



University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

2010-11 Annual Report

USSU Annual Report 2010-11



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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.



President's Message

On behalf of all undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan, I present to you the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) Annual Report for 2010/11, a very exciting year for students at the University of Saskatchewan.

With its completion, the Place Riel Renovation and Expansion Project has modernized the "front doors" of our university, created more accessible campus club space for student groups, a new student council chambers, a wider selection of food outlets and a new International Student and Study Abroad Centre among many other improvements to the student experience on campus. The refurbished Place Riel Student Centre will also be LEED certified and includes a new Student Health and Counseling Centre. These numerous improvements to the student experience are very much in line with the USSU's values of social, economic and environmental responsibility.

Throughout the year, the USSU Executive was busy with various advocacy campaigns including the "Be Book Smart" campaign, "Academic Integrity Awareness Week," "Green Yourself Week," and "We Are All Treaty People Week," among others.

The USSU Executive also held a "Rally for Childcare on Campus" during which over 100 students, parents, faculty and children gathered to show support for the creation of more childcare spaces on campus at an affordable cost to students. The University of Saskatchewan responded by implementing a Childcare Task Force to look into the creation of more childcare spaces on campus.

Our University Student Council (USC) debated and supported projects such as the City of Saskatoon's Whitewater and Hydropower Park, the Gordon-Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, the implementation of more Safety Phones on campus, and the upcoming renewal of the University's Cold Beverage contract.

It has been a sincere pleasure to represent students at the University of Saskatchewan. By emphasizing the need for greater racial and social inclusion on campus, coupled with the need for more high-quality academic programs and services, the USSU can play a defining role in the future of Saskatchewan's post-secondary education landscape.

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I am extremely optimistic about the future of the USSU, its role in improving the student experience, and the University of Saskatchewan as a whole. It has been an honour to serve and to represent students for the past year and I sincerely hope that more students take the opportunity to get involved in the activities of their student government on campus.

I am confident that this document serves as proof of an organization that is professionally managed, fiscally responsible and poised to provide high-quality services to students for years to come.

Sincerely,

Chris Stoicheff

USSU President - 2010-11

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2010-11 **General Manager's Message**

The 2010-2011 fiscal year at the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union was, for the third year in a row, dominated by the ongoing renovation and expansion of Place Riel. However, by the end of the year, we were feeling confident that the completion of this project was nearly in sight, particularly since we were able to move into our brand new USSU office, now located on the second floor of the tower addition, at the end of March. This corresponded with the opening of the new Information Centre and Reception area in the centre of Place Riel, the completion of Student Health and Counselling, the north concourse area and the dedication of the Roy Romanow Student Council Chambers – the first time in USSU history that the governing body has had a dedicated meeting space.

Named after the 1961-62 USSU President, and subsequent Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan, the Chamber is a centrally located Board Room which will serve the needs of Council as well as being available to the campus community. Overall the renovation and expansion of Place Riel went extremely well and we settled in very quickly into our new home.

In addition to opening our own offices, throughout the year we have seen the various food outlets in Lower Place Riel open: Macs, Umi Sushi, Extreme Pita, Le Crepe Bistro, Treats, and Harvey's are all open as are The Cove Games Room and the Campus Computer Store. Still to come – Vanellis Fresh Italian Foods. The response to the new and vastly improved food court has been overwhelmingly positive both in terms of the aesthetics and our choice of vendors.

The USSU has also worked diligently throughout the duration of the project to ensure that we continue to deliver high quality service to the campus community through our businesses and programs. The USSU Centres – Women's, Pride, Food and Student Crew/Safewalk – spent two years in much less than ideal circumstances in the basement of lower Saskatchewan Hall. They returned to their former spaces on the Main Floor of the Memorial Union Building, once some minor refurbishing had been completed. The Coordinators have worked very hard throughout to ensure that their constituents have been served, that the Centres have remained as accessible as possible, and that programming has continued uninterrupted. The Help Centre, which remained in its original location in the Arts Tunnel, has continued to offer high quality service to the thousands of students who access it, as has Copy Central located in the Main Library (with copiers across campus). Copy Central has now become a subsidized service provided by the USSU to the campus community based on a decision by University Students' Council to make sure students have access to low cost, high quality photocopying.

