



# Athabasca University

Financial Statements

March 31, 2018

**Athabasca University**

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**Athabasca University**  
**Statement of Management Responsibility**  
Year ended March 31, 2018

The financial statements of Athabasca University have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards. The financial statements present fairly the financial position of the University as at March 31, 2018 and the results of its operations, remeasurement gains and losses, changes in net financial assets (net debt), and cash flows for the year then ended.

In fulfilling its responsibilities and recognizing the limits inherent in all systems, management has developed and maintains a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that University assets are safeguarded from loss and that the accounting records are a reliable basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

The Board of Governors is responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements, and overseeing management's performance of its financial reporting responsibilities.

The Board of Governors carries out its responsibility for review of the financial statements principally through its Audit Committee. With the exception of the President, all members of the Audit Committee are not employees of the University. The Audit Committee meets with management and the external auditor to discuss the results of audit examinations and financial reporting matters. The external auditor has full access to the Audit Committee, with and without the presence of management.

These financial statements have been reported on by the Auditor General of Alberta, the auditor appointed under the *Post-secondary Learning Act*. The Independent Auditor's Report outlines the scope of the audit and provides the audit opinion on the fairness of presentation of the information in the financial statements.

*Original signed by Dr. Neil Fassina*

*Original signed by David Head*

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Dr. Neil Fassina  
President

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David Head  
Vice-President, Finance and Administration (Interim)

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Governors of Athabasca University

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Athabasca University, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018, and the statements of operations, change in net financial assets (net debt), remeasurement gains and losses, 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 public sector accounting standards, 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**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Athabasca University as at March 31, 2018, and the results of its operations, its remeasurement gains and losses, its change from net debt to net financial assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

[Original signed by W. Doug Wylie, FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D]

W. Doug Wylie FCPA, FCMA, ICD.D  
Auditor General

May 25, 2018  
Edmonton, Alberta

# Athabasca University

## Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

	2018	2017
<b>Financial assets excluding portfolio investments restricted for endowments</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 4)	\$ 4,425	\$ 5,255
Portfolio investments - non-endowment (Note 5)	41,887	37,382
Accounts receivable	8,134	2,342
Inventory held for sale	1,347	1,355
	<u>55,793</u>	<u>46,334</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10,533	9,713
Employee future benefit liabilities (Note 7)	17,502	19,856
Deferred revenue (Note 8)	27,466	23,857
	<u>55,501</u>	<u>53,426</u>
<b>Net financial assets (net debt) excluding portfolio investments restricted for endowments</b>	292	(7,092)
Portfolio investments - restricted for endowments (Note 5)	4,002	3,839
<b>Net financial assets (net debt)</b>	<u>4,294</u>	<u>(3,253)</u>
<b>Non-financial assets</b>		
Tangible capital assets (Note 9)	49,764	52,710
Prepaid expenses	1,466	1,474
	<u>51,230</u>	<u>54,184</u>
<b>Net assets before spent deferred capital contributions</b>	55,524	50,931
Spent deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	38,428	40,315
<b>Net assets</b> (Note 11)	<u>\$ 17,096</u>	<u>\$ 10,616</u>
<b>Net assets is comprised of:</b>		
Accumulated surplus	\$ 17,395	\$ 10,190
Accumulated remeasurement (losses) gains	(299)	426
	<u>\$ 17,096</u>	<u>\$ 10,616</u>
Contingent assets and liabilities (Note 12)		
Contractual rights and obligations (Note 13)		
Approved by the Board of Governors (Note 20)		

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

# Athabasca University

## Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

	Budget 2018 (Note 14)	Actual 2018	Actual 2017
<b>Revenue</b>			
Government of Alberta grants (Note 16)	\$ 48,530	\$ 49,481	\$ 48,894
Student tuition and fees	70,026	69,830	66,942
Sales of services and products	17,491	16,111	17,309
Investment income	1,285	1,404	1,433
Federal and other government grants (Note 16)	1,751	1,282	1,811
Donations and other grants	607	1,223	1,043
	<u>139,690</u>	<u>139,331</u>	<u>137,432</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Instruction and non-sponsored research	77,016	73,748	74,093
Academic and student support	17,300	16,720	16,305
Institutional support	14,137	11,211	11,672
Computing and communication	10,447	9,554	8,788
Sponsored research and special purpose	7,462	8,597	10,027
Ancillary services	8,215	7,492	7,627
Facility operations and maintenance	5,113	4,954	5,324
	<u>139,690</u>	<u>132,276</u>	<u>133,836</u>
<b>Annual operating surplus</b>	-	7,055	3,596
Endowment contributions (Note 11)	-	96	117
Endowment capitalized interest (Note 11)	-	54	35
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,205</u>	<u>3,748</u>
<b>Annual surplus</b>	-	7,205	3,748
<b>Accumulated surplus, beginning of year</b>	10,190	10,190	6,442
	<u>10,190</u>	<u>10,190</u>	<u>6,442</u>
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 10,190</u>	<u>\$ 17,395</u>	<u>\$ 10,190</u>

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## Athabasca University

### Statement of Change in Net Financial Assets (Net Debt)

Year ended March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

	Budget 2018	Actual 2018	Actual 2017
<b>Net debt, beginning of year</b>	<u>\$ (5,353)</u>	<u>\$ (3,253)</u>	<u>\$ (9,018)</u>
Annual surplus	-	7,205	3,748
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(6,303)	(3,416)	(3,549)
Amortization of tangible capital assets	6,318	6,362	6,805
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets	-	-	982
Change in prepaid expenses	(68)	8	644
Change in spent deferred capital contributions	(2,047)	(1,887)	(2,903)
Change in accumulated rereasurement (losses) gains	-	(725)	38
<b>Decrease (increase) in net debt</b>	<u>(2,100)</u>	<u>7,547</u>	<u>5,765</u>
<b>Net financial assets (net debt), end of year</b>	<u>\$ (7,453)</u>	<u>\$ 4,294</u>	<u>\$ (3,253)</u>

