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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**THE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS' UNION (USSU)**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN OFFICE OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**

**October 11th, 2016**

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### **Definitions and Preamble**

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

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

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

### **Article 1: Purpose and Principles**

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

1.2. This MOU is based upon the shared interests of both USSUSC and the President's Office in making undergraduate students part of sustainability initiatives put forward by the University of Saskatchewan providing learning opportunities and participation to students.

## **Article 2: Commitments of the USSUSC and the President's Office**

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

2.2 On an annual basis there will be the opportunity for the President to renew his/her/their commitment to act as the leader for the wider campus community on environmental, social, and economic sustainability. This commitment will be affirmed during the Sustainability Week in term 1 (subject to change). This commitment will be made public to the wider campus communities and will subsequently take place annually unless otherwise determined by the USSUSC and the President's Office.

2.3 The USSUSC and the President's Office will also:

- Increase the visibility including active leadership and support of the Sustainability Strategy Plan 2021-2030, Campus Sustainability Plan, and Climate Action Plan, as well as future initiatives;
- Advance sustainability across campus, and work with diverse communities on campus including students to facilitate the development of messaging and programs regarding sustainability in a way that is relevant to each particular member of the University of Saskatchewan;
- Champion actionable results on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water conservation, and waste prevention initiatives on campus to foster a culture of stewardship within the university community;
- Engage with the community and encourage the creation of partnerships with local companies, corporations, and third-party research groups which actively pursue sustainability goals and are situated on the University of Saskatchewan campus or in the local community;
- Provide resources to champion sustainability on campus.

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