

### University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

2009-10 Annual Report

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## USSU Annual Report 2009-10



### **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.



### 2009-10 **President's** Message

This past year, one of sustainable growth and progress, has been very exciting for the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union. The USSU Executive successfully implemented programs targeted at heightening student outreach, improving student services, and supported recruitment and retention initiatives undertaken by the University of Saskatchewan. We faced many challenges but through teamwork and consultation were able to deal successfully with them.

As President, I feel privileged to have led the USSU through such a vibrant year, and am genuinely excited about the direction in which the organization is moving. This is particularly true of the renovations and expansion to Place Riel. These renovations, which started before the current Executives' term, were a significant challenge both fiscally and operationally. However, the collaborative relationship between the University and the USSU, as well as the exceptional work by the consultants and the construction teams, have enabled the project to progress very well and as I write this the project continues on time and on budget. We are excited to see the building progress during such a busy time on campus, and look forward to its opening in 2011.

The USSU also undertook a number of new initiatives aimed to connect with and improve the daily lives of students. The most notable of these were the creation of online Campus Club Ratification, Funding Requests and a USSU Campus Club Advertising Forum. These services, set to launch on May 1st, 2010, will add greatly to the creation and operation of Campus Clubs at the University, and will support a greater diversity of groups in which students can participate.

The USSU was also very successful this past year in advocating on behalf of students, both on campus and within the community. This year marked the re-creation of the Saskatchewan Students' Coalition (SSC), a province-wide student lobby group dedicated to lobbying the provincial government. The USSU was a leading force in the group's formation with the avowed aim of greatly improving the efficiency of student advocacy.

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The USSU was also actively involved in seeking to create new spaces at the Childcare Centre. Vice-President Ben Fawcett was involved with an ad hoc committee dedicated to the issue and in the formation of a proposal to Government for the creation of new spaces near campus. The eventual success of this project will provide student parents with a safe and affordable option of childcare while they attend school.

My term as USSU President has been exceptionally satisfying, predominantly due to those many individuals with whom I've had the opportunity to work, both within the organization itself, throughout the university, and with various student groups. As an organization, we have much to celebrate and I look forward to the USSU's continued success under the leadership of the 2010-2011 Executive.

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Warren Kirkland USSU President - 2009-10



### 2009-10 General Manager's Message

I began the 2008-09 annual report by stating "What a difference a year makes". I can say with certainty that this is even truer today. In April 2009, just prior to our year-end, the USSU broke ground on the renovation and expansion of Place Riel. Now, one year later, enormous progress has been made and we are both on time and on budget and as promised last year, this is a theme to which I am returning for 2009-10

The renovation and expansion of Place Riel will provide students and the campus community with a wide array of service, now under one roof. The third and fourth floors of the building are intended to house Student Health and Student Counselling respectively, and the Campus Centre Pharmacy and Studentcare.net on the main floor will support these. A long term tenant, Travel CUTS, will also be located on the main floor of the renovated Student Centre, as will the USSU's Information Centre and Reception. Food options will expand, as will other retail services. Our food options will include Umi Sushi, Le Crepe Bistro, Treats and Extreme Pita, and two others we continue to work with. Mac's Convenience store has also signed on to lease space. To date we have seen the Campus Computer Store relocated into its new and expanded space and the Campus Cove games room has moved from the Arts Tunnel into Place Riel proper. Throughout the next few months we will see other businesses relocated or opened for the first time as the building continues to reach its completion date, scheduled for January of 2011. Getting the project to this point has required amazing dedication from a large group of people, many of whom were identified last year, and it is the USSU's intention to honour them properly once the project is complete.

However, life goes on – project or not – and the USSU continues to be very busy with many other things. This year saw an amalgamation of the Communications and Marketing Departments which has made for a much more seamless process and has enhanced the USSU's ability to be responsive to the needs of our departments and businesses. Our primary website, www.ussu.ca, has been overhauled and updated and now ensures that students and other users have completely up-to-date information from which to work. The change in process has also enabled us to be much more streamlined in designing and distributing information.

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The USSU Centres too, have thrived this year, despite most of them being in a less optimal location in Lower Saskatchewan Hall. The move to this part of campus was made necessary by the need for the USSU's administrative group to vacate Place Riel and in so doing we took over the offices in the MUB formerly occupied by the Centres. The Pride, Food, and Women's Centre Coordinators continue to look forward to the day when they can reclaim their space, while the Safewalk/Student Crew Coordinator will return to Lower Place Riel. The Centres and Safewalk/Student Crew have continued to function exceptionally well during the past year and it is a great credit to them that they have undertaken many events and have served their constituents so well under less than ideal circumstances.

