Algoma University Consolidated Financial Statements For the year ended April 30, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Governors of Algoma University

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Algoma University and its controlled entities (the University), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at April 30, 2020, and the consolidated statements of operations and unrestricted net assets, the consolidated changes in net assets and the consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the University as at April 30, 2020, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

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 Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the University in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated **Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the University'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 University or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

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 consolidated 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 University'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 University'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 consolidated 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 University to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the University to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario November 19, 2020



Algoma University Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at April 30, 2020 and April 30, 2019

	Notes	April 30, 2020	April 30, 2019
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash		\$ 27,062,952	\$ 14,293,956
Accounts receivable fees	2	1,221,460	571,208
Accounts receivable other	2	2,873,676	2,412,818
Prepaid expenses and inventory		449,562	763,641
Total current assets		31,607,650	18,041,623
Non-current assets			
Accrued pension asset (obligation)	12	-	906,000
Investments	3	6,037,152	6,072,753
Capital assets	4	47,266,864	45,364,469
Total non-current assets		53,304,016	52,343,222
Total assets		\$ 84,911,666	\$ 70,384,845
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		6,028,881	1,751,582
Fees received in advance		7,347,949	4,320,328
Deferred government grants, program and campaign reve	enue	13,339,599	11,032,400
Current portion of long term debt	6	802,366	789,320
Total current liabilities		27,518,795	17,893,630
Non-current liabilities			
Long term debt	6	11,535,230	12,337,730
Accrued pension obligation	7	213,000	-
Deferred contributions - capital assets	8	27,979,762	28,483,425
Total non-current liabilities		39,727,992	40,821,155
Total liabilities		67,246,787	58,714,785
Net assets			
Unrestricted	9	6,949,506	71,160
Internally restricted	10	5,125,935	6,185,656
Endowments	10	5,589,438	5,413,244
Total net assets		17,664,879	11,670,060
Total liabilities and net assets		\$ 84,911,666	\$ 70,384,845

On behalf of the Board of Governors

Shelley Schell, Chair

Shelley Schell

Mike Moraca, Vice-Chair

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

Algoma University Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019

For the year ended April 30	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Endowments	Total April 30, 2020	Total April 30, 2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 71,160	\$ 6,185,656	\$ 5,413,244	\$ 11,670,060	\$ 7,318,927
Excess of revenues over expenses	7,782,814	121,922	-	7,904,736	1,478,581
Post employment benefit remeasurement	(287,900)	(1,119,000)	-	(1,406,900)	2,787,600
Endowment fund contributions and other adjustments	(679,211)	-	176,194	(503,017)	84,952
Internal restrictions					
Transfer to internal restrictions	62,643	(62,643)	-	-	-
Balance, end of period	\$ 6,949,506	\$ 5,125,935	\$ 5,589,438	\$ 17,664,879	\$ 11,670,060

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Algoma University Consolidated Statement of Operations For the years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019

	April 2020	April 2019
Revenue		
Student fees	26,705,834	\$ 12,009,374
Government grants	13,667,865	15,391,200
Library	21,491	21,268
Miscellaneous programs	2,435,525	1,307,433
Ancillary operations	2,276,936	2,160,299
Non-credit operations	1,561,040	2,316,840
Foundation revenues	581,666	407,497
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	1,274,000	1,136,267
	48,524,357	34,750,178
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits		
Academic	13,601,626	9,937,884
Non-academic	8,716,534	7,452,721
Library	374,665	356,897
Administration	2,741,256	2,789,309
Academic departments	268,301	275,623
Advertising and communications	4,067,157	1,524,203
Utilities	471,681	385,621
Repairs and maintenance	683,118	566,762
Student services	584,828	330,430
Municipal taxes	71,550	67,050
Insurance	98,806	83,791
Faculty recruitment	238,286	203,970
Extension operations	1,111,782	1,822,915
Ancillary operations	2,757,806	2,581,037
Non-credit operations	2,268,798	2,310,065
Foundation expenses	850,352	748,409
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,268,865	2,115,920
	41,175,411	33,552,607
Excess of revenue over expenses from operations	7,348,946	1,197,571
Gain on sale of marketable securities related to endowment funds	433,868	281,010
Excess of revenue over expenses	7,782,814	1,478,581
Post-employment benefit remeasurement (recovery)	(1,406,900)	2,787,600
Recognition of prior surplus amounts	121,922	
Transfer from (to) internally restricted net assets and endowment funds	380,510	(4,656,485)
Change in unrestricted net assets for the year	6,878,346	(390,304)
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	71,160	461,464
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$ 6,949,506	\$ 71,160

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Algoma University Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows For the years ended April 30, 2020 and 2019

