ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18





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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.



















General Manager's Message Caroline Cottrell

On behalf of the professional staff of the USSU, I am very pleased again this year to present our annual report.

2017-2018 was a particularly busy year for the organization in the realm of facilities upgrades, especially in our first space, the Memorial Union Building. In early May of 2017, we closed Louis' and undertook a major refresh over the next five weeks. This encompassed a new moving wall, new stage, two new bars, new lighting, a new fireplace, and new furniture throughout. We emerged from this work with a refurbished Louis' that has a coherent look and feel and one that is more inviting and welcoming for students and other guests, as well as for special events. In December of 2017, we then moved to the main floor of MUB and the two stairwells, removing the old flooring, repairing water damaged walls and ceilings, and replacing the Memorial Fireplace insert. The entire building now has an entirely different feel to it, and we accomplished this while maintaining the unique heritage quality of this very special environment. Finally, we removed the 40 year old concrete seats from Place Riel and replaced them with an entirely different form of modular furniture and added in a number of both high and low tables and workbenches designed for both independent and cooperative work. All projects came in under budget and on time and we believe will enhance the student experience on our campus for many years to come.

As we were working on these projects, we were also busy maintaining existing services to students. U-Pass continues to have an exceptional uptake and at a 75% discounted rate is a huge boon to students needing an inexpensive and accessible way of commuting to and from campus. We have been working closely with Saskatoon Transit on a new iteration of the pass itself, as well as having significant involvement on the ongoing plans to change Transit's infrastructure and speed of service within the city. Overall responsibility for this program resides with the Vice President Operations and Finance.

The second largest program offered by the USSU is the health and dental program, brokered by Studentcare. The USSU has had a health and dental program for more than two decades, and it fills in the gap for students between what is provided by the government and what they must pay for themselves. Offering support for medication, vision care, dental check-ups, cleanings, and routine services, chiropractic, physiotherapy, and mental health specialists, the program allows students who are supported by another plan to opt out while ensuring that all others have the advantage of being covered. This program exists under the office of Vice President Student Affairs.

Most importantly the USSU continued to offer a significant number of very high-quality services, programs, host events, and support student-led initiatives. This year food security was identified as a substantial issue and barrier to success, and so we have increased our attention to providing additional emergency food, in part at least thanks to a grant from the university's Parking Services Department. We also continue to raise awareness about community issues by promoting diversity and organizing educational events and programming provided by the Women's Centre, Pride Centre, Help Centre, Student Crew and Safewalk. Our highly successful Welcome Week continues to kick off the year on a positive note and remains the most anticipated event on campus.

Our operations continued to embrace best practice and remain as nimble and adaptable as possible in the face of changing demographics, financial, and innovative realities. It is a great team to lead, and I continue to be enormously proud of the way in which all our staff shows up every day to serve undergraduate students at the University of Saskatchewan.

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General Manager

USSU Operations

Louis'

Louis' continued to be the primary gathering place on campus for students to eat, drink, and see live music over the past year. Louis' served thousands of students, staff, and faculty, from a diverse menu during busy lunch rushes, and dinners. Nightly promotions and weekly events also continued to be well attended.

Louis' remains proud of the many sustainable facets of the operation. They exclusively feature eighteen draught beers from Saskatchewan brewers. Louis' also features locally produced spirits, uses only compostable takeout containers and cutlery, and composts all coffee grounds. The operation was awarded a provincial sustainability award for all of their efforts throughout the year.

Despite declining revenues in the food and beverage industry, Louis' was encouraged by the rise in special events bookings. Louis' hosted hundreds of special events throughout the year including student functions, weddings, banquets, and concerts.

Louis' also worked hard to grow business outside of the Memorial Union Building with numerous catered event orders across campus. Louis' also continued to provide food and beverage services at Griffiths Stadium for events ranging from Huskie Football and soccer, to track and field meets.

Louis' Loft

Louis' Loft remained a trendy destination for students and special event clients over the past year. The operation continues to be a busy coffee shop during the day featuring equitably sourced coffee and teas, nitro coffee, and a wide variety of specialty coffees, all from local suppliers. In addition to coffee, Louis' Loft offers local draught beers, and spirits as well as wines. Louis' Loft food menu continued to evolve with a variety of premium paninis, sandwiches, salads, baked goods, and snacks.

