

St. Jerome's University
Financial Statements
April 30, 2024

To the Board of Governors of St. Jerome's University:

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St. Jerome's University (the "University"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as at April 30, 2024, 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.

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 are independent of the University in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

Waterloo, Ontario

October 21, 2024

MNP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Licensed Public Accountants

St. Jerome's University
Statement of Financial Position

As at April 30, 2024

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,053,558	3,136,488
Accounts receivable	137,738	195,872
Prepaid expenses	93,911	30,302
	1,285,207	3,362,662
Investments (Note 3)	23,851,592	22,254,848
Capital assets (Note 4)	59,147,159	60,851,525
	84,283,958	86,469,035
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,318,503	1,856,893
Deferred contributions - Campus Ministry (Note 5)	25,813	58,743
Deferred contributions (Note 5)	1,554,942	1,700,909
Current portion of loan payable (Note 6)	28,437,077	792,120
	31,336,335	4,408,665
Accrued employee future benefit obligations (Note 7)	3,647,219	3,092,767
Deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	2,944,984	3,046,439
Loan payable (Note 6)	-	28,437,077
	37,928,538	38,984,948
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	(25,364,844)	(28,920,701)
Internally restricted net assets (Note 9)	641,919	4,449,261
Invested in capital assets (Note 4)	56,948,046	58,554,741
Endowments (Note 10)	14,130,299	13,400,786
	46,355,420	47,484,087
	84,283,958	86,469,035

Approved on behalf of the Board of Governors


Chair of the Board


Chair of the Finance and
Audit Committee

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

St. Jerome's University
Statement of Operations
For the year ended April 30, 2024

	<i>General operations</i>	<i>Invested in capital assets</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Revenue				
Government grants	5,136,319	-	5,136,319	5,142,458
Academic fees	8,316,862	-	8,316,862	8,475,398
Sales and services (ancillary operations)	6,845,251	-	6,845,251	6,269,765
Donations, restricted	526,739	-	526,739	344,148
Other income	315,366	-	315,366	281,420
Amortization of deferred capital contributions <i>(Note 8)</i>	-	102,415	102,415	102,415
	21,140,537	102,415	21,242,952	20,615,604
Expenses				
Salaries and wages	9,978,454	-	9,978,454	9,226,286
Employee benefits	1,075,638	-	1,075,638	982,249
Post-employment benefits and pension	1,393,026	-	1,393,026	1,328,689
Other operational	241,641	-	241,641	264,817
Travel and entertainment	136,266	-	136,266	117,817
Professional development and training	417,698	-	417,698	420,192
Legal, audit and insurance	410,481	-	410,481	440,116
Scholarships and bursaries	284,250	-	284,250	247,650
Externally contracted services	3,747,245	-	3,747,245	3,621,040
Facilities	1,211,986	-	1,211,986	1,254,340
Administration fee paid to University of Waterloo	1,575,256	-	1,575,256	1,594,494
Amortization of capital assets	-	2,539,538	2,539,538	2,489,245
Financing fee	1,114,332	-	1,114,332	1,144,277
	21,586,273	2,539,538	24,125,811	23,131,212
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before other items	(445,736)	(2,437,123)	(2,882,859)	(2,515,608)
Other items				
Investment income, unrestricted	1,306,837	-	1,306,837	851,926
Investment income, restricted	41,479	-	41,479	46,606
	1,348,316	-	1,348,316	898,532
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	902,580	(2,437,123)	(1,534,543)	(1,617,076)

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St. Jerome's University
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended April 30, 2024

	<i>Unrestricted</i> \$	<i>Invested in capital assets</i> \$	<i>Internally restricted</i> \$	<i>Endowments</i> \$	2024	2023
Net assets, beginning of year	(28,920,701)	58,554,741	4,449,261	13,400,786	47,484,087	48,740,437
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	902,580	(2,437,123)	-	-	(1,534,543)	(1,617,076)
Change in remeasurement of accrued employee future benefit obligations	(351,467)	-	-	-	(351,467)	55,930
Change in investment in capital assets	(830,428)	830,428	-	-	-	-
Capital preservation of endowment (Note 10)	-	-	-	263,304	263,304	407,696
Endowment contributions	-	-	-	78,483	78,483	76,599
Internally restricted for capital assets	835,172	-	(807,342)	-	27,830	50,401
Internally restricted for pandemic response	-	-	-	-	-	(29,900)
Internally restricted for strategic initiatives	-	-	-	-	-	(200,000)
Internally restricted fund repayment	3,000,000	-	(3,000,000)	-	-	-
Endowed portfolio unrealized gains	-	-	-	387,726	387,726	-
Net assets, end of year	(25,364,844)	56,948,046	641,919	14,130,299	46,355,420	47,484,087

