

**University Students'
Council of The University of
Western Ontario**

Financial Statements
May 31, 2022



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of University Students' Council of The University of Western Ontario

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of University Students' Council of The University of Western Ontario (the USC) as at May 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

What we have audited

The USC's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at May 31, 2022;
 - the statement of operations for the year then ended;
 - the statement of changes fund balances for the year then ended;
 - the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
 - the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.
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Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the USC in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal

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control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the USC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the USC or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the USC's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the USC's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the USC's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the USC to cease to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

London, Ontario
November 21, 2022

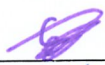

University Students' Council of The University of Western Ontario

Statement of Financial Position

As at May 31, 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,086,924	7,518,856
Short-term investments	5,017,856	-
Accounts receivable	442,880	814,669
Inventories	31,131	110,454
Prepaid expenses	2,202,554	1,464,637
	<u>10,781,345</u>	<u>9,908,616</u>
Health plan insurance deposit (note 3)	124,493	124,493
Investments (note 4)	5,037,260	4,167,434
Capital assets (note 5)	<u>5,805,650</u>	<u>5,597,853</u>
	<u>21,748,748</u>	<u>19,798,396</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 17)	1,783,174	1,981,908
Deferred contributions for campus organizations and associations (note 13)	1,165,072	671,856
Due to affiliated councils (note 13)	486,186	375,939
Due to Radio Western (notes 8 and 13)	63,762	53,019
Current portion of long-term debt (note 7)	300,000	300,000
Deferred revenue (note 6)	4,502,203	3,689,218
	<u>8,300,397</u>	<u>7,071,940</u>
Post-retirement benefit obligation (note 15)	1,082,300	1,273,800
Long-term debt (note 7)	<u>1,050,000</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>
	<u>10,432,697</u>	<u>9,695,740</u>
Fund Balances		
Operating fund – unrestricted	7,792,906	6,579,511
Reserve fund – internally restricted	<u>3,523,145</u>	<u>3,523,145</u>
	<u>11,316,051</u>	<u>10,102,656</u>
	<u>21,748,748</u>	<u>19,798,396</u>
Commitments and contingencies (note 14)		

Approved by the Board of Directors

 Director
  Director

Director & President Finance Chair

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Operations

For the year ended May 31, 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue		
Student fees	26,083,953	22,575,202
Transfers (note 8)	(19,586,551)	(16,312,610)
Net student fees	6,497,402	6,262,592
Campus organizations	469,493	243,092
Events and building services	95,391	5,244
Hospitality services (note 11)	2,390,567	446,576
Media	35,771	6,871
Executive Committee programs	802,185	714,806
Retail and service operations (note 9)	242,886	214,140
Interest	39,456	42,448
(Loss) gain on investments	(130,173)	570,198
Rental	486,216	473,132
Other (note 19)	760,331	2,019,603
	<u>11,689,525</u>	<u>10,998,702</u>
Expenses (note 5)		
Campus organizations	469,493	243,092
Events and building services	605,128	440,494
Hospitality services (note 11)	2,930,974	1,337,440
Media	604,223	462,146
Executive Committee programs	1,870,409	1,453,411
Retail and service operations (note 9)	418,690	474,590
Corporate (note 10)	3,575,096	3,739,740
Rental	2,117	2,268
	<u>10,476,130</u>	<u>8,153,181</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>1,213,395</u>	<u>2,845,521</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended May 31, 2022

