Representative Council Sheptytsky Institute  
Students Mobilizing for Accessible, Responsible Transportation (SMART)  
SWITCH (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health)  
The UofS Punjabi Students Association  
Toxicology Students Society (TOSS)  
U of S Gamers' Club  
U of S SADD  
U of S Water Polo Club  
University of Saskatchewan Debate Society  
University of Saskatchewan Drama Club  
University of Saskatchewan Model UN  
University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team  
University of Saskatchewan Students for Life  
UofS IEEE Student Branch  
UofS Ultimate Frisbee Club  
Western Canadian Veterinary Students Association

## Affiliated Associations

Agricultural Students Association  
Associated Residence Committee  
Law Students Association of the University of Saskatchewan  
Physical Therapy Students Society  
Saskatchewan Dental Students Society  
Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Student Society  
Saskatoon Commerce Students Society  
Saskatoon Engineering Students Society  
Saskatoon Nursing Student Society  
Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan









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