

Lakehead University
Financial Statements
For the year ended April 30, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

**To the Chair and Members of
The Board of Governors of Lakehead University**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lakehead University, which comprise the balance sheet as at April 30, 2015, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as at April 30, 2015 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.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Thunder Bay, Ontario
October 1, 2015

Lakehead University Balance Sheet

April 30	2015	2014
	(in thousands of dollars)	
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 36,042	\$ 39,240
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	8,036	9,454
Inventories and prepaid expenses	1,192	1,028
	45,270	49,722
Long-term investments (Note 4)	106,648	97,883
Capital assets (Note 5)	148,018	155,778
	\$ 299,936	\$ 303,383

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Current

Accounts payable and accrued charges (Note 6)	\$ 12,404	15,546
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	19,112	18,797
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 9)	1,925	1,817
	33,441	36,160
Accrued pension liability (Note 8)	1,010	4,057
Long-term debt (Note 9)	109,655	111,580
Interest rate swaps (Note 9.5)	5,728	4,041
Deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	46,291	47,536
	196,125	203,374

Net assets

Internally restricted (Note 11)	67,971	63,216
Endowments (Note 12)	44,479	43,203
Unrestricted	(8,639)	(6,410)
	103,811	100,009
	\$ 299,936	\$ 303,383

Contingent liabilities (Note 15)

On behalf of the Board of Governors:

Chair

President

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

Lakehead University Statement of Operations

For the year ended April 30	2015	2014
		(restated note 20)
		(in thousands of dollars)
Revenue		
Government grants for general operations	\$ 64,326	\$ 65,269
Government and other grants for restricted purposes	14,518	14,959
Student fees	59,732	57,469
Sales of goods and services	17,216	19,639
Investment income (Note 4)	7,316	10,749
Donations	2,837	1,581
Contract research	1,038	1,197
Sundry	1,769	3,863
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	2,215	2,609
	<u>170,967</u>	<u>177,335</u>
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	105,367	102,745
Operational supplies and expenses	6,438	5,953
Cost of sales and services	6,371	8,096
Amortization of capital assets	10,807	11,541
Amortization of debenture issuance costs	117	117
Building and equipment maintenance	7,134	7,573
Scholarships, bursaries and awards	11,039	10,556
Utilities	5,564	5,415
Travel	3,371	3,394
Other	6,101	5,427
Interest on long term debt	6,115	6,219
	<u>168,424</u>	<u>167,036</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	2,543	10,299
Unrealized (loss) recovery on interest rate swap	(1,687)	2,086
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 856	\$ 12,385

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

Lakehead University
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

For the year ended April 30	2015	2014	(restated note 20)	
	(in thousands of dollars)			
	Internally Restricted	Endowments	Unrestricted	Total
	(Note 11)	(Note 12)		Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 63,216	\$ 43,203	\$ (6,410)	\$ 100,009
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year			856	856
Post-employment benefit recovery - remeasurement	1,705	-	-	1,705
Change in internally restricted net assets	3,050	-	(3,050)	-
Transfer to endowments	-	35	(35)	-
Endowment contributions	-	583	-	583
Capitalization of investment income in endowments	-	658	-	658
Balance, end of year	\$ 67,971	\$ 44,479	\$ (8,639)	\$ 103,811
				\$ 100,009

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

Lakehead University Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended April 30	2015	2014
		(restated note 20)
		(in thousands of dollars)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ 856	\$ 12,385
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of capital assets	10,807	11,541
Amortization of debenture issuance costs	117	117
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,215)	(2,609)
Net change in accrued pension liability	(1,342)	(1,144)
Interest rate swap	1,687	(2,086)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations (Note 17)	(1,573)	122
Cash provided by operating activities	8,337	18,326
Financing activities		
Long term debt principal repayments	(1,934)	(1,837)
Deferred capital contributions received	970	2,096
	(964)	259
Investing activities		
Endowment contributions	583	652
Capitalization of investment income in endowments	658	3,068
Purchase of capital assets	(3,047)	(8,319)
Change in long term investments, net	(8,765)	(14,867)
	(10,571)	(19,466)
Decrease in cash for the year	(3,198)	(881)
Cash, beginning of year	39,240	40,121
Cash, end of year	\$ 36,042	\$ 39,240

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

Lakehead University Notes to Financial Statements

April 30, 2015 (in thousands of dollars)

1. Authority and Purpose

Lakehead University was incorporated as a university when the Lakehead University Act was given Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in 1965. Lakehead University serves a dual role in that it provides Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County with regional access to higher education while being committed to academic excellence on the provincial, national and international scenes.

These financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, net assets, revenue, expenses and other transactions of all of the operations controlled by the University. Accordingly, these financial statements include the academic, administrative and other operating expenditures funded by fees, grants and other general revenue, restricted purpose endowment funds, and the ancillary operations, such as residences, food services, bookstore and parking.

The University also has a beneficial economic interest in the Lakehead University pension plan, the activities of which are not consolidated into these financial statements (Note 8). The Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund is audited separately.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine ("School") is incorporated under the Ontario Business Corporations Act and is a not for profit organization. The School was created in order to provide medical education in Northern Ontario. The University, along with Laurentian University, the only voting members of the School, has significant relationships with the School, but the University has no claim to the net operating assets of the School and the University is not liable for any direct or contingent liabilities of the School. Accordingly, the operations of the School are not included in these financial statements.

The University is a not-for-profit organization and registered charity, and as such, is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the University have been prepared in accordance with Part III of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada ("CPA Canada") Handbook - Accounting, which sets out generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations in Canada and includes the significant accounting policies summarized below.

a) Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market and derivatives are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations, other than financial instruments related to endowment funds. In addition, all bonds have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations, other than financial instruments related to endowment funds. Changes in fair value of financial instruments related to endowment funds are recorded directly in net assets. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

a) Financial Instruments (cont'd)

Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items re-measured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instruments for those measured at amortized cost.

The value of investments recorded in the financial statements is determined as follows:

1. Investments in pooled funds are valued at their reported net asset value per unit.
2. Publicly traded bonds are determined based on the latest bid prices.
3. Private investment interests, which consist of common shares in a Canadian Controlled Private Company, life insurance policies and other shares, are valued at cost. The university believes the carrying value of these financial instruments is a reasonable estimate of fair value.
4. Freestanding derivative instruments that are not in a qualifying hedging relationship that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value.

b) Inventories

Inventories, which consist of goods held for resale, are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is generally determined on a first in, first out basis.

c) Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which are:

Site development	-	10 years
Buildings	-	20 and 40 years
Furniture and equipment	-	5 years
Leasehold improvements	-	3 years
Library books	-	5 years

Interest incurred on funds borrowed during construction is capitalized as a cost of the project.

Works of Art

Contributions of collection items are recorded as revenue and expensed, at fair market value, at the date of contribution.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

d) Revenue Recognition

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations and government grants. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Unrestricted donations are recorded on a cash basis since pledges are not legally enforceable claims. Contributions externally restricted for purposes other than endowment are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year in which they are received. Student fees are recognized as revenue when courses and seminars are held. Sales and services revenue is recognized at point of sale or when the service has been provided.

e) Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute an indeterminable number of hours per year. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in these financial statements.

f) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The principal estimates used in preparation of these financial statements are the estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment, valuation of accounts receivable and doubtful accounts and assumption regarding the accrued pension liability.

Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

g) Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments related to interest rate swaps on a term loan are used by the University in the management of its exposure to changes in interest rates. The University does not enter into derivative financial instrument transactions for trading or speculative purposes. The University records financial instruments related to swaps on the balance sheet at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

h) Employee Future Benefits:

The University accrues its obligations under the defined benefit plans as the employees render the services necessary to earn the pension and other retirement benefits.

The University accounts for the defined benefit component of the Pension Plan for Professional Staff using the immediate recognition approach. The University recognizes the amount of the accrued benefit obligation, net of the fair value of the plan assets measured at year-end, adjusted for any valuation allowance, in the statement of changes in net assets. Actuarial gains and losses are included in the cost of the plans for the year. The accrued benefit obligation for the pension plan is determined based on an actuarial valuation using funding assumptions. The most recent actuarial valuation of the pension plan for funding purposes has been conducted as of December 31, 2012, and the next required valuation will be as of December 31, 2015. In years where an actuarial valuation is not prepared, the University uses a roll-forward technique to estimate the accrued liability using assumptions from the most recent actuarial valuation report.