			<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	Operating fund – unrestricted \$	Reserve fund – internally restricted \$	Total \$	Total \$
Balance – Beginning of year	6,579,511	3,523,145	10,102,656	7,257,135
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	1,213,395	-	1,213,395	2,845,521
Balance – End of year	<u>7,792,906</u>	<u>3,523,145</u>	<u>11,316,051</u>	<u>10,102,656</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended May 31, 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	1,213,395	2,845,521
Items not affecting cash		
Amortization	651,008	713,784
Loss on disposal of capital assets	10,249	-
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	876,659	(845,860)
Post-retirement benefit (gain) expense	(164,300)	39,900
	<u>2,587,011</u>	<u>2,753,345</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances (note 12)	<u>941,652</u>	<u>761,218</u>
	<u>3,528,663</u>	<u>3,514,563</u>
Financing activities		
Repayment of long-term debt	(300,000)	(300,000)
Post-retirement benefits paid	(27,200)	(24,300)
	<u>(327,200)</u>	<u>(324,300)</u>
Investing activities		
(Purchase of) proceeds from investments	(6,764,341)	808,585
Purchase of capital assets	(869,054)	(181,186)
	<u>(7,633,395)</u>	<u>627,399</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents during the year	<u>(4,431,932)</u>	<u>3,817,662</u>
Cash and cash equivalents – Beginning of year	<u>7,518,856</u>	<u>3,701,194</u>
Cash and cash equivalents – End of year	<u>3,086,924</u>	<u>7,518,856</u>

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1 Purpose of the organization

University Students' Council of The University of Western Ontario (the USC) is a student representative body incorporated under the statutes of the Province of Ontario. The USC shall work to enhance the quality of life of students while attending The University of Western Ontario (Western) and to reinforce the best possible educational experience by:

- positively enhancing the contributions made by students to both Western and the community at large;
- developing and maintaining responsible student government acting as the representative of all undergraduate students in all issues affecting the student body;
- programming to enhance the social, intellectual, recreational, cultural, athletic and educational experiences of all undergraduate students;
- promoting unity and communication amongst students and providing a link to Western community and all levels of government; and
- providing cost effective services that meet the needs of students.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) as issued by the Canadian Accounting Standards Board.

Revenue recognition

The USC follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Revenue from campus organizations and executive committee programs is recognized when the services have been performed and programs have been made available.

Student fee revenue is derived from a levy collected from each student by Western. The fees are recorded as revenue in the year in which the fees relate.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Management believes its estimates to be appropriate and are not expected to change materially in the short-term; however, actual results could differ from the amounts estimated.

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Fund balances

The financial statements disclose the activities of the following funds maintained by the USC:

- Operating fund

The operating fund represents the results of the ongoing programs and activities.

- Reserve fund

The reserve fund represents internally restricted funds that are to be used to finance operations during periods of reduced funding and to fund the post-retirement benefit obligation.

Deferred revenue

The USC recognizes amounts received for future services to be provided as deferred revenue and records these amounts as revenue when the related services are rendered.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Normal maintenance and repair expenditures are expensed as incurred.

Amortization is provided on the declining balance basis at the rates set out below, commencing in the month of purchase. Gains or losses on disposal of individual assets are recognized in income in the year of disposal.

Office furniture and equipment	20% to 30%
Leasehold improvements	10%
Data processing equipment	30%
Entertainment equipment	25%

Investments and investment income

Short-term investments include guaranteed investment certifications with maturity dates less than one year but greater than three months from year-end.

Investments are recorded at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized on the statement of operations in the period during which they are incurred.

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Financial instruments

Financial instruments include accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to affiliated councils and due to Radio Western. Financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications that an asset may be impaired. Any excess of the carrying amount of a financial asset over its recoverable amount is recorded as an impairment charge within the statement of operations. A previously recorded impairment charge may be reversed in future periods.

Income taxes

Under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, Canada and the Corporations Tax Act, Ontario, the USC is exempt from federal and provincial income taxes. The USC is subject to harmonized sales tax (HST) on its commercial activities pursuant to provisions of the Excise Tax Act.

3 Health plan insurance deposit

The USC has \$124,493 (2021 – \$124,493) in a health plan trust, which provides health coverage to participating students. The USC remits a portion of its student fees to the trust, which has an August 31 year-end.