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St. Jerome's University
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended April 30, 2024

	2024	2023
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(1,534,543)	(1,617,076)
Amortization	2,539,538	2,489,245
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	(102,415)	(102,415)
Unrealized loss (gain) on unrestricted investments	(686,912)	775,025
Changes in remeasurement of accrued employee future benefit obligations	(351,467)	55,930
Gain on sale of investments	(273,474)	(1,305,926)
	(409,273)	294,783
Changes in working capital accounts		
Accounts receivable	58,134	(74,839)
Prepaid expenses	(63,609)	(19,289)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(538,389)	31,640
Deferred contributions	(178,897)	(43,746)
Accrued employee future benefit obligations	554,452	158,870
	(577,582)	347,419
Financing		
Restricted contributions received for capital purposes	960	1,965
Repayment of loan payable	(792,120)	(762,175)
	(791,160)	(760,210)
Investing		
Purchase of capital assets	(123,202)	(215,631)
Purchase of capital assets, work in progress	(711,970)	(88,179)
Sale of investments, net	120,984	419,545
	(714,188)	115,735
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,082,930)	(297,056)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	3,136,488	3,433,544
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	1,053,558	3,136,488

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1. Description and nature of the organization

St. Jerome's University (the "University") is a public Roman Catholic post-secondary institution given university status in 1959 with subsequent amendments in 1986, 1996 and 2000 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. It has been federated with the University of Waterloo since 1960. It is dedicated to providing an undergraduate post-secondary education in liberal arts and to conducting research and community service.

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

The University is a charitable organization and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act of Canada.

2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and reflect the following policies:

Fund accounting

Unrestricted net assets

The unrestricted net assets present the academic, administrative and other operating activities of the University.

Internally restricted net assets

The internally restricted net assets present the funds designated by the Board for a specific purpose.

Invested in capital assets

The invested in capital assets present the funds received and expended on property, plant and equipment put into use.

Endowments

The Endowment Fund records donations provided by benefactors or funds designated by the Board, which are restricted as to purpose and expendability. For endowments, only the accumulated investment income earned, after having provided for inflation protection and, in specific cases, growth may be expended provided it is within the established or approved fund conditions. Endowment earnings available for expenditures are recorded as deferred contributions.

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Financial instruments

The University recognizes financial instruments when the University becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Arm's length financial instruments

Financial instruments originated/acquired or issued/assumed in an arm's length transaction ("arm's length financial instruments") are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, the University may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any arm's length financial instrument at fair value. The University has elected to subsequently measure fixed income investments at fair value.

The University subsequently measures investments in equity instruments quoted in an active market and all derivative instruments, except those designated in a qualifying hedging relationship or that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, unquoted equity instruments of another entity, at fair value. Fair value is determined by published price quotations. Investments in equity instruments not quoted in an active market and derivatives that are linked to, and must be settled by delivery of, unquoted equity instruments of another entity, are subsequently measured at cost less impairment. With the exception of financial liabilities indexed to a measure of the University's performance or value of its equity and those instruments designated at fair value, all other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Transaction costs and financing fees directly attributable to the origination, acquisition, issuance or assumption of financial instruments subsequently measured at fair value are immediately recognized in excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses. Conversely, transaction costs and financing fees are added to the carrying amount for those financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost.

Financial asset impairment

The University assesses impairment of all its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. The University groups assets for impairment testing when available information is not sufficient to permit identification of each individually impaired financial asset in the group; there are numerous assets affected by the same factors; or no asset is individually significant. Management considers whether the issuer is having significant financial difficulty and whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, the University determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the year.

The University reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets at the statement of financial position date; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets.

Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses.

The University reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is recognized in excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses in the year the reversal occurs.