3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Tuition and residence fees	\$ 1,565	\$ 1,790
Interest and sundry accounts	3,582	4,505
Sponsored research monies	3,453	3,656
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(564)	(497)
	\$ 8,036	\$ 9,454

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4. Long-Term Investments and Investment Income

Long-term investments consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Pooled funds	\$ 102,596	\$ 94,171
Marketable securities carried at fair value	4,052	3,712
	\$ 106,648	\$ 97,883

The pooled funds consist of units held in balanced funds in trust and managed by professional external fund managers. The market value of the University's investment in these funds as at April 30, 2015 was \$102,596 (2014 - \$94,171). The increase in the investment during the fiscal year of \$8,425 includes receipts of \$2,402, withdrawal of \$741 and investment gains of \$6,764. Included in the pooled funds are internally restricted amounts created from excess borrowings of the Series A unsecured debenture described in Note 9.4; the market value as at April 30, 2015 is \$17,642. Also included in the pooled funds is \$19,513 (2014 - \$17,308) of a debt repayment sinking fund for project loans being amortized over their initial terms.

Marketable securities carried at fair value consist of investments in government and corporate bonds of \$4,028 (2014 - \$3,690), life insurance policies of \$23 (2014 - \$21), and shares of \$1 (2014 - \$1). The market value of the marketable securities as at April 30, 2015 was \$4,052 (2014 - \$3,712). The bonds mature between 2022 and 2035 with annual yields ranging from 5.4% to 8.9%

Investment income included in the statement of operations is calculated as follows:

	2015	2014
Net investment income	\$ 7,974	\$ 13,817
Amount attributed to endowment capital preservations	(658)	(3,068)
Investment income recognized during the year	\$ 7,316	\$ 10,749

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5. Capital Assets

	2015			2014		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Land	\$ 13,829	\$ -	\$ 13,829	\$ 13,829	\$ -	\$ 13,829
Site development	8,128	7,715	413	8,128	7,419	709
Buildings	232,203	106,997	125,206	231,629	102,119	129,510
Furniture and equipment	128,656	123,485	5,171	127,922	119,512	8,410
Leasehold improvements	1,655	1,655	-	1,655	1,655	-
Library books	48,468	45,069	3,399	46,729	43,409	3,320
	\$ 432,939	\$ 284,921	\$ 148,018	\$ 429,892	\$ 274,114	\$ 155,778

6. Accounts Payable and Accrued Charges

The accounts payable and accrued charges consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Trade accounts	\$ 8,017	\$ 10,086
Payroll liabilities	2,608	3,415
Vacation pay liability	1,711	1,960
Capital projects	68	85
	\$ 12,404	\$ 15,546

As at April 30, 2015 accounts payable and accrued charges include government remittances payable of \$83 (2014 - \$1,095).

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7. Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents unspent externally restricted monies received in the current and prior years for services to be provided in a future year as follows:

	2015	2014
Research	\$ 11,861	\$ 12,491
Other restricted purposes	7,251	6,306
	\$ 19,112	\$ 18,797

8. Accrued Pension Liability

The University has two separate pension plans.

8.1 Pension Plan for Professional Staff

The Pension Plan for Professional Staff is a contributory defined contribution pension plan. Faculty members and librarians contribute 6.5% of their earnings through payroll deductions, while the University contributes 8.05% on their behalf. Non-faculty members contribute 8.05%, and the University matches these contributions.

The Plan provides for a defined benefit guarantee for service prior to January 1, 1997 and removes the minimum pension based on a formula for future pensions commencing in 1997. The most recent actuarial valuation for funding purposes for the pension plan was performed as at December 31, 2012.

Information about the University's pension plan is as follows:

	2015	2014
Accrued Benefit Obligation	\$ (102,275)	\$ (110,370)
Fair Value of Plan Assets	101,265	106,313
	\$ (1,010)	\$ (4,057)

The significant actuarial assumptions in calculating the University's liability accrued as at April 30, 2015, were a discount rate of 5.35 % (2014 - 5.35%), a general salary increase assumption of 5.00 % (2014 - 5.00%) per annum and the CPM2014 Public Sector mortality table. See Note 15 (c) for the description of a contingency relating to this Plan.

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8. Pension Benefit Obligation (cont'd)

8.2 Lakehead University Employee Pension Plan

The Lakehead University Employee Pension Plan is a contributory defined contribution pension plan. Under the Plan, employees contribute in a range from 7.15% to 7.90% of their earnings. The University matches the regular pension contributions made by members of the Plan.

University Pension Plan contributions, together with investment income earned on the contributions, are applied on retirement to provide pension benefits as defined in the Plan. In addition to their regular contributions, members may voluntarily contribute additional contributions to provide increased benefits. Both employee and employer contributions are paid into the integrated Canada Pension and University Pension Plans.

The employee benefits expense for the year includes pension expense of \$3,899 (2014 - \$4,025).