Similarly, Louis' has been working very hard to keep costs down for students in a challenging and competitive market. Beach Volleyball teams were completely filled up for the summer of 2010 and we expect the league to be fully subscribed for 2011. Louis' is also fully booked throughout the summer months for weekend weddings and continues to be a very popular spot for young couples. Louis'

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continued its tradition of weekly events such as Tuesday's Dollar Draft Night (which shows no sign of waning popularity) and of Talk Show on Thursdays, all supported, of course, by numerous live music concerts throughout the year. Louis' continues to be extremely effective in running the concessions and beer tents at the Huskie football games and other events at Griffiths Stadium as well as managing September's Welcome Week. Ultimately, the weather had a deleterious effect on the 2010 Welcome Week, but the staff worked their hardest to make it as successful and engaging for the campus community as circumstances allowed.

Browsers too faced challenges in 2010-11 as the number of books consigned continued to decline in the face of Amazon.ca and professorial course packages. Challenges have also been presented by increasing saturation of the coffee market in close geographical proximity to the MUB. Accordingly, plans are underway for some minor renovations to the space and for a change of coffee provider from Starbucks to Museo, a local artisan brew. The Browsers staff is working very hard to re-boot the business and ensure that it remains relevant and up-to-date in order to provide the very best service to students.

There is no doubt that the past thirty months have been ones of disruption and dislocation for the entire organization. I want to note that I could not have had a better staff with whom to work than those people who are my colleagues at the USSU. They have accepted with patience, cheerfulness and their usual wacky humour every change, challenge, confusion and upheaval I have thrown at them and have worked tirelessly in much less than ideal conditions to ensure the success of the organization throughout the entirety of the project. I also want to recognize and celebrate the outstanding contribution made by successive years of student leaders who had the foresight, dedication and courage to enable it to happen. Finally I also want to celebrate the literally hundreds of people who have come together throughout the past four years to make our vision into a reality. To all of you go our deepest thanks.

Caroline Cottrell

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USSU General Manager

2010-11 **Experience in Excellence Awards**

Teaching Excellence Awards

Aristotle said that teaching is the highest form of understanding. How right he was. Excellence in teaching occurs when one who has mastered the craft conveys that highest form of understanding to students. Excellent teachers impart knowledge. They challenge. They provide tools. They inspire, and occasionally they even infuriate – a very good quality in one seeking to share wisdom. They are organizers, innovators, creators, and they are always fair and enthusiastic. Each year, the USSU receives hundreds of nominations from students seeking to honour their instructors. All nominees are evaluated and all of them score over 85% on these evaluations. The ten who are selected had the very highest scores and so represent the best of the best. It is the USSU's very great pleasure to recognize them with a Teaching Excellence Award. The professors for the 2010-2011 academic year were:

- ◆ Barry Blakley, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences ◆ Rachelle Brockman, Edwards School of Business
- ◆ Nadya Foty, St. Thomas More College (Ukrainian) ◆ Darlene Kelly, St. Thomas More College (English)
- ◆ Sean Mulligan, Department of Physiology, College of Medicine ◆ Cindy Nylund, College of Nursing
- ◆ Nelly Plantiveau, St. Thomas More College (French) ◆ Rhonda Shewfelt, Veterinary Biomedical Sciences
- ◆ Cindy Shmon, Small Animal Clinical Sciences ◆ Susan Taylor, Small Animal Clinical Sciences