	April 2020	April 2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 7,782,814	\$ 1,478,581
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,268,865	2,115,920
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(433,868)	(281,010)
Amortization of deferred contributions	(1,274,000)	(1,136,267)
	8,343,811	2,177,224
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable - fees	(650,252)	(68,318)
Accounts receivable - other	(460,858)	(1,265,316)
Prepaid expenses and inventory	314,079	(138,979)
Accrued pension obligation (net of changes in measurement)	(287,900)	(278,400)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,277,300	(37,686)
Fees received in advance	3,027,621	3,719,607
Deferred government grants and program revenue	2,429,121	6,517,467
	16,992,922	10,625,599
Cash flow from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(4,171,260)	(3,738,629)
Purchase of investments	(33,549)	(100,569)
	(4,204,809)	(3,839,198)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Repayment of long term debt	(789,454)	(755,938)
Deferred capital contributions received	770,337	2,163,027
	(19,117)	1,407,089
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	12,768,996	8,193,490
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	14,293,956	6,100,466
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 27,062,952	\$ 14,293,956

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

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of operations

Algoma University is a provincially funded university offering educational programs and upgrading to the accessing communities. The University is a registered charity and under the provisions of Section 149 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) is exempt from income taxes.

Basis of accounting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis of consolidation

These consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities and the results of the Northern Ontario Research, Development, Ideas and Knowledge Institute (Nordik Research Institute) as it is a controlled entity.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with cost being determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Revenue recognition

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. 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.

Endowment contributions are allocated directly to net assets in the year received. Income generated from endowment funds are recognized in the statement of operations.

Tuition fees for courses which are offered substantially after the fiscal year end are deferred.

Sales and services revenue is recognized at point of sale or when services have been provided.

Endowment funds

Net assets restricted for endowment purposes are subject to externally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resources be maintained permanently. Net investment income earned is available for distribution according to the terms of the endowment.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. Specifically, estimates related to rate of return on assets used in valuing the future pension benefit obligation are affected by the uncertainty of predictions concerning future events. Should the underlying assumptions change, the estimated pension benefit obligation disclosed in notes to the consolidated financial statements may change by a material amount.

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization, based on the estimated useful life of the asset, is provided by the straight line basis over the following periods:

Buildings	20 - 40 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Library books	5 years
Parking lot	15 years
Computer software system	5 years
Leasehold improvements	10 years

Construction in progress is capitalized as work is completed. Upon completion of the projects, capitalized construction in progress costs are transferred to the various categories of tangible capital assets and will be amortized on a basis consistent with similar assets. Contributed rare books and other collections are recorded as revenue and expensed at fair market value at the date of contribution.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Employee future benefits

The University maintains a defined benefit plan covering the faculty and management staff employed by the University up to 2006. Contributions to the pension plan are made in accordance with the Pension Commission of Ontario actuarial requirements. The University accounts for its employee benefit plans using the immediate recognition approach. The University recognizes the amount of the accrued benefit obligations, net of the fair value of plan assets at year end, adjusted for any valuation allowances. Current service and finance costs are expensed during the year. Remeasurements and other items related to actuarial gains and losses and differences between actual and expected returns on plan assets and past service costs are recognized as direct increase or decrease in net asset. The accrued benefit obligations for employee benefit plans are determined based on actuarial valuation reports prepared for funding purposes. These reports are required to be prepared at least on a triennial basis. In years where actuarial valuations are not prepared, the University uses a roll-forward technique to estimate the accrued liability using assumptions from the most recent actuarial valuation reports. Subsequent to 2006, faculty, management and staff are eligible to participate in defined contribution a group retirement savings plan.

Cost allocation

Only costs which can be identified with departments are allocated. Unidentifiable costs are included with administration expenditures.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. In addition, all balanced funds are classified in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations. 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. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each consolidated statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost. Freestanding derivative instruments that are not in a qualifying hedging relationship that are quoted in an active market are subsequently measured at fair value.

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2. Accounts receivables

	2020	2019
Student accounts receivable	\$1,644,039	\$1,458,907
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(422,579)	(887,699)
Accounts receivable - fees	\$1,221,460	\$571,208
Accounts receivable - other	\$2,873,676	\$2,412,818
3. Investments		
	2020	2019
Pooled fund at cost	\$8,194,802	\$7,727,385
Pooled fund at market	\$6,037,152	\$6,072,753

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4. Tangible capital assets

		2020		2019
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Cost	Accumulated amortization
Land	\$371,816	\$-	\$371,816	\$-
Leasehold improvements	2,168,847	219,164	22,789	2,279
Library	645,303	645,303	645,303	645,303
Buildings	63,773,495	21,362,617	63,568,662	19,646,953
Furniture and equipment Parking lot	8,708,288 2,129,431	8,216,081 1,665,572	8,466,340 2,129,431	7,988,328 1,557,009
Computer software system	250,616	250,616	250,616	250,616
Construction in progress	1,578,421	-	-	
	\$79,626,217	\$32,359,353	\$75,454,957	\$30,090,488
Net book value		\$47,266,864		\$45,364,469

5. Line of credit

The University has an operating line of credit due on demand in the amount of \$2,000,000. The facility bears interest at the bank's prime lending rate minus 0.5% with advances made in multiples of \$25,000. As at April 30, 2020, the entire facility was available to the University.