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Derivative financial instruments

The University is subject to interest rate cash flow risk with respect to its floating rate debt. The University has addressed this risk by entering into interest rate swap agreements that fix the interest rates over the terms of the debt. The University follows hedge accounting for its interest rate swaps. In order for a derivative to qualify for hedge accounting, the hedge relationship must be identified, designated and formally documented at its inception and reviewed annually for continued effectiveness. In the event that the interest rate swap agreement is terminated or ceases to be effective in part or in whole prior to maturity; any associated realized or unrealized gain or loss is recognized in income. In the event that the designated debt is extinguished or matures prior to the termination of the related interest rate swap agreement; any realized or unrealized gain or loss is recognized in income.

The University hedges its exposure to interest rate risk related to interest bearing assets/liabilities through its use of hedging items.

Interest on the hedged item is recognized using the effective interest method. Net amounts receivable on the hedging item adjust the interest on the hedged item in the period accrued.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably determined. Capital assets acquired prior to May 1, 2011 are recorded at deemed costs, being their fair value at May 1, 2011, the transition to Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Work in progress is not amortized until it is substantially put into use. The art collection is recorded at cost and is not amortized.

Capitalized assets are amortized on a straight-line basis using the following years of expected life:

	Rate
Land improvements	1-40 years
Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	1-40 years
Computer equipment and software	5 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Library books	7 years

Long-lived assets

Long-lived assets consists of capital assets. Long-lived assets held for use are measured and amortized as described in the applicable accounting policies.

The University writes down long-lived assets held for use when conditions indicate that the asset no longer contributes to the University's ability to provide goods and services. The asset are also written-down when the value of future economic benefits or service potential associated with the asset is less than its net carrying amount. When the University determines that a long-lived asset is impaired, its carrying amount is written down to the asset's fair value.

Pension expense and obligations

The University participates in the University of Waterloo registered pension plan, which is a registered multi-employer defined benefit pension plan. Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations require that a multi-employer plan be accounted for following the standards for defined contribution plans.

2. **Significant accounting policies** *(Continued from previous page)*

Other post-employment benefit obligations

Post-employment benefits for extended health care, life insurance and unregistered non-contributory defined benefit private payroll pension commitments related to the employees' current service are accounted for on an accrual basis. The expense is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method estimating the usage frequency and the cost of services covered and management's best estimates of salary escalation and other factors.

The University uses the immediate recognition approach to account for its other post-employment benefit obligation. 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 actuarial determination of the accrued benefit obligations for pensions and other retirement benefits uses the projected benefit method prorated on service (which incorporates management's assumptions for funding purposes, other cost escalation, retirement ages of employees and other actuarial factors). The measurement date of the plan assets, which are recorded at fair value, and accrued benefit obligation coincides with the University's fiscal year. The most recent actuarial valuation of the post-employment benefit obligations was as at April 30, 2024.

The University recognizes the accrued benefit obligations net of the fair value of the plan amounts adjusted for any valuation allowance in the statement of financial position at the end of the year. The cost of the plan, comprising (i) changes in the accrued benefit obligation other than those resulting from benefit payments to plan members and net of any employee contributions; (ii) the actual return on plan assets; and (iii) the change in the valuation allowance, is recorded in income.

Actuarial gains (losses), referred to as plan remeasurements and past service costs arising from plan amendments, are immediately recognized directly into unrestricted net assets at the date of the amendment.

Deferred contributions related to capital assets

Deferred contributions related to capital assets represent the unamortized portion of contributed capital assets and restricted contributions that were used to purchase the University's capital assets. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the related capital assets are amortized.

Revenue recognition

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations, government grants and investment income. 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. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred for current expenditures, or are deferred and amortized on the same basis as the underlying capital assets for capital expenditures. Spendable endowment investment revenues 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 period in which they are received.

Government funding related to current operations is recognized as revenue in the period earned. Amounts received in relation to future expenses are recorded as deferred contributions.

Revenue from student fees is recognized as revenue when courses and seminars are held.

Investment income is recorded as it is earned.

All other revenues including academic fees, sales and services, are recognized when the service is performed, collection of the relevant receivable is reasonably assured, persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and the sales price is fixed or determinable.