4 Investments

a) Investments as at May 31 are summarized as follows:

	2022		2021	
	Book value	Fair value	Book value	Fair value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Canadian money market	900,850	901,157	358,175	358,175
Canadian bonds	602,680	541,501	607,525	612,491
Foreign bonds	531,042	530,030	536,509	566,294
Canadian equity	1,190,539	1,183,053	262,366	869,321
Foreign equity	1,566,633	1,881,519	1,280,684	1,761,153
	<u>4,791,744</u>	<u>5,037,260</u>	<u>3,045,259</u>	<u>4,167,434</u>

Included in investments is \$3,523,145 (2021 – \$3,523,145) relating to the reserve fund.

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5 Capital assets

	2022		
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$
Office furniture and equipment	3,843,807	3,211,812	631,995
Leasehold improvements	11,659,866	6,680,634	4,979,232
Data processing equipment	1,510,420	1,370,364	140,056
Entertainment equipment	601,676	547,309	54,367
	<u>17,615,769</u>	<u>11,810,119</u>	<u>5,805,650</u>
	2021		
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$
Office furniture and equipment	3,751,323	3,146,956	604,367
Leasehold improvements	10,998,766	6,227,370	4,771,396
Data processing equipment	1,532,419	1,377,152	155,267
Entertainment equipment	601,676	534,853	66,823
	<u>16,884,184</u>	<u>11,286,331</u>	<u>5,597,853</u>

Included within expenses on the statement of operations are the following amounts of amortization:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Hospitality services	162,243	160,571
Media	8,598	8,632
Retail and service operations	39,373	50,541
Corporate expenses	440,794	494,040
	<u>651,008</u>	<u>713,784</u>

6 Deferred revenue

Western administration collects a fee from all full-time undergraduate students and remits this fee to the USC throughout the academic year. Deferred revenue of \$4,502,203 (2021 – \$3,689,218) includes amounts received pertaining to the health and dental care plans for the months of June to August 2022 totalling \$2,121,872 (2021 – \$1,893,241) and amounts received pertaining to the London Transit Commission bus passes for the months of June to August 2022 totalling \$2,169,663 (2021 – \$1,310,013). These items will be recognized as revenue in fiscal 2023.

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7 Long-term debt

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Non-revolving term loan, interest payable monthly at the bank's prime lending rate plus 0.75%, plus bankers' acceptance fee of 1.6%, principal payable in monthly instalments of \$25,000	1,350,000	1,650,000
Less: Current portion	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>
	<u>1,050,000</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>

Principal payments required in each of the next five years are as follows:

	\$
2023	300,000
2024	300,000
2025	300,000
2026	300,000
2027	<u>150,000</u>
	<u>1,350,000</u>

The USC has an operating credit facility in the amount of \$300,000 which bears interest at prime rate plus 1.0%. No amounts were drawn on this facility as at May 31, 2022 or May 31, 2021.

Security for borrowings and all other obligations include the following:

- Letter of Undertaking signed by the USC to direct up to \$4,500,000 plus interest annually for the next 15 years of funding from Western to the bank starting on October 30, 2020; and
- Letter of Direction from the USC to direct an aggregate of \$4,500,000 plus interest annually of Western's funding to the bank over 15 years commencing on October 30, 2020.

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8 Transfers

The USC collects student fees on behalf of various organizations and programs. These student fees are transferred to these organizations and programs throughout the year. As at May 31, 2022, \$63,762 (2021 – \$53,019) of these student fees are due to Radio Western.

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Health plan	8,248,615	7,152,402
London Transit Commission bus passes	7,734,127	5,979,146
Occupancy	1,580,001	1,289,581
O-Pass revenue	874,514	776,568
Radio Western	354,762	375,019
Community Legal Services	232,451	222,958
Association fees	215,247	162,699
Council grants	131,088	140,811
Ombudsperson	113,055	116,690
Western Mustang Band	66,723	63,893
Allocable funds/transfers to campus groups	35,968	32,843
	<u>19,586,551</u>	<u>16,312,610</u>

9 Retail and service operations

	2022		
	Revenue \$	Expenses \$	Net expenses \$
Purple Store	242,886	(418,690)	(175,804)
	<u>2021</u>		
	Revenue \$	Expenses \$	Net expenses \$
Creative promotions	326	(235,843)	(235,517)
Purple Store	213,814	(238,747)	(24,933)
	<u>214,140</u>	<u>(474,590)</u>	<u>(260,450)</u>

Included in the expenses of retail and service operations is \$283,279 (2021 – \$177,182) of inventory recognized as an expense during the year.