As a special event venue, Louis' Loft continued to see demand grow for the welcoming space. Student groups, campus departments, weddings, and othes booked the Loft space for their special events, banquets, and functions throughout the year

XL Print & Design

XL Print & Design continued to thrive in its location on the main floor of Place Riel with sales growing despite sweeping changes to the campus print environment. The operation increased its list of clients and expanded their services even further. The staff worked diligently to produce high-quality work with industry-leading turnaround times for their customers.

XL Print & Design continues to offer wide format printing, colour copying, and graphic design to hundreds of clients. They carry various types of media such as matte paper, photo gloss, vinyl, canvas, and sticker paper. They also offer finishing services such as mounting, laminating, and binding to their clients.

Information Centre

The Information Centre, located in Upper Place Riel continues to be the first stop for students and visitors to campus. Whether it is for transit information or directions the Information Centre is an integral part of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union and is a highly utilized service that attracts thousands of customers per year.

The Information Centre is proud to offer U-PASS (universal transit pass) for both undergraduate and graduate students, table and kiosk rentals, campus directory, faxing, lost and found, Notary and Commissioner of Oaths services, locker rentals, printing credit, evening parking passes, and general information.

USSU Centres

The University of Saskatchewan Students' Union operates a number of centres aimed at enhancing the student experience. The USSU centres are open to all students and provide resources, support, and services in a warm, positive atmosphere.

Food Centre

The Food Centre works to educate students about healthy food choices and strives to aid students with food security issues. The centre provides emergency food hampers to students in need, and the CHEP Good Food Box to the campus community. Emergency food hampers are provided to students from the Saskatoon Food Bank. Students need a valid Saskatchewan health card and university student card to access this service. The CHEP Good Food Boxes, offered by the centre, provides top-quality, fresh, nutritious food at an affordable price. Subscribers place their orders every second Monday for pick up on Wednesdays.

The Food Centre runs a weekly Fresh Market, where fresh fruit, vegetables, and snacks, are sold to students in a central location at reduced prices. In addition to the fresh items, the market also includes non-perishable items such as spices, pasta, and lentils. This program helps students make smart, healthy, eating decisions at a price they can afford.

The centre also organizes Trick or Eat, which takes place on Halloween night. The event collects non-perishable food items for the Saskatoon Food Bank. The event was a success this year with over 2000 lbs of food collected by dozens of student volunteers.

Help Centre

The Help Centre is committed to providing information, referrals, and personal support to students. They offer an exam file, free condoms, free hygiene products, a kitchenette, maps, information on a variety of topics, friendly faces, a positive space, and provide support and community to students. The Help Centre, Peer Support program, offers support and referrals regarding sexual health, academic issues, suicide, pregnancy, and other student issues. They are available by appointment and on a walk-in basis during centre hours.

The Help Centre hosts/participates in major events throughout the year including Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Mental Health Support Group, and Mental Health Awareness Week.

This past year was the first year that the centre was located on the main floor of the Memorial Union Building. The new space proved very welcoming to students and provided a great atmosphere for the programs and services offered by the centre. It was also the first year that students could access the exam file via a computer on the main floor of Place Riel. This improved location provided unprecedented access to exams, which led to record usage for the service.

Pride Centre

The Pride Centre is a welcoming and celebratory campus community. The centre provides a friendly environment with a diverse group of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in an open and progressive environment that advocates, celebrates, and affirms sexual and gender diversity.

The Pride Centre supplies information on safe sex, as well as free condoms, latex gloves, dental dams, and female condoms. The centre also organizes and offers information on local and national Queer news, community organizations, and community events. Some of the key events planned for the centre include Queerapalooza, Ally Week, Asexuality Awareness Week, Transgender Day of Remembrance, and Carnival of Sex.

Women's Centre

The Women's Centre is a safe, dynamic, comfortable, positive space to organize around feminism. This welcoming area located on the main floor of the Memorial Union Building has ample space for resources, discussion groups, and events that served the campus community.

The USSU Women's Centre continues to take a positive and proactive approach to educating and informing the campus community about issues affecting women. The centre strives to provide a safe and positive environment to promote equality while recognizing and celebrating differences within our diverse and dynamic community.

The Women's Centre hosts/participates in major events throughout the year including Take Back the Night, Sexual Assault Awareness Week, Who Needs Feminism?, The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and International Women's Day.