Contributed materials and services

Contributions of materials are recognized both as contributions and expenses in the statement of operations when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials are used in the normal course of the University's operations and would otherwise have been purchased. Volunteers contribute substantial hours each year to enable the University to carry out its services. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

2. Significant accounting policies (Continued from previous page)

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Amortization of capital assets is based on the estimated useful lives. Accrued liabilities are based on amounts expected to be invoiced to year end for goods and/or services received relating to the year end. The accrued employee future benefit obligations are based on the actuarial valuation, which involves making assumptions about discount rates, future salary increases, mortality rates, expected rates of inflation and future pension increases.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in operations in the periods in which they become known.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include balances with banks and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less.

3. Investments

	2024	2023
At market value:		
Endowment investments:		
Short-term savings held by investment custodian	243,090	373,709
Fixed income with interest varying between 1.75% and 6.51%, maturing between 2025 and 2081 (2023 - interest varying between 1.90% and 6.51% maturing between 2025 and 2081)	4,275,537	4,298,445
Canadian equities	2,983,253	3,074,318
Non-Canadian equities	5,620,743	4,825,322
	13,122,623	12,571,794
Non-endowment investments:		
Short-term savings held by investment custodian	235,653	314,553
Fixed income with interest varying between 1.75% and 6.51%, maturing between 2025 and 2081 (2023 - interest varying between 1.90% and 6.51% maturing between 2025 and 2081)	2,409,218	2,239,438
Canadian equities	2,212,726	2,162,948
Non-Canadian equities	5,741,146	4,777,742
TD Asset Management Inc. indexed mutual funds/CIBC Mellon	130,226	188,373
	10,728,969	9,683,054
	23,851,592	22,254,848

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4. Capital assets

	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Accumulated amortization</i>	<i>2024 Net book value</i>
Land	7,748,461	-	7,748,461
Land improvements	1,080,572	933,632	146,940
Buildings	54,978,290	13,418,595	41,559,695
Building improvements	14,287,206	6,651,925	7,635,281
Equipment	4,132,840	3,050,796	1,082,044
Computer equipment and software	1,824,810	1,606,192	218,618
Library books	996,661	841,285	155,376
Art collection	537,443	-	537,443
Work in progress	63,301	-	63,301
	85,649,584	26,502,425	59,147,159

	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Accumulated amortization</i>	<i>2023 Net book value</i>
Land	7,748,461	-	7,748,461
Land improvements	1,080,572	900,239	180,333
Buildings	54,978,290	11,905,701	43,072,589
Building improvements	13,679,893	5,994,393	7,685,500
Equipment	4,084,314	2,803,131	1,281,183
Computer equipment and software	1,745,450	1,555,728	189,722
Library books	927,291	803,695	123,596
Art collection	511,583	-	511,583
Work in progress	58,558	-	58,558
	84,814,412	23,962,887	60,851,525

Amortization expense for the year amounted to \$2,539,538 (2023 - \$2,489,245).

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4. Capital assets (Continued from previous page)

The change in net book value of capital assets is due to the following:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	60,851,525	63,036,960
Purchases of work in progress	711,970	88,179
Work in progress capitalized	(707,226)	(296,113)
Work in progress internally funded	707,226	296,113
Purchases of capital assets internally funded	123,202	215,631
Amortization of capital assets	(2,539,538)	(2,489,245)
Balance, end of year	59,147,159	60,851,525

The invested in capital assets balance consists of the following

Capital assets	59,147,159	60,851,525
Prior year adjustment	(149)	(149)
Less: Capital assets in work in progress	(63,301)	(58,558)
Less: Amounts financed by deferred capital contributions	(2,944,984)	(3,046,439)
Add: Unspent deferred capital contributions	809,321	808,362
Balance, end of year	56,948,046	58,554,741

The change in invested in capital assets consists of the following:

Capital asset amortization	(2,539,538)	(2,489,245)
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	102,415	102,415
	(2,437,123)	(2,386,830)
Change in investment in capital assets	830,428	511,744
Deferred capital contributions received during the year	(960)	(1,965)
Change in unspent capital contributions	960	1,965
	830,428	511,744
Net change in invested in capital assets	(1,606,695)	(1,875,086)

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5. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions consist of unspent externally restricted grants, investment income and donations for research and other restricted purposes. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specific expenditures are made. Changes in deferred contributions are as follows:

	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of year	1,700,909	1,696,752
Investment income restricted	(3,874)	14,198
Donations, restricted	154,255	239,605
Research grant	(10,696)	(73,701)
Deferred contributions spent	(285,652)	(175,945)
Balance, end of year	1,554,942	1,700,909

Campus Ministry

Balance, beginning of year	58,743	106,646
Amounts recognized in donation in the fiscal year	(70,031)	(60,830)
Amount received from collections and donations	37,100	12,927
Balance, end of year	25,812	58,743

Amounts recognized in donations in the fiscal year reflects all spending from the fund during the year.