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10 Corporate expenses

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Salaries and benefits	1,435,596	1,614,682
Administration	888,751	1,064,177
Amortization	440,794	494,040
Communications	274,028	51,871
Office	161,826	174,437
Legal and audit	142,354	102,671
Insurance	141,115	144,142
Interest and bank charges	81,518	92,180
Information technology	9,114	1,473
Security	-	67
	<u>3,575,096</u>	<u>3,739,740</u>

11 Hospitality services

	2022		
	Revenue \$	Expenses \$	Net expenses \$
Western Film	1,753	(58,501)	(56,749)
The Spoke	1,916,156	(2,048,734)	(132,578)
The Wave	472,658	(823,739)	(351,081)
	<u>2,390,567</u>	<u>(2,930,974)</u>	<u>(540,407)</u>
	2021		
	Revenue \$	Expenses \$	Net expenses \$
Western Film	672	(73,355)	(72,683)
The Spoke	219,281	(847,705)	(628,424)
The Wave	226,623	(416,380)	(189,757)
	<u>446,576</u>	<u>(1,337,440)</u>	<u>(890,864)</u>

Included in this revenue are the management fee and grant relating to the administration of liquor sales for The Spoke and The Wave operations, as explained in note 13.

Included in the expenses of hospitality services is \$913,040 (2021 – \$170,948) of inventory recognized as an expense during the year.

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12 Statement of cash flows

Changes in non-cash working capital balances consist of the following:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Accounts receivable	371,789	(483,855)
Inventories	79,323	38,689
Prepaid expenses	(737,917)	590,732
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(198,734)	994,682
Deferred contributions for campus organizations and associations	493,216	67,354
Due to affiliated councils	110,247	94,304
Due to Radio Western	10,743	9,782
Deferred revenue	812,985	(550,470)
	<u>941,652</u>	<u>761,218</u>

13 Transactions with Western based organizations

The University of Western Ontario

The USC occupies office space owned by Western. Occupancy charges during fiscal 2022, inclusive of HST, were \$1,953,277 (2021 – \$1,843,333), net of a discount of \$nil (2021 – \$436,581) received. In consideration of student levies paid to Western, a certain portion of the office space is provided free of occupancy charges. No amount related to the free occupancy charges has been recorded in these financial statements.

Pursuant to the memorandum of understanding between Western and the USC dated March 1, 2004, results of operations relating to liquor sales for The Wave and The Spoke are not included in the financial statements of the USC and are recorded in the financial records of Western. As compensation for the management and operation of the facilities, Western paid the USC a management fee and grant, which amounted to \$74,240 for the year ended May 31, 2022 (2021 – \$1,468).

Revenue, cost of sales and gross profit associated with liquor sales at The Wave and The Spoke included by Western in its financial records are as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	129,145	2,549
Cost of sales	(54,905)	(1,081)
	<u>74,240</u>	<u>1,468</u>

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Campus organizations and associations and affiliated councils

Appropriations allotted to campus organizations and associations and affiliated councils are only recoverable by the USC where there has been no activity in the particular campus organizations, associations or affiliated councils during the year. All other appropriations remain a liability of the USC until the funds are expended by the respective organization. Disbursements made in excess of total expendable funds are recoverable through the following year's appropriations.

Radio Western

During the year, the USC transferred \$354,762 (2021 – \$375,019) of student fees to Radio Western, which were collected on Radio Western's behalf.

During the year, Radio Western was charged an administration fee of \$6,300 (2021 – \$6,300).

The amount due to Radio Western is due on demand and non-interest bearing.