2017-18 Experience in Excellence Awards

Teaching Excellence Awards

Selected by students, the Teaching Excellence Awards recognize those who have demonstrated enthusiasm, organization and fairness in evaluation, providing exceptional commitment and support to their classrooms. The 2017-18 winners are:

- Nathalie Johnstone, Department of Accounting; Edwards School of Business
- David York, Department of Political Studies; Arts and Science
- Roman Lukyanenko, Department of Finance and Management Science; Edwards School of Business
- Kyle Anderson, Department of Biochemistry; Medicine
- James Johnston, Department of Mechanical Engineering; Engineering
- Jeffrey Long, Department of Computer Science; Arts and Science
- Debbie Rolfes, Graham School of Professional Development
- Yin Liu, Department of English; Arts and Science
- Sarah Nickel, Department of Indigenous Studies; Arts and Science
- Krystopher Chutko, Department of Geography and Planning; Arts and Science

USSU Centre Awards

The USSU Centre Awards recognize those among the University of Saskatchewan faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have demonstrated leadership and courage in advancing the quality of life in support of those experiencing outstanding struggles. The 2017-18 winners are:

- Kim Chung, Help Centre Award
- Iza Belle Lucenio, Women's Centre Award
- Adaeze Ezeaka, Food Centre Award
- Soong Lau, Safewalk Award

Walter Murray Leadership Award

This award is presented to a student who has provided leadership beyond the call of duty in enhancing the student experience at the University of Saskatchewan. The 2017-18 winner is:

Raina Kim

Instructional Support Award

This award honours outstanding delivery of instructional support at the University of Saskatchewan and serves to recognize the importance Academic Advising has on enhancing the student experience. The 2017-18 recipient is:

• Jessica McDonald, English Department; College of Arts and Science

Doug Favell U of S Staff Spirit Award & Freda Salikin USSU Staff Spirit Award

 $These \ awards \ recognize \ non-academic \ staff \ members \ who \ are \ responsible \ for \ enhancing \ the \ student \ experience.$

The 2017-18 winners are:

- Julian Demkiw, U of S Staff Member
- Bryan Froggett and Reche Epp, USSU Staff Members

Vera Pezer Awards for Student Enhancement

This award is presented to U of S student volunteers who have given their time and energy to ensure that non-academic facets of the student experience are enhanced. The 2017-18 winners are:

- Darcy Dumont, Member of Student Council
- Leah Tank, USSU Centres
- Kirsten Samson, Volunteerism
- University of Saskatchewan Filipino Students' Association, Campus Group of the Year

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 2017-18 winner is:

- Vanessa Leon
- Megan Vandendriessche

Financial Statements of **University of Saskatchewan Students' Union**

Year ended April 30, 2018



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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of University of Saskatchewan Students' Union

The accompanying summary financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, which comprise the summary statements of financial position as at April 30, 2018, and the summary statement of operations for the year then ended, are derived from the completed audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at April 30, 2018, and for the year then ended April 30, 2018.

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those complete financial statements in our report dated August 31, 2018.

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary 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 complete audited financial statements of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union as at and for the year then ended April 30, 2018 are a fair summary of those financial statements.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants August 31, 2018 Saskatoon, Canada

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Statement of Financial Position

April 30, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

		2018	2017
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	419,386	\$ 424,055
Accounts receivable		66,850	91,957
Inventories		101,123	97,589
Prepaid expenses		10,292	23,492
Short-term investments		6,044,341	5,824,741
Due from University of Saskatchewan		67,756	-
		6,709,748	6,461,834
Property and equipment	2	20,725,059	20,878,457
Trust fund		2,000	2,000
	\$ 2	27,436,807	\$ 27,342,291

Liabilities and Deficiency

Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue Due to University of Saskatchewan Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,339,657 338,924 - 344,364	\$ 1,089,556 315,097 27,146 323,487
	2,022,945	1,755,286
Long-term debt Deferred capital contributions Trust liability	15,961,559 11,119,124 2,000	16,305,923 10,910,358 2,000
Total liabilities	29,105,628	28,973,567
Deficiency	(1,668,821)	(1,631,276)
	\$ 27,436,807	\$ 27,342,291

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION

Statement of Operations

Year ended April 30, 2018, with comparative information for 2017

	2018	2017
Revenue:		
Sales	\$ 1,913,654	\$ 1,981,530
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (note 6)	1,714,551	1,538,965
Student fees	1,497,732	1,385,797
Facilities	1,009,072	1,004,281
Marketing and media	130,341	132,545
Investment income and changes in fair value	62,369	53,720
Entertainment	50,153	59,505
Student services	42,963	50,501
Ratification revenue	16,464	15,810
Other revenue (expense)	(53,056)	88,411
	6,384,663	6,311,065