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6. Long term debt

	2020	2019
TD George Leach Centre loan, repayable \$12,641 monthly including interest at 2.02%, secured by property with a carrying amount of \$4,148,659, maturing November 2020	\$2,026,364	\$2,136,165
Bank of Montreal parking lot loan, repayable \$8,600 monthly plus interest at 2.75%, maturing January 2021	348,000	451,200
Scotiabank interest rate swap loan(a), repayable \$30,267 monthly including interest at 1.90%, secured by property with a carrying amount of \$13,808,881 and general security agreement, maturing March 2021	3,536,557	3,825,426
Windsor Park Retirement Home Inc. loan, repayable \$7,749 monthly including interest at 2.23%, secured by general security agreement, maturing March 2022	900,244	972,264
Scotiabank Students' Residence interest rate swap loan (<i>b</i>), repayable \$32,816 monthly including interest at 3.55%, secured by property with a carrying amount of \$5,896,520 and general security agreement, maturing April 2023	5,526,431	5,741,995
Total	12,337,596	13,127,050
Less current portion	802,366	789,320
Long term debt	\$11,535,230	\$12,337,730

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6. Long term debt (continued)

Interest on long term debt during the year amounted to \$332,910 (2019 - \$387,947). Principal payments required on long term debt for the next five years and thereafter, assuming refinancing under similar terms, are as follows:

Year	Amount	
2021	\$ 802,366	
2022	819,119	
2023	830,588	
2024	763,768	
2025	745,156	
Thereafter	8,376,599	
Total	\$ 12,337,596	

- (a). The University has entered into an interest rate derivative agreement to manage the volatility of the interest rate on the loan. The University converted floating rate of debt for fixed rate of debt of 1.15%. The change in the fair value of the interest rate swap of \$19,048 (2019 negative \$48,134) is not recorded by the entity. The interest rate swap agreement will expire in March 2021.
- (b). The University has entered into an interest rate derivative agreement to manage the volatility of the interest rate on the loan. The University converted floating rate of debt for fixed rate of debt of 2.8%. The change in the fair value of the interest rate swap of \$334,596 (2019 \$193,841) is not recorded by the entity. The interest rate swap agreement will expire in April 2023.

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7. Pension plans

Defined benefit pension plan

The University maintains a defined benefit plan covering faculty hired prior to 2006. Actuarial reports, which were based on projections of employee's compensation levels to the time of retirement, indicate the net assets available to provide for benefits, and the present value of accrued pension benefits at April 30, are as follows:

	2020	2019
Assets, at market value	\$26,585,000	\$27,245,000
Pension benefit obligation	(26,798,000)	(26,339,000)
Plan (deficit) surplus	\$(213,000)	\$906,000

The most recent actuarial valuation for post-employment benefits was performed as at April 30, 2018.

The plan assets consist of the following asset categories:

	2020	2019
Canadian equities	35%	36%
Foreign equities	23%	22%
Fixed income	42%	41%
Cash and short term deposits	-	1%
	100%	100%

The pension expense amounts totaled \$419,100 (2019 - \$516,600) and is included in salaries and benefits on the statement of operations. Employer contributions paid and payable during the year were \$707,000 (2019 - \$795,000).

The discount rate used is 4.90% (2019 - 4.90%), the estimated rate of salary increases used is 2.50% (2019 - 2.50%) and the estimated rate of return on assets used is 4.90% (2019 - 4.90%).

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7. Pension plans (continued)

Group retirement savings plan

Employees hired subsequent to 2006 are eligible to participate in a defined contribution group retirement savings plan. Employer contributions totaled \$786,759 for 2019 (2019 - \$769,438) and were fully expensed.

8. Deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets

Deferred contributions related to tangible capital assets relate to grants received for purchase or construction of tangible capital assets and are amortized over the life of the tangible capital assets. The changes in deferred contributions are as follows:

	2020	2019
Balance, beginning of year	\$28,483,425	\$27,456,665
Contributions	770,337	2,163,027
Transfers to revenue	(1,274,000)	(1,136,267)
Balance, end of year	\$27,979,762	\$28,483,425

9. Unrestricted net assets

	2020	2019
Investment in capital assets		
Capital assets	\$47,266,864	\$45,364,469
Long-term debt	(12,337,596)	(13,127,050)
Deferred capital contributions	(27,979,762)	(28,483,425)
Investment in capital assets net of financing	6,949,506	3,753,994
Accumulated deficit	-	(3,682,834)
Unrestricted net assets	\$6,949,506	\$71,160

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10. Net assets internally restricted

The following balances represent net assets set aside by the Board of Governors for the specific purpose of:

	2020	2019
Operating	\$1,852,859	\$1,461,417
Future capital projects	3,558,481	3,892,839
Defined benefit pension plan	(213,000)	906,000
Foundation	(558,320)	(268,283)
Nordik Institute	95,342	170,299
Anishinaabe Peoples' Council operating	194,177	-
Anishinaabe Peoples' Council capital	173,012	-
HII	862	862
ISRI	9,460	9,460
CAPT	13,062	13,062
Restricted net assets	\$5,125,935	\$6,185,656

11. 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 market value of the investment portfolio for endowed funds included in the total investments disclosed in Note 3 is equal to \$5,589,438 (2019 - \$5,413,244).

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12. Contingent liabilities

The University is a member of the Canadian Universities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange ("CURIE"). CURIE insures general liability, university property and errors and omissions. Annual premiums paid by the university are determined by the CURIE Board, on the advice of the actuary. There is a provision under the agreement for assessments to all member universities if these premiums are not sufficient to cover losses. As of December 31, 2019, the date of the latest financial statements available, CURIE had a surplus of \$90,200,000 (2018-\$79,300,000). Additional insurance for automoves, artwork, miscellaneous property, and major construction projects is purchased through commercial insurers to provide coverage for losses not insured by CURIE.

The University is involved with pending litigation and claims which arise in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of the administration, a liability that may arise from such contingencies would not have a significant adverse effect on the financial statements of the university.

13. Government remittance

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities are the following government remittances:

	2020	2019
EHT Payable	\$37,630	\$2,322

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14. Commitments

The following are the future minimum annual lease payments for a campus building, due over the next five years:

Year	Amount	
2021	\$823,075	
2022	957,745	
2023	957,745	
2024	957,745	
2025	919,404	
Total	\$4,615,714	

15. Financial instruments

The University's management monitors, evaluates and manages the principal risks assumed with financial instruments on a daily basis. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include liquidity risk, credit and concentration of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the University's management of accounts payable, long term debt and other current liabilities. It is the risk that the University will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due. The University's policy to minimize this risk is to ensure an adequate line of credit exists for the University.

Credit and concentration of credit risk

Credit risk arises principally from the University's cash and accounts receivable. The cash is held at a reputable institution. The University is also exposed to normal credit risk resulting from the possibility that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The majority of the University's receivables are from student fees and the University sends any overdue accounts more than two years old to the credit bureau for collection. In addition, students are not allowed to register for a future semester if their fees from previous semesters are not paid in full.

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15. Financial instruments (continued)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises principally from the University's credit facilities. It is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The credit facilities have variable interest rates. Changes in the bank's prime lending rate can cause fluctuations in interest payments and cash flows. The University uses derivative financial instruments to alter the effect of this risk through an interest rate swap.

Market volatility risk

Market volatility risk arises from the University's investment portfolio, which contains various pooled funds. 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.

16. COVID-19

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the spread of coronavirus ("COVID19") to constitute a global pandemic. This has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus including travel restrictions in and out of and within Canada, barring gathering of people and requirements to stay at home. These restrictions impacted the operations of the University and resulted in the closure of physical premises of all post-secondary institutions. The impact of COVID-19 also adversely impacted global commercial activity and contributed to the significant volatility in certain equity and debt markets. This led to significant volatility and declines in the global public equity markets and it is uncertain how long this volatility will continue.

The extent of such adverse effects on the University's business and financial and operational performance are uncertain and difficult to assess. The financial impacts will depend on future developments, including the duration, spread and severity of the outbreak, physical distancing requirements, the duration and geographic scope of related travel advisories and restrictions, and the extent of disruptions to businesses globally and its related impact on the economy.

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16. COVID-19 (continued)

As at April 30, 2020, the University did not have significant adjustments to reflect the possible future impact of COVID-19. Investments are recorded at fair value which included the impact on financial markets as at year-end and extra emphasis was put on the collectability of receivables and other estimates within the financial statements as at April 30, 2020. Management has assessed the going concern assumptions and believes there are no issues, given the University has funded operating reserves. Given the outcome and timeframe to a recovery from the current pandemic is highly unpredictable, it is not practicable to estimate and disclose its financial effect on future operations at this time.