6. Loan payable

	2024	2023
Unsecured committed reducing term facility due July 3, 2024, interest calculated at 3.86%, monthly payments of \$158,871 including principal and interest	28,437,077	29,229,197
Less: Current portion	28,437,077	792,120
	-	28,437,077

The University has renewed the term facility effective July 3, 2024 with interest calculated at 4.769% and monthly payments of \$172,881 of interest and principal.

Principal repayments on long-term debt in each of the next five years under these renewal terms are estimated as follows:

2025	\$757,667
2026	\$771,250
2027	\$808,846
2028	\$848,274
2029 and thereafter	\$25,251,040
	\$28,437,077

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6. Loan payable *(Continued from previous page)*

The University has entered into an interest rate exchange (swap) contract with the Toronto Dominion Bank in order to convert variable-rate borrowings to fixed rates. The fixed rate of 3.86% is based on the swap rate of 2.91% and a stamping fee of 0.95%. The swap matures July 3, 2024. Under the terms of these agreements, the University pays a fixed rate and receives a variable rate on each swap's notional principal amount. The swap transactions are completely independent and have no direct effect on the relationship between the University and its lender. The transaction qualifies for hedge accounting and, correspondingly, the interest paid under the arrangement is recognized under financing fee on the statement of operations.

As at April 30, 2024, the difference between the fair value and carrying value of the related debt, being the fair value of the interest rate swap, was \$68,143 (2023 - \$460,828). As the swap qualifies for hedge accounting, the fair value has not been recorded on the statement of financial position.

7. Accrued employee future benefit obligations

	2024	2023
Unregistered post-employment benefits plan relating to employees on long-term disability	182,100	180,200
Unregistered post-employment non-pension accrued benefit obligation	2,630,000	2,045,000
Unregistered defined benefit private payroll pension obligation	835,119	867,567
	3,647,219	3,092,767

The University maintains an unregistered defined private payroll pension plan and non-contributory post-employment non-pension benefits for most of its employees.

The unregistered defined benefit private payroll pension plan fund will increase annually by charging the employee benefits line of the statement of operations. The first unregistered pension plan payment was made on July 1, 2002.

The accrued benefit obligations were determined by independent actuaries as at April 30, 2024.

The expense for the University's current and future benefit plans is as follows:

	<i>Pension Benefit Plans</i> 2024	<i>Pension Benefit Plans</i> 2023	<i>Private Payroll Plan</i> 2024	<i>Private Payroll Plan</i> 2023
Registered plan (University of Waterloo multi-employer plan)	1,133,166	1,059,722	-	-
Unregistered plans	66,759	60,466	239,000	229,000

The significant actuarial assumptions in measuring the University's accrued benefit obligation are as follows:

	<i>Pension Benefit Plans</i> 2024	<i>Pension Benefit Plans</i> 2023	<i>Private Payroll Plan</i> 2024	<i>Private Payroll Plan</i> 2023
	%	%	%	%
Discount rate	6.00%	6.25%	6.00%	6.25%
Rate of inflation	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Rate of compensation increase	4.00%	3.00%	4.00%	3.00%

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For measurement purposes, a 9.0% annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed as at April 30, 2012. The rate of increase was assumed to gradually decrease to 4.5% in 2021 and remain at that level thereafter.

Contributions in connection with the University's current and future defined benefit plans are as follows:

	<i>Pension Benefit Plans 2024</i>	<i>Pension Benefit Plans 2023</i>	<i>Private Payroll Plan 2024</i>	<i>Private Payroll Plan 2023</i>
Employer contribution to registered plan (University of Waterloo multi-employer plan)	1,133,166	1,059,722	-	-
Employer contribution to unregistered plans	65,774	62,666	37,000	12,000

8. Deferred capital contributions

Deferred capital contributions related to capital assets represent the unamortized amount and unspent amount of transfers and grants received in the purchase of capital assets. The amortization of capital contributions is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations.