Expenses:				
Business operations		1,945,480		2,029,941
Amortization		1,177,409		1,152,104
Administrative		1,044,622		1,001,757
Financing costs		887,448		896,874
Building maintenance		832,691		777,572
Student governance		240,894		224,211
Student services		202,099		207,417
Entertainment		51,274		62,257
Marketing and media		37,180		41,386
		6,419,097		6,393,519
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted				
item		(34,434)		(82,454)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		3,111		8,968
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	•	(37,545)	φ	(91,422)

Note:

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

2017-18 **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 andservices, please visit 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	\$ 91.56
Health and Dental Plan	\$ 262.68
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 125.12
U-Pass	\$ 165.58 (\$82.64 per term)

Part-Time On Campus Undergraduate Students

Students' Union	\$ 45.78
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 62.56
U-Pass	\$ 165.28 (\$82.64 per term

Off-Campus and Audit Only Students

Students' Union	\$ 45.78
Student Infrastructure Fee	\$ 62.56

USSU Student Fee Details

Students' Union

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

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.

Student Infrastructure Fee

In March 2003 students voted to implement the Student Infrastructure Fee for the purpose of constructing and sustaining student buildings. Primarily this fee will repay the loan acquired for a 22 million dollar renovation and expansion of Place Riel Student Centre.

U-PASS

Undergraduate students (some exemptions apply) are assessed a mandatory fee of \$76.33 per academic term providing transit coverage from September though December for Term 1, and January through April for Term 2. U-PASS does not include the summer period of May through August. U-PASS allows students unfettered access to Saskatoon Transit services and it is a significant part of the USSU's commitment to sustainability.



Directory

2017-18 Executive Committee

President: David D'Eon

VP Operations & Finance: Deena Kapacila

VP Academic Affairs: Jessica Quan VP Student Affairs: Crystal Lau

University Students' Council

Chair: Scott Hitchings

Agriculture and Bioresources: Keana Trudel Agriculture and Bioresources: Mason Cameron

Arts & Science: Kirsten Samson Arts & Science: Kylie Phillips Arts & Science: Aidan Murphy Denistry: Christy McPherson Education: Madison Nagel Engineering: Erika Erlandson

Engineering: Noah Koh-Steadman Edwards School of Business: Austin James Heintz **Edwards School of Business:** Gabe Simons

Indigenous Students: Anastasia Sylvestre **Indigenous Students:** Kiefer Roberts International Students: Kary Shen

International Students: Kinesiology: Mack Gill Law: Darcy Dumont Medicine: Brian Trinh Nursing: Aliva Abbasi

Pharmacy & Nutrition: Alexandria McMillan

St. Thomas More: Brent Kobes

Veterinary Medicine: Emma Thomson

USSU Administration

General Manager: Caroline Cottrell

Business & Services Manager: Jason Kovitch

Communications & Marketing Manager: Jason Ventnor

Controller: Amanda Mitchell Facilities Manager: Stefanie Ewen

Graphic & Media Designer: Olivia Swerhone-Wick

Accounting Assistant: Peggy Pfeil Administrative Secretary: Barb Yanko Administrative Secretary: Desiree Moody

Academic & Governance Assistant: Sheldon Moellenbeck

USSU Operations

Louis' Loft: Matt Fehr

Information Centre: Adam Nobel

Louis': David Ross, Dan Smolinski, Jesse Carlson, Morgan Billard

XL Print & Design: Luke Warman

USSU Centres

Food Centre: Mark Tan Help Centre: Crystal Lau Pride Centre: Kenny Starling Safewalk / Student Crew: Jane Kim Women's Centre: Ashley Clouthier

Affiliated Clubs and Associations

5 Days for the Homeless Saskatoon

Accounting Club

African Students Association Agriculture Students' Association

Ahmadivva Muslim Students Association

AIESEC Saskatoon

Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club Amnesty International Group 91 Anatomy and Cell Biology Club (ACBC) Arab Students' Association (ASA) Arts & Science Students' Union

Associantion for Exchange and International Students AXIS Association of Korean Canadian Scientists and Engineers U of S

Association of Student Musicians

Bangladesh Undergraduate Student Federation

Best Buddies UofS

Biology Club

CAPSI (Canadian Association of Pharmacy Students and Interns)