The USSU's various businesses have also continued to do very well during the past year. Louis, the USSU's pub and restaurant, invested in a new sound system which has allowed us to bring in a different mix of entertainment, and has also allowed us to host bands which would not otherwise have been able to play in our venue. Louis' also runs Beach Volleyball and with the 2009 league completely sold out they did more business at the courts than ever before, including accommodating a number of high school events. High schools also booked Louis' in May and June for Chem-Free After Grad parties. Moreover, Louis' is deeply involved in making Huskie Football games a time of great fun for the 5000 + attendees by providing all the food and beverage services, including specialty services for groups such as the Alumni Association and others who choose to participate in special celebrations of the University of Saskatchewan football team. Louis' wedding and catering business continues to do exceptionally well and, in fact, all the weekends for the summer of 2010 are taken and a number of weddings have been booked for the summer of 2011. The lunchtime traffic remains very, very heavy and as a result we have expanded Louis' full menu to Browsers, the USSU's used bookstore, specialty coffee shop and internet café. The expansion of this service into Browsers allowed those who would prefer a quieter atmosphere to enjoy the same excellent food as those who like a livelier venue. This year Browsers changed its casual menu to include fresh baked scones, cinnamon buns and paninis, all of which have proved to be very popular with our clientele. Moreover, we have added soaps, lip balm, candles, glass beaded jewelry and other products to our used book offerings to enable our clients to pick up organic and local goods for themselves or for gifts.

Browsers shares space with XL Design and Reproductions and although this business had some temporary instability when the Graphic Designer of 12 years left to pursue another career, it is now in the capable hands of a brand new designer who is proving her skills and bringing in new clients very regularly. The Banner Stands, which were added last year, continue to be highly popular as does wide format printing, but the entire operation remains busy and productive.

The USSU offers a variety of other services too. We operate Copy Central, a fleet of photocopiers across campus, as another subsidized service to students. We continue to host the Information Centre which, in addition to selling event tickets through Ticketmaster, lottery tickets, phone cards and adult bus tickets, also takes responsibility for one of the USSU's most widely used services, U-PASS, a universal bus pass which allows undergraduate students to use city transit for one-quarter the regular adult cost from September to April. The USSU remains engaged in a very productive relationship with Studentcare.net to provide extended health, dental and vision care to undergraduate students and nearly 7,000 students accessed this service in 2009. This year too, as part of our on-going efforts to provide new and necessary services to students, the USSU added a notary service which is provided free for undergraduate students and at a nominal cost of \$5.00 for all others. We continue to run housing and tutor registries, deal with academic advocacy (100 cases), and to work very closely with College societies and campus clubs to ensure that the USSU meets our Vision, Mission and Values in everything we do.

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Caroline Cottrell USSU General Manager

### 2009-10 Experience in Excellence Awards

On March 28, 2010, the USSU again recognized excellence at the University of Saskatchewan with the 2009-10 Experience in Excellence Awards. The intent of the Experience in Excellence Awards is to proclaim the Students' Union's appreciation for those individuals who strive to enhance the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan.

### **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 professors 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 professors recognized for the 2009-2010 academic year were:

- Carolyn Brooks, Sociology
- Jim Gibbons, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences
- Paul Olszynski, Medicine
- Sarah Powrie, English
- Keith Russell, Kinesiology
- Lynne Sandmeyer, Small Animal Clinical Sciences
- Jeff Schoenau, Soil Sciences
- Stella Spriet, Languages and Linguistics
- Mark Wickstrom, Toxicology
- Keith Willoughby, Finance and Management Science

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

The University of Saskatchewan experience has a broader scope than the classroom. To be involved means to add to ourselves, our personal portfolios, and to make a difference in some way. The students we honour 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:

- Amanda Kleisinger, Member of Student Council
- Vicki Herman, USSU Centres
- Amber Burton, Volunteerism
- Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan, Campus Group

### **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:

- Barb Yanko, USSU Staff Member
- Ernie Barber, U of S Staff Member

### Pride 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. This year the awards were presented to:

- ✦ Garnet Woloschuk, USSU Pride Centre Doug Wilson Award
- Margot Gough , USSU Women's Centre Award
- Kiel Luhning, USSU Help Centre Award

### **Walter Murray Leadership Award**

There are those students who achieve more than most believe capable by 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:

Ian Farthing, Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society President

### **Academic Advising Award**

This award honors outstanding delivery of Academic Advising at the University of Saskatchewan and serves to recognize the importance Academic Advising has on enhancing the student experience. The 2009-10 winner is:

Keeran Wagner, College of Kinesiology



### **Financial Statements of**

### University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

Year ended April 30, 2010



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### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the statement of financial position of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at April 30, 2010 and the statements of operations, net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at April 30, 2010 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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**Chartered Accountants** 

Saskatoon, Canada July 9, 2010

#### April 30, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

Assets:	2010	2009
Cash	\$ 1,570,310	\$ 723,217
Accounts receivable	42,789	366,807
Due from University of Saskatchewan	71,922	_
Inventories	95,831	105,147
Prepaid expenses	18,865	11,965
Short-term investments	2,089,878	4,702,095
	3,889,595	5,909,231
Property and equipment	4,474,831	4,699,662
Building development costs	9,545,537	1,085,683
Trust fund	2,000	2,000
Total assets	17,911,963	11,696,576

Liabilities and Net Assets:	2010	2009
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,906,665	\$ 1,812,153
Due to University of Saskatchewan	-	304,737
Deferred revenue	71,221	79,198
Interim construction loan	2,526,172	_
Current portion of obligations under capital lease	27,657	35,092
	7,531,715	2,231,180
Trust liability	2,000	2,000
Deferred capital contributions	8,707,156	7,485,965
Obligations under capital lease	20,896	48,499
Net assets	1,650,196	1,928,932
Total	17,911,963	11,696,576

#### On behalf of the Board:

A Director

Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Director

Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance

### 2009-10 Statement of Operations

#### Year ended April 30, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

Revenue:	2010	2009
Sales	\$ 1,988,287	\$ 2,053,339
Student fees	912,277	856,475
Facilities	490,344	779,806
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	238,997	260,391
Marketing and media	110,829	138,678
Entertainment	35,824	79,060
Investment income and changes in fair value	87,781	49,726
Student services	32,970	15,687
Other	37,502	22,587
Self insurance fees	15,856	8,814
Ratification revenue	10,667	8,358
Total	3,961,334	4,272,921

Expenses:	2010	2009
Business operations	\$ 1,958,988	\$ 1,938,707
Administrative	768,284	775,464
Building maintenance	578,299	594,224
Amortization	400,633	430,228
Student governance	244,032	199,908
Student services	205,782	179,097
Entertainment	33,906	94,903
Marketing and media	41,123	40,715
	4,231,047	4,253,246
Income (loss) before the undernoted	(269,713)	19,675

Other income (expense):	2010	2009
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	\$ (9,023)	\$ (16,465)
Gain on disposal of long-term investments	_	9,397
	(9,023)	(7,068)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	(278,736)	12,607

### 2009-10 USSU Fees

USSU fees are used to fund a variety of Students' Union initiatives and services. For more details about the USSU's governing structure and services, please visit the USSU website at www.ussu.ca. The type of fees, including the amount contributed by each student per year, are listed below:

### **Full-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students**

Students' Union	. \$ 59.00
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	. \$ 7.00
Health and Dental Plan	. \$ 233.50
Student Infrastructure Fee	. \$ 101.00
U-Pass	. \$ 139.00 (\$69.50 per term)

### Part-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	. \$ 29.50
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	. \$ 3.50
Student Infrastructure Fee	. \$ 50.50
U-Pass	\$ 139.00 (\$69.50 per term)

### **Off-Campus and Audit Only Students**

Students' Union	.\$ 29.50
Student Services Fee	. \$15.00
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 50.50

### **USSU Student Fee Details**

### *Students' Union* The Student' Union fee is used to fund advocacy work and services.

#### World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

The WUSC levy of \$3.50 is used to help sponsor up to three refugee students to attend the University of Saskatchewan for one academic year.

#### Health and Dental Plan

The USSU Health & Dental Plan provides a comprehensive package of health, dental, vision and travel benefits to fill the gaps left by provincial Medicare and a parent or spouse's plan.