14 Commitments and contingencies

Occupancy costs

The USC has a signed occupancy agreement with Western, which is renewed every five years. During 2020, an extension of the lease was entered into for the period of February 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022. Under the occupancy agreement, the USC will pay an annual base charge, which will be updated and communicated annually in accordance with rates set by Western. Additionally, a base occupancy credit will be deducted from the total occupancy charges in lieu of an allowance for USC offices and common areas. These credits will be indexed annually by the percentage change in the base occupancy rates and caretaking rates applied to calculate all campus occupancy charges. The occupancy charge net of the base occupancy credit for the period from June 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023 is \$1,728,564 plus HST and is payable in monthly instalments of \$144,047 plus HST.

Contingencies

As at May 31, 2022, the USC has legal claims outstanding for which the USC holds liability insurance that is expected to cover potential losses.

15 Post-retirement benefit obligation

The USC has an unfunded post-retirement health and dental benefit plan available to full-time employees. Employees that retire with the USC will receive full health and dental benefits to a maximum age of 65. Employees must have 15 years of service in order to become eligible for the benefits, and no benefits will be received if retirement occurs prior to the age of 55. As at May 31, 2022, 37 (2021 – 37) members were active in the plan, and of these, eight (2021 – eight) are retired.

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As at May 31, 2022, the actuarial valuation of the post-retirement benefit obligation was \$1,082,300 (2021 – \$1,273,800) and during the year, \$164,300 was recorded as a gain (2021 – \$39,900 as an expense). The actual post-retirement benefits paid during the year were \$27,200 (2021 – \$24,300).

In determining the post-retirement benefit obligation, the following significant assumptions were used:

	2022 %	2021 %
Discount rate	5.0	3.2
Annual withdrawal rates for each of the following age categories are expected to be as follows:		
25	20.0	20.0
30	11.2	11.2
35	6.3	6.3
40	3.4	3.4
45	1.8	1.8
50	1.2	1.2

Health claim costs for the year per member are estimated to be \$2,040 (2021 – \$2,040) and dental claim costs for the year per member are estimated to be \$650 (2021 – \$650). Health-care costs are expected to increase at the following rates:

Medical	4.00% per annum
Prescription drugs	7.07% per annum in 2020 grading down to 4.00% per annum in and after 2040
Other medical	4.00% per annum
Vision care	4.00% per annum
Dental	4.00% per annum

16 Capital management

The USC's objective, when managing capital, is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern in order to pursue the delivery of a variety of services to the students of Western.

In managing its capital, the USC considers the available cash, investments and fund balances. The USC manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the USC may attempt to raise additional funds or reduce expenses.

In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the USC prepares annual expenditure budgets that are updated as necessary depending on various factors, including student fees, fundraising campaigns and general governmental conditions. The annual and updated budgets are approved by the Board of Directors.

The USC has not changed its approach to capital management during the current year, and does not use specific quantitative measures to manage capital. As at May 31, 2022, the USC has a surplus of cash, short-term investments and investments over long-term debt. The USC is not subject to any external capital restrictions.

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17 Government remittances

Government remittances consist of amounts required to be paid to government authorities and are recognized when the amounts come due. In respect of government remittances, \$38,682 (2021 – \$14,371) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

18 Financial instruments

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in the foreign exchange rates. The USC is not exposed to risks from foreign exchange rate fluctuations in the normal course of operations.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The USC is exposed to credit risk from customers and manages this risk through evaluation and monitoring.

Interest rate risk

The USC is exposed to market interest rate fluctuations with respect to its long-term debt.

Fair value

The carrying amounts of accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to affiliated councils and due to Radio Western approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature. The fair value of long-term debt does not differ from its carrying value due to the interest structure.

19 COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as a global pandemic. As a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, on March 23, 2020, the Government of Ontario ordered the closure of all non-essential businesses effective on March 24, 2020.

These restrictions resulted in the temporary closure of USC's ancillary operations and disruption to in-person learning for students. This was managed by the USC through temporary employment leave for certain employees and applying for government support payments. During the year, the USC received \$580,508 (2021 – \$1,417,135) through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy which is included in other revenue. Operations have since resumed and student enrolment has returned to normal levels.