Pride Centre Doug Wilson Award

Among the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students and alumni are those who show leadership and courage in promoting equity and advancing the quality of life for those experiencing emotional, social, psychological or physical struggles as a result of such factors as sexual orientation or gender. Through their leadership these individuals have contributed to the on-going effort to achieve justice for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and those who are transsexual or transgendered. Doug Wilson was such an individual who broke significant ground when he challenged the University's ruling that he could not supervise teachers because of his sexual orientation. In 1997 the USSU opened the Pride Centre which seeks to work with people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in an open and progressive environment that advocates, celebrates, and affirms sexual and gender diversity. This year the award were presented to:

Avery Zieger, USSU Pride Centre Doug Wilson Award

The Help Centre Award

The USSU's Help Centre seeks to assist undergraduate students through peer support, provision of information and a referral system to service they require. The Centre does this within the context of safe and positive environment which protects the confidential nature of the information provided by all students. The Help Centre recognizes and celebrates the work of its many volunteers, without which it and the USSU's other Centres could not function, and so each year an outstanding volunteer is chosen so that through that individual we can honour them all. This year the award were presented to: Ming Jing Peng, USSU Women's Centre Award

The Women's Centre Award

The USSU Women's Centre takes a proactive and animated approach to educating the campus community about issues affecting women. The Centre works to provide a safe and positive environment dedicated to the promotion of equality while simultaneously

recognizing and celebrating our diverse and vibrant community. Each year the Women's Centre honours a volunteer who models the best of what the Centre stands for. This year the award were presented to: Kelsey Kiefer, USSU Help Centre Award

Walter Murray Leadership Award

Walter Murray was the first President of the University of Saskatchewan, serving in that capacity for 29 years from 1908 until 1938. A tireless champion and visionary, President Murray set the course for the university we know today and was renowned for his leadership. His legacy is celebrated by honouring a student who has provided exemplary leadership within the university community. In so doing this student has significantly enhanced the experience of undergraduate students and contributed to a more positive environment for all. The 2010-11 winner is: John Desjarlais

Doug Favell Staff Spirit Award

For many years Commissionaire Doug Favell greeted visitors to the main university library and those who met him knew him as a kind, compassionate, patient, and thoughtful man. He exemplified the best in non-academic staff members who are responsible for enhancing the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan. Without the non-academic staff the university simply could not function and so we honour one staff member from the University of Saskatchewan and one from the USSU for staff spirit. The 2010-11 winners is: Stefanie Ewen, USSU Staff member \$\infty\$ Maureen Clemens, U of \$\S\$ Staff Member

Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement

Among her many other accomplishments, Dr. Vera Pezer, now the Chancellor of the University of Saskatchewan was once the Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs and Services. In that capacity Dr. Pezer recognized that to embrace the full University of Saskatchewan experience meant embracing a broader scope than the classroom alone and so she established the Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement in order to celebrate and acknowledge the many volunteers on our campus without whom we would all be much poorer. Students who volunteer give freely of their time and energy to ensure that the non-academic side of university life is significantly enhanced. The 2010-2011 winners are:

- **♦** Leejay Schmidt, Member of Student Council **♦** Daniel McFarlane, USSU Centres
- ◆ Veronica Carr, Volunterrism ◆ Saskatchewan Pharmacy & Nutrition Students' Society, Campus Groups

Academic Advising Award

Founded in 2009 by Vice President Academic Brea Lowenberger, the Academic Advising Award recognizes the invaluable role played by those faculty and staff members who provided undergraduate students with the effective and efficient direction they need to complete their chosen degrees. Advisors assist countless students to navigate the complexities of Colleges, Schools, Departments and Programs to ensure that all requirements for Convocation are met. They also help students who to find direction and in so doing are a crucial component of the student experience and of student success. This year the award were presented to: Robert Roy

Engaged Young Alumni Award

A new award for recent University of Saskatchewan graduates has been created through a partnership between the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association and the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU). The Engaged Alumni Excellence Award—part of the USSU Excellence Awards—will be given to an alumnus who is actively engaged in their community and has maintained a strong connection to the alumni of the university, who has graduated in the past five years, and is 35 years of age or younger. The 2010-2011 winner is: Brea Lowenberger







Financial Statements of University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

Year ended April 30, 2011



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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying summary financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at April 30, 2011 and the summary statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at and for the year ended April 30, 2011.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated August 8, 2011.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles applied in the preparation of the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at and for the year ended April 30, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements.