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9. Long-Term Debt

	2015	2014
9.1 Ontario Housing Corporation Long-Term Lease Obligation - 480 Bed Student Residence		
The University leases a residence under an agreement with the Ontario Student Housing Corporation. The University is responsible for managing, operating and maintaining the residence. Further, the University has agreed to reimburse the Corporation over a fifty-year period ending December 1, 2019, for principal and interest, through semi-annual installment payments of \$78 including interest at 6.40%. Upon satisfaction of this obligation, title to the building will vest in the University. Since this agreement is, in substance, a purchase of the building by the University, being financed by the Ontario Student Housing Corporation, the cost of the building is included in capital assets.	\$ 609	\$ 719
9.2 Royal Bank of Canada Non-Revolving Term Facility - C J Saunders Renovations		
Loan payable, unsecured, interest at 4.6%, monthly payments including interest of \$15, maturing March 2030.	1,896	1,984
9.3 Royal Bank of Canada - Orillia Residence and Cafeteria		
Loan payable, unsecured, interest at 5.06%, monthly payments including interest of \$140, maturing October 2036.	21,655	22,214
Carried forward	\$ 24,160	\$ 24,917

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9. Long Term Debt (cont'd)

	2015	2014
Brought forward	\$ 24,160	\$ 24,917
9.4 Debenture Payable		
On November 15, 2005, the University issued Series A unsecured debenture in the aggregated principal amount of \$100,000. The debenture bears interest at 5.301%. Principal and interest are payable semi-annually on May 15 and November 15 in installments of \$3,023 ending November 15, 2045. Included in the pooled funds (Note 4) is \$19,513 (2014 - \$17,308) of a debt repayment sinking fund for project loans being amortized over their initial terms. The fair value of the debenture at April 30, 2015 was \$107,180 (2014 - \$97,453)	87,420	88,480
	111,580	113,397
Current portion	1,925	1,817
	\$ 109,655	\$ 111,580

9.5 Interest Rate Swaps

The University has entered into interest rate derivative agreements to manage the volatility of interest rates on the loan described in Note 9.3. The University converted floating rate debt for fixed rate debt of 5.09%. The change in the fair value of the interest rate swap of \$(1,687) (2014 - \$2,086) is recorded in the Statement of Operations as unrealized (loss) recovery on interest rate swap. The interest rate swap agreement will expire on October 1, 2036.

Anticipated requirements to meet the principal portion of the long-term debt repayments over the next five years are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 1,925
2017	2,032
2018	2,145
2019	2,263
2020	2,323
Thereafter	100,892
	\$ 111,580

- 9.6 The University's credit facilities include an available operating line of credit of \$3,000, with interest at the bank's prime lending rate less 0.50% per annum (2.35% per annum at year-end).

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10. Deferred Capital Contributions

Deferred capital contributions represent the unamortized amount of donations and grants received for the purchase of capital assets. The amortization of capital contributions is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations and is calculated on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired capital assets. The changes in the deferred capital contributions balance are as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 47,536	\$ 48,049
Add: contributions received for capital asset purchases	970	2,096
Less: amortization of deferred capital contributions	<u>(2,215)</u>	<u>(2,609)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 46,291</u>	<u>\$ 47,536</u>

11. Internally Restricted Net Assets

Internally restricted net assets are funds committed for specific purposes as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Fund		
Repairs and replacements	\$ 2,587	\$ 2,409
Self-insurance	250	250
Unexpended budgets and departmental incomes	5,381	7,228
Future year's budget	1,000	1,500
Employee pension benefits	(1,010)	(4,057)
Ancillary Enterprises		
Residence operations	2,681	2,370
Residence reserves for repairs and replacements	290	281
Other ancillary	972	360
Restricted Funds		
University general trust fund	20,390	15,282
Interest earned on investment from excess borrowings	6,303	6,177
Research funds	1,645	1,910
Bond Sinking Fund	19,513	17,308
Investment in Capital Assets	949	5,178
Land Appraisal Reserve	7,020	7,020
	<u>\$ 67,971</u>	<u>\$ 63,216</u>

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12. Endowments

Endowments consist of externally restricted donations received by the University. The endowment principal is required to be maintained intact. The investment income generated from endowments must be used in accordance with the various purposes established by donors. The University ensures, as part of its fiduciary responsibilities, that all funds received with a restricted purpose are expended for the purpose for which they were provided. The value of the investment portfolio for endowed funds included in the total investments disclosed in Note 4 is equal to \$ 44,479 (2014 - \$43,203).