Catholic Christian Outreach

Caveat Lector

Chemical Engineering Student Society Chinese Students, Äô & Scholars, Äô Association

CIM Saskatoon Student Chapter

Civil Club

College of Kinesiology Students' Society (KiSS)

Comitatus

Computer Science Students' Society

Connect Student Group Corporate Law Club

Criminal Law Club

CWC USASK

Do Something- U of S

Drama Students' Association

Education Students Society Edwards Business Students' Society

Edwards JDC West

Enactus University of Saskatchewan

Engineers Without Borders

English Undergraduate Society

Environmental and Bioresources Students Association (EBSA)

Environmental Engineering Students' Society

Environmental Studies Students Association Filipino Students Association

Finance Students' Society

Food and Bioproduct Sciences Student Club

Geological Engineering Student Society

Global Vets

Golden Key International Honor Society

Green Legal

Greystone Scholars Society Health Sciences Students, Aô Association

Health Studies Student Society

History Undergraduate Students' Association

Huskié Formula Racing

Indian Teacher Education Program Student Executive Council

Indigenous Law Students' Association

Indigenous Student Council

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship International Students Association

International Womens' Movement (IWM)

Just Riahts

Kids Impacting Tomorrow

Latin American Students' Association

Law Students' Association

Linguistics Students' Association

Love Notes

Malaysian Students Association

Management Students' Association

Marketing Students Society

MCC USASK

Mechanical Engineering Students' Association

Microbiology and Immunology Student Association

Mindful Livina

MIX Print Collective

MOMENTUM 2017/2018

Muslim Students Association

Nifty Knitters

Nigerian Students' Association, University of Saskatchewan

Omega Eta Phi

Ore Gangue Geological Students' Society

Peer Health Usask

Philosophy Students' Society

Physics Students' Society

Planning Students Association

Political Studies Students' Association

Power to Change Ministries

Pre-Pharmacy Člub

Progressive Conservative Undergraduates

Punjabi Students' Association

Redeemed Christian Church Campus Fellowship (RCCCF)

Saskatchewan Dental Students Society Saskatchewan Party Campus Club

Saskatchewan Pharmacy and Nutrition Students' Society

Saskatoon Engineering Students' Society Saskatoon Psychology Student's Society

SaskInvent

SaskLiberals on Campus: University of Saskatchewan

Socialist Students Association

Sociology Undergraduate Student Association

Solace Campus Fellowship

Somali Students' Association, University of Saskatchewan

Spoon University of Saskatchewan Branch

Sports Law Club

Steel Bridge Design Team

Stem Fellowship Club

Student Chapter of CAMA Student Chapter of the AAEP

Student Medical Society of Saskatchewan

SUNTEP Student Representative Council

SWITCH (Student Wellness Initiative Toward Community Health)

The Animal Bio Science Club

The Chemistry Students' Society

The Dirt Gang/APALA The Dissent

The University of Saskatchewan Conservatives

U of S Aero Design Team

U of S Amateur Drama Club

U of S Animanga

U of S Archery Club

U of S Barbell

U of S Biochemistry Student Association

U of S Campus Kin Club U of S Cheerleading Team

U of S CI Student Club

U of S IEEE Student Branch

U of S Innovative Energy Team U of S Junior Chamber of Commerce

U of S Mens Ultimate

U of S ONE HEALTH CLUB

U of S Pre-Med Club U of S Pre-Vet Club

Undergraduate Chinese Culture Club (UCCC)

University of Saskatchewan Areopagus Youth

University of Saskatchewan Debate Society

University Of Saskatchewan Ducks Unlimited

University of Saskatchewan Games Club

University of Saskatchewan Horticulture Club

University of Saskatchewan Law Rugby Club Eagles

University of Saskatchewan New Democratic Party

University of Saskatchewan Rugby 7's

University of Saskatchewan Space Design Team University of Saskatchewan Stockman's Club

University of Saskatchewan Students for Life University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students' Association

University of Saskatchewan Young Liberals

USask Improv

USask Investment Club

USask Model United Nations V.A.S.U. (Visual Arts Students, Äô Union).

WCVM Production Animal Club

Western Canadian Veterinary Students Association

Wild and Exotic Animal Medicine Society

Wildlife Disease Association: University of Saskatchewan Student Chapter

Women in the Legislature

World Mining Competition (Formerly National Mining Competition)

WUSC (World University Service of Canada) Young Women in Business (YWiB) USask Chapter