Chartered Accountants

Saskatoon, Canada

KPMG LLP

August 17, 2011

2010-11 **Statement of Financial Position**

April 30, 2011, with comparative figures for 2010

Assets:	2011	2010
Cash	\$ 6,578,628	\$ \$ 1,570,310
Accounts receivable	51,858	42,789
Due from University of Saskatchewan	-	71,922
Inventories	91,228	95,831
Prepaid expenses	15,399	18,865
Short-term investments	2,482,638	2,089,878
	9,219,75	3,889,595
Property and equipment	4,205,050	4,474,831
Building development costs	18,975,776	9,545,537
Trust fund	2,000	2,000
Total assets	32,402,57	17,911,963

Liabilities and Net Assets:	2011	2010
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,866,766	\$ 4,906,665
Due to University of Saskatchewan	32,175	-
Deferred revenue	146,981	71,221
Current portion of long term debt	212,675	2,526,172
Current portion of obligations under capital lease	16,534	27,657
	3,275,131	7,531,715
Long-term debt	17,953,784	_
Trust liability	2,000	2,000
Deferred capital contributions	9,959,704	8,707,156
Obligations under capital lease	4,607	20,896
Net assets	1,207,351	1,650,196
Total	32,402,577	17,911,963

On behalf of the Board:

Caroline Cottrell, General Manager

Scott Hitchings, VP Operations & Finance

Director

2010-11 **Statement of Operations**

Year ended April 30, 2011, with comparative figures for 2010

Revenue:	2011	2010
Sales	\$ 1,893,352	\$ 1,988,287
Student fees	973,644	912,277
Facilities	594,952	490,344
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	220,159	238,997
Marketing and media	109,710	110,829
Other	51,300	37,502
Investment income and changes in fair value	44,142	87,781
Student services	33,923	32,970
Entertainment	31,057	35,824
Ratification revenue	11,667	10,667
Self insurance fees	_	15,856
Total	3,963,906	3,961,334

Expenses:	2011	2010
Business operations	\$ 1,972,172	\$ 1,958,988
Administrative	828,593	768,284
Building maintenance	679,331	578,299
Amortization	381,238	400,633
Student governance	239,944	244,032
Student services	205,782	179,097
Marketing and media	43,985	41,123
Entertainment	34,519	33,906
	4,396,957	4,231,047
Loss before the undernoted	(433,051)	(269,713)

Other expense:	2011	2010
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	\$ (9,794)	\$ (9,023)
	(9,794)	(9,023)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (442,845)	\$ (278,736)

2010-11 **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	. \$ 65.06
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	. \$ 7.00
Health and Dental Plan	. \$ 238.42
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 106.04
U-Pass	. \$ 143.86 (\$71.93 per term)

Part-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	. \$ 32.53
World University Service of Canada (WUSC)	. \$ 3.50
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 53.02
U-Pass	\$ 143.86 (\$71.93 per term)

Off-Campus and Audit Only Students

Students' Union	32.53
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.



2010-11 Directory

2010-11 Executive Council

President: Chris Stoicheff

VP Operations & Finance: Scott Hitchings VP Academic Affairs: Kelsey Topola VP Student Affairs: Leon Thompson VP External Affairs: Blair Shumlich

University Students' Council

Chair: Matt Leisle

Agriculture and Bioresources: Ryan Hurlburt

Arts & Science: Katie Salmers
Arts & Science: Sarah Waldbillig
Dentistry: Adam Stenerson
Education: Rylan Goudreau
Education: Alysha Joanette
Engineering: Adam Gartner
Engineering: Leejay Schmidt

Edwards School of Business: Alecia Nagy **Edwards School of Business:** Reid Nystuen