### Directory

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#### 2009-10 Executive Council

President: Warren Kirkland VP Operations & Finance: Scott Hitchings VP Academic Affairs: Daniel McCullough VP Student Affairs: Ben Fawcett VP External Affairs: Chris Stoicheff

### University Students' Council

Chair: Matt Leisle Agriculture: Claire Kincaid Arts & Science: Keith Flysak Arts & Science: Leon Thompson Dentistry: Mike Gavelis Education: Jason Goodwin Education: Ashlyn George Engineering: Jordan Forbes Engineering: Brent Laroque Edwards School of Business: Alecia Nagy Edwards School of Business: Kimberely Dancey

### **USSU Administration**

General Manager: Caroline Cottrell Facilities & Operations Manager: Freda Salikin Human Resources Manager: Caroline Cottrell Communications & Services Manager: Jason Ventnor Controller: Amanda Mitchell Accounting Assistant: Peggy Pfeil Indigenous Students: Scott Sokwaypnaee International Students: Freeman Chimanga Law: Kevin Miller Medicine: Amanda Kleisinger Nursing: Sarah Miller Pharmacy & Nutrition: Roger Loor Residence: vacant St. Thomas More: Jenna Dunn St. Thomas More: Brookelyn Kirkham Veterinary Medicine: Sarah Wood

Administrative Assistant: Janet Munro Space & Events Coordinator: Stefanie Ewen Receptionist: Barb Yanko Head Janitor: Mario Carmona Graphic & Media Designer: Olivia Swerhone-Wick Confidential Student Support Officer: Steven Ofukany

#### **USSU Operations**

Browsers: Amanda Borycki Copy Central: Len Derksen Information Centre: Poonam Rana Louis': Jason Kovitch, Norman Parchman, Dan Smolinski, Sean Gallop XL Design & Reproductions: Meredith Penner

### **USSU Centres**

Food Centre: Kalen Ross Help Centre: Tina Elliott Pride Centre: Emily Coates Safewalk / Student Crew: Janna Wong Women's Centre: Linh Le

#### **Affiliated Clubs**

Aboriginal Business Students' Society African Students' Association **AIESEC Saskatoon** Amnesty International U of S Anamus Anatomy & Cell Biology Students' Society APALA Associated Residence Committee Best Buddies U of S Cameco Spectrum 2010 Campus Association for Baha'i Students Campus for Christ/Athletes in Action Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students & Interns Catholic Christian Outreach Chemical Engineering Students' Society Chemistry Students' Society (CS2) Chinese Students and Scholars Association Club Hispánico Computer Science Students' Society **Engineers Without Borders** Environmental Studies Student Association (ESSA) Footprint Design Frontier College - Saskatoon German Circle Golden Key - U of S Chapter Health Sciences Students' Associaton History Undergraduate Students' Association (HUSA) **IEEE Illumination IEEE Student Branch** Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship U of S International Studies Students' Association Invisible Children JDC West 2011 Jewish Students' Association (JSA) Kinesiology Students' Society Le Cercle Francais LOST Student Group Lutheran Student Movement Microbiology & Immunology Students' Society Movie Kids Muslim Students' Association Newman Centre Northern Administration Students' Association Ore Gangue Oxfam Saskatoon Pandora Women's Ultimate Physics Students' Society Planning Students' Association

Political Studies and Public Administration Students' Society (PASS) **Prairie Party Planners** Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc. Rooted Sask Party Youth Saskatchewan 4-H Active Alumni-Saskatoon Branch Saskatchewan Pharmacy & Nutrition Students' Society Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society Saudi Students' Association Sheptytsky Institute Student Rep. Council Sife Saskatchewan SUNTEP SRC SWITCH - Student Wellness Initiative Towards Community Health Teachers Without Borders - U of S Chapter University of Saskatchewan Biology Club University of Saskatchewan Comic Book Club University of Saskatchewan Debate Society University of Saskatchewan Drama Club University of Saskatchewan Gamer's Club University of Saskatchewan Kin Club University of Saskatchewan New Democrats University of Saskatchewan Pre-Med Club University of Saskatchewan Student Christian Movement University of Saskatchewan Table Tennis Club University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association University of Saskatchewan Freethought Alliance University of Saskatchewan Saxons Softball University of Saskatchewan Students For Life Vetavision Visual Art Students' Union World University Services of Canada (WUSC) YESS! (Youth for Environmental Sustainability in Saskatchewan)

#### **Affiliated Associations**

Agricultural Students' Association (ASA) Arts & Science Students' Union Associated Residence Council Education Students' Society Edwards Business Students' Society Indigenous Students' Council International Students' Association Law Students' Association Saskatchewan Dental Students' Society Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutition Students' Society Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society Inc. Saskatoon Nursing Students' Society St. Thomas More College Students' Union Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan Western Canadian Veterinary Students' Association



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