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13. Ontario Student Trust Funds

Externally restricted endowments of \$44,480 (2014 - \$43,203) include grants provided by the Government of Ontario from the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF) Phase I and Phase II and the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS) matching programs to award student aid as a result of raising an equal amount of endowed donations.

OSOTF (Phase I)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OSOTF endowment balance, beginning of year	\$ 6,963	\$ 6,963
Unrealized investment income	-	-
OSOTF endowment balance, end of year	\$ 6,963	\$ 6,963
Expendable funds, beginning of year	\$ 4,309	\$ 2,860
Unrealized investment income	1,621	1,567
Bursaries awarded	(187)	(118)
Expendable funds, end of year	\$ 5,743	\$ 4,309
Number of bursaries awarded	305	365
Market Value of Endowment	\$ 12,706	\$ 11,272

OSOTF (Phase II)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OSOTF endowment balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,625
Unrealized investment income	-	-
OSOTF endowment balance, end of year	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,625
Expendable funds, beginning of year	\$ 686	\$ 324
Unrealized investment income	311	392
Bursaries awarded	(49)	(30)
Expendable funds, end of year	\$ 948	\$ 686
Number of bursaries awarded	35	33
Market Value of Endowment	\$ 2,573	\$ 2,311

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13. Ontario Student Trust Funds (cont'd)

OTSS

The Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS) program requires separate reporting of the balances as at March 31 and the details of the changes in the balances.

The following is the schedule of donations received for the period from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 (April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014).

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Donations eligible for matching	\$ -	\$ -
Donations not yet eligible for matching	-	-
Total cash donations	\$ -	\$ -

The following is the schedule of changes in endowment fund balance for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 (April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014).

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Endowment balance, beginning of year	\$ 8,555	\$ 8,555
Cash donations received	-	-
Matching funds received / receivable	-	-
Endowment balance, end of year	\$ 8,555	\$ 8,555

The following is the schedule of changes in expendable funds available for awards for the period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 (April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014).

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Expendable funds, beginning of year	\$ 2,669	\$ 1,112
Unrealized investment income	1,694	1,709
Bursaries awarded	(229)	(152)
Expendable funds, end of year	\$ 4,134	\$ 2,669
Number of bursaries awarded	132	136
Market Value of Endowment	\$ 12,689	\$ 11,224

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14. Property and Liability Insurance

The University participates in a reciprocal exchange of insurance risks in association with forty-five other Canadian universities. This self-insurance cooperative involves a contractual agreement to share the property insurance and liability risks of member universities.

The projected cost of settled claims will be funded through members' premiums based on actuarial projections. It is anticipated that a surplus will be created over time as a cushion against unexpected losses. In addition, the reciprocal has obtained substantial reinsurance with commercial insurers to cover major claims in excess of \$2,500 per occurrence for property losses and in excess of \$5,000 per occurrence for liability losses.

In the event that premiums are not sufficient to cover claim settlements, the member universities would be subject to an assessment in proportion to their participation.

15. Contingent Liabilities

- a) The nature of the University's activities is such that there is usually litigation pending or in prospect at any one time. With respect to claims at April 30, 2015, the University believes it has valid defenses and/or appropriate insurance coverage in place. In the unlikely event any claims are successful such claims are not expected to have a material effect on the University's financial position.
- b) The University has guaranteed a loan in the amount of \$2,500 for Nanabijou Childcare Centre (the "Centre") for the construction of a new facility. The Centre provides childcare services to children of staff and students of Lakehead University, and the public at large. The Centre is incorporated without share capital, by Letters Patent under the laws of Ontario and is governed by a Board of Directors. The University has leased land to the Centre for the construction of the facility; the lease is a 35 year lease; the Centre pays \$2.00 per year to the University.
- c) The Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO) has raised an issue with the Plan amendments made to the Professional and Administrative Staff Plan in 2000. The amendment provided that pensioner increases would be granted only to the extent that the funds in the Retirement Account of the Plan are sufficient to support the increase. FSCO has indicated that the amendment may be considered void unless a court agrees the amendment is necessary to rectify the language of the Plan to reflect its original intent, or the Plan is further amended to comply with requirements of the Pension Benefits Act.