Indigenous Students: Jared Brown **International Students:** Kai Li

Law: David Couture **Medicine:** Gillian Paton

Nursing:

Pharmacy & Nutrition: Megan Boschman

Residence:

St. Thomas More: Philomena Ojukwu **St. Thomas More:** Galen Richardson **Veterinary Medicine:** Shirley Chu

USSU Administration

General Manager: Caroline Cottrell
Facilities & Business Manager: Freda Salikin
Human Resources Manager: Caroline Cottrell
Communications & Services Manager: Jason Ventnor

Controller: Amanda Mitchell
Accounting Assistant: Peggy Pfeil

Administrative Secretary: Janet Munro
Facilitie & Events Coordinator: Stefanie Ewen

Receptionist: Barb Yanko **Head Janitor:** Allison Thieman

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: Alex Werenka Pride Centre: Eric Twa

Safewalk / Student Crew: Ruvimbo Kanyemba

Women's Centre: Ashley Pearse

Affiliated Clubs and Associations

Aboriginal Business Students' Society Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association

AIESEC Saskatoon

Amnesty International U of S

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Anatomy & Cell Biology Students' Society Archaeology Students Association Associated Residence Committee

Best Buddies U of S

Biochemistry Students' Association

Biology Club

Campus Association for Baha'i Students

Campus for Christ

Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students & Interns

Catholic Christian Outreach Chemistry Students' Society

Chinese Students & Scholars Association

Civil's Club Saskatoon Student Chapter Canadian Society for Civil Engineers

Computer Science Students' Society
Crisis Relief Students Association
Economics Student Society
Education Students' Society
Edwards Business Students' Society
Engineering Students Building Bridges

Engineers Without Borders

Environmental Engineering Students' Society Environmental Studies Student Association (ESSA)

Frontier College Geriatric Interest Group German Circle

Golden Key International Honour Society (U of S Chapter)

Health Sciences Students' Associaton

History Undergraduate Students' Association (HUSA)

Huskie Motorsports IEEE Illumination IEEE Student Branch Indigenous Students' Council

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International Studies Student Association (ISSA)

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship

Israel on Campus

JDC West 2011 Organizing Committee Jewish Students' Association (JSA)

Law Students' Association Lutheran Student Movement

Mechanical Engineering Student's Association
Microbiology and Immunology Students Association

Mobilization for Global Justice Moose Meat Sports Club Muslim Students Association

Northern Administrative Students Association

Ore Gangue Oxfam

Pandora Womens Ultimate Physics Student Society (PSS)

Physiology and Pharmacology Student Society

Political Studies and Public Administration Students' Society

Pre-Medical Club

Room for Improvement Youth Development Inc.

Rooted

Saskatchewan Party Campus Club

Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society

Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society Saskatoon Nursing Students' Society Saskatoon Psychology Students' Society

Saskatoon Teelo Association Saudi Students' Association

Sheptytsky Institute Student Rep. Council

SIFE Saskatchewan Student Lead Travel Club Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan (SMSS)

Student Medical Society of Saskatchewah (SMSS)
Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health
Students as Global Citizens: Empowering Through Education

SUNTEP Student Representative Council The African Students' Association The Campus Greens Club

The Canadian Institute of MIning, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) U of S Student

Chapter

The U of S Stockman's and Rodeo Club

The University of Saskatchewan Philosophy Club

U of S Canoe & Kayak Club U of S Climbing Crew U of S Concrete Club U of S Curling Club U of S Drama Club U of S Gamers Club

U of S Kin Club (Kinsmen & Kinettes Club)

U of S Pre-Vet Club U of S Table Tennis Club

University of Saskatchewan Debate Society University of Saskatchewan Huskie Athletic Council University of Saskatchewan New Democrats University of Saskatchewan Students for Life

Visual Arts Students' Union (VASU)

Western Business School Conference Organizing Committee

Western Canadian Veterinary Students' Association

Western Engineering Competition 2011

World University Service of Canada: University of Saskatchewan Local Committee



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