	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Balance, beginning of year	3,046,439	3,146,889
Less: Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(102,415)	(102,415)
Add: Contributions received for capital purposes not expended	960	1,965
Balance, end of year	2,944,984	3,046,439

9. Restrictions on net assets

Internally restricted net assets

	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Major renovations	465,523	1,272,865
Academic programs	176,396	176,396
Future loan repayment of long-term debt	-	3,000,000
	641,919	4,449,261

The use of internally restricted net assets is limited to the intended purpose and is subject to Board approval.

Major renovations reflect monies transferred from the unrestricted net assets and are intended to be used by the University to assist in financing of the capital projects and expenditures not funded by donations or within the current operating budget.

Academic programs reflect monies transferred from the unrestricted net assets and are intended to be used by the University for Specific Academic Program Development or support. The internally restricted net assets are to be designated for the Master of Catholic Thought (\$50,000) and future Catholic program development (\$126,396).

10. Endowments

Contributions restricted for endowments consist of restricted donations received by the University and donations internally designated by the Board of Governors in the exercise of its discretion. 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 or the Board of Governors. 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.

University policy has been established with the objective of protecting the real value of the endowments by limited the amount of income available for spending and requiring the reinvestment of an amount of the earned income equal to the average percentage change (last 12 months) in the consumer price index for Canada prepared by Statistics Canada. This preservation of capital is \$263,304 for 2024 (2023 - \$407,696).

External donations are recorded as a direct increase of endowments.

Contributions restricted for endowments consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Masters in Catholic Thought and Life	1,193,072	1,166,193
Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund Bursaries	2,247,221	2,168,203
Ontario Trust Student Support	1,203,545	1,203,545
Scholarships/Bursaries	6,001,945	5,780,945
Other	350,126	335,235
	10,995,909	10,654,121
Net unrealized gains	4,323,388	3,935,663
Net realized losses	(1,188,998)	(1,188,998)
Endowments	14,130,299	13,400,786

11. Financial instruments

The University, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the University is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counterparty will fail to perform its obligations. The University is exposed to credit risk with respect to the accounts receivable and fixed income investments. The University assessed on a continuous basis accounts receivable and provides for any amounts that are not collectible.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that the fair value of the financial instruments or the future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The University is exposed to interest rate risk on its fixed interest rate financial instruments. Further details about the fixed rate investments are included in Note 3. The University is also exposed to interest rate risk on its variable rate debt. The University minimizes this risk by entering into interest rate exchange (swap) contracts with a Canadian chartered bank in order to convert variable-rate borrowings to fixed rates, thereby reducing interest rate risk associated with its outstanding debt. The interest rate swap contract involves an exchange of floating rate to fixed rate interest payments between the University and the financial institution. Under the terms of the agreement, the University pays a fixed rate and receives a variable rate on each swap's notional principal amount. The swap transactions are completely independent and have no direct effect on the relationship between the University and its lender (Note 6).

11. Financial instruments *(Continued from previous page)*

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the University will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of the University not being able to liquidate its assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The University manages its liquidity risk by monitoring its operating requirements. There has been no change to the risk exposures from the prior year.

Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The University enters into transactions that are denominated in U.S. dollars, for which the related financial instruments are subject to exchange rate fluctuations. As at April 30, 2024, the following items are denominated in US currency:

	2024	2023
	CAD\$	CAD\$
Cash	31,884	15,187
Investments	11,748,161	10,353,291
	11,780,045	10,368,478

Other price risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The University is exposed to equity securities price risk because of its investments. The University manages its exposure to other price risk through a diversified portfolio, regular monitoring of the investments by management, and utilizing a professional securities broker.

12. Donations

Donations received throughout the year that are not yet expended and are recognized on the statement of financial position as at April 30 are as follows:

	2024	2023
Deferred contributions	154,255	239,605
Deferred contributions - Campus Ministry	37,100	12,927
Deferred capital contributions	960	1,965
Endowments	78,483	76,599
	270,798	331,096

13. Commitments

The University has entered into a building lease agreement with estimated minimum annual payments as follows:

2025	282,414
2026	288,350
2027	294,433
2028	300,669
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