The University believes that the plan amendments have been properly applied and has retained legal counsel to assist with the matter. While the ultimate outcome of the matter is uncertain, it is possible that FSCO could consider some or all of the plan amendments void. In this case, the estimated liability of up to \$28.8 million would be recorded in the period where such determination is made. On April 24, 2015 FSCO corresponded with the University. The correspondence is currently being assessed by the Actuary and by legal counsel and at the time of the publishing of these statements, no course of action has been decided upon.

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16. Commitments

The following are the future minimum annual operating lease payments due over the next five years:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 316
2017	203
2018	-
2019	-
2020	-

17. Statement of Cash Flows

The net change in non-cash working capital balances related to operations consists of the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Accounts receivable-	\$ 1,418	\$ (1,325)
Inventories and prepaid expenses	(164)	(126)
Accounts payable and accrued charges	(3,142)	497
Deferred revenue	315	1,076
	<u>\$ (1,573)</u>	<u>\$ 122</u>

18. Related Party Transactions

During the year, the University undertook the following transactions with Northern Ontario School of Medicine ("School"):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Recoveries and charges for goods and services	<u>\$ 1,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,372</u>

These transactions were in the normal course of operations and were measured at the exchange value, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed by the parties to the transaction.

At April 30, 2015 the University had \$284 (2014 - \$304) receivable from the School and had a payable of \$535 (2014 - \$334) to the School.

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19. Financial Instruments

The University's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, long-term investments, accounts payable and accrued charges, long-term debt and interest rate swaps. Financial instruments are subject to a variety of risks.

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the University if a member or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the University's accounts receivable and long-term investments. The University mitigates its potential credit risk from accounts receivable through credit evaluation, approval, and monitoring processes. Furthermore, it evaluates the collectability of accounts receivable and records an allowance for doubtful accounts, which reduces the receivables to the amount management reasonably believes will be collected. Credit risk with respect to long-term investments is managed through the University's investment policies.

Interest rate risk refers to the adverse consequences of interest rate changes. The University holds fixed rate bonds issued by the federal and certain provincial governments. The bonds have annual yields between 5.4% and 8.9%. The value of fixed rate instruments will generally rise if interest rates fall and fall if interest rates rise. The value of the instruments will vary with developments within the specific governments which issue the instruments.

Foreign currency risk refers to the extent to which instruments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars will be affected by changes in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to other currencies.

Market volatility risk arises from the University's investment portfolio, which contains various pooled funds and, fixed income, and equity instruments. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate because of general economic and other market factors affecting equity prices.

Interest rate, foreign currency and market volatility risk arise from the University's long-term investments, which the University manages through investment policies governing asset mixes, equity and fixed income allocations and diversification among fund managers.

The interest rate swap is subject to interest rate and foreign currency exchange risk in the determination of fair value.

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20. First-time Adoption of Accounting Standards for Employee Future Benefits (Section 3463)

Beginning with the 2015 fiscal year, the University adopted the accounting standards for Employee Future Benefits in accordance with Section 3463 of the CPA Canada Handbook applied on a retroactive basis. Section 3463.01 provides that a not-for-profit organization applies Section 3462 except as otherwise provided in Section 3463.

In previous years, the University presented remeasurements related to its post-employment benefit plans (Note 8) in the Statement of Operations. Beginning in fiscal 2015 and in accordance with Section 3463, the University has commenced presenting remeasurements related to its post-employment benefit plans in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

In previous years, the University prepared valuations using accounting assumptions for its retirement benefits plans (Note 8). Beginning in fiscal 2015, the University has commenced using funding assumptions for its retirement and post-employment benefit plans, as permitted in Section 3462.

The following table provides a summary of changes to the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets for the year ended April 30, 2014.

	Revenue over expenses for the year ended April 30, 2014
Excess of revenue over expenses, as previously reported	\$ 14,768
Employee future benefits	
Use of funding assumptions (a)	-
Remeasurements (b)	(2,383)
Excess of revenue over expenses, as restated	12,385
Post-employment benefit recovery - remeasurement	\$ 2,383

a) Use of funding assumptions

Beginning with the 2015 fiscal year, the University, as provided in Section 3462, measures its defined benefit employee future benefit obligations using actuarial valuations prepared using funding assumptions. The change resulted in a zero impact.

b) Remeasurements and other items

Prior to the adoption of Section 3463, remeasurements and other items related to actuarial gains and losses and differences between actual and expected returns on plan assets and past service costs were recognized in the Statement of Operations. Section 3463 requires that remeasurements be recognized directly in net assets and presented as a separately identified item in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. As a result of this change, the excess of revenue over expenses for the year ended April 30, 2014 decreased by \$2,383.