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## Athabasca University

### Statement of Remeasurement Gains and Losses

Year ended March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

	2018	2017
<b>Accumulated remeasurement gains, beginning of year</b>	<u>\$ 426</u>	<u>\$ 388</u>
Unrealized (losses) gains attributable to:		
Portfolio investments - non-endowment	(573)	137
Amounts reclassified to the statement of operations:		
Portfolio investments - non-endowment	<u>(152)</u>	<u>(99)</u>
Net change for the year	<u>(725)</u>	<u>38</u>
<b>Accumulated remeasurement (losses) gains, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ (299)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 426</u></u>
 <b>Accumulated remeasurement (losses) gains is comprised of:</b>		
Portfolio investments - non-endowment	<u><u>\$ (299)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 426</u></u>

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# Athabasca University

## Statement of Cash Flows

March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Operating transactions</b>		
Annual surplus	\$ 7,205	\$ 3,748
Add (deduct) non-cash items:		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	6,362	6,805
Expended capital recognized as revenue	(3,305)	(4,149)
Loss on disposal of tangible capital assets, net	-	982
Decrease in employee future benefit liabilities	(2,354)	(1,239)
Change in non-cash items	703	2,399
Increase in accounts receivable	(5,792)	(483)
Decrease in inventory held for sale	8	355
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	820	(317)
Increase in deferred revenue	3,596	147
Decrease in prepaid expenses	8	644
Cash provided by operating transactions	<u>6,548</u>	<u>6,493</u>
<b>Capital transactions</b>		
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	<u>(3,416)</u>	<u>(3,549)</u>
Cash applied to capital transactions	<u>(3,416)</u>	<u>(3,549)</u>
<b>Investing transactions</b>		
Purchases of portfolio investments	<u>(5,380)</u>	<u>(1,664)</u>
Cash applied to investing transactions	<u>(5,380)</u>	<u>(1,664)</u>
<b>Financing transactions</b>		
Increase in spent deferred capital contributions, less expended capital recognized as revenue	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,246</u>
Cash provided by financing transactions	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,246</u>
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(830)	2,526
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>5,255</u>	<u>2,729</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 4,425</u>	<u>\$ 5,255</u>

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

# Athabasca University

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2018

(thousands of dollars)

### 1 Authority and purpose

The Governors of Athabasca University is a corporation which manages and operates Athabasca University (“the University”) under the *Post-secondary Learning Act* (Alberta), and the Athabasca University Regulation (Alberta Regulation 50/2004). All members of the Board of Governors are appointed by either the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister of Advanced Education, with the exception of the President, who is an *ex officio* member. Under the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, Campus Alberta Sector Regulation, the University is a comprehensive academic and research institution offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs through open online and other media technologies for individual and cohort learning. The University is a registered charity, and under section 149 of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), is exempt from the payment of income tax.

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices

#### (a) General - Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards and use of estimates

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS).

The measurement of certain assets and liabilities is contingent upon future events; therefore, the preparation of these financial statements requires the use of estimates, which may vary from actual results. University administration uses judgment to determine such estimates. Employee future benefit liabilities, amortization of tangible capital assets, and the revenue recognition for expended capital are the most significant items based on estimates. In administration’s opinion, the resulting estimates are within reasonable limits of materiality and are in accordance with the significant accounting policies summarized below. These significant accounting policies are presented to assist the reader in evaluating these financial statements and, together with the following notes, should be considered an integral part of the financial statements.

#### (b) Valuation of financial assets and liabilities

The University’s financial assets and liabilities are generally measured as follows:

<u>Financial statement component</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	Cost or amortized cost
Portfolio investments	Fair value
Account receivable	Amortized cost
Inventory held for sale	Lower of cost or net realizable value
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost

Unrealized gains and losses from changes in the fair value of unrestricted financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses. Upon settlement, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from the statement of remeasurement gains and losses and recognized in the statement of operations.

When the restricted nature of a financial instrument and any related changes in fair value create a liability, unrealized gains and losses are recognized as deferred revenue.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)**

**(b) Valuation of financial assets and liabilities (continued)**

All financial assets are tested annually for impairment. When financial assets are impaired, impairment losses are recorded in the statement of operations. A write-down of a portfolio investment to reflect a loss in value is not reversed for a subsequent increase in value.

For financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost, the effective interest rate method is used to determine interest revenue or expense. Transaction costs are a component of cost for financial instruments measured using cost or amortized cost. Transaction costs for financial instruments measured at fair value are expensed as incurred. The purchase and sale of cash and cash equivalents and portfolio investments are accounted for using trade-date accounting.

The University does not use foreign currency contracts or any other type of derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

University administration evaluates contractual obligations for the existence of embedded derivatives and elects to either measure the entire contract at fair value or separately measure the value of the derivative component when characteristics of the derivative are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the contract itself. Contracts to buy or sell non-financial items for the University's normal purchase, sale or usage requirements are not recognized as financial assets or financial liabilities. The University does not have any embedded derivatives.

**(c) Revenue recognition**

All revenue is reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Cash received for which goods or services have not been provided is recorded as deferred revenue.

Government grants, non-government grants and donations

Government transfers are referred to as government grants.

Restricted grants and donations are recognized as deferred revenue if the terms for the use, or the terms along with the University's actions and communications as to the use, create a liability. These grants and donations are recognized as revenue as the terms are met. If the grants and donations are used to acquire or construct tangible capital assets, revenue will be recognized over the useful life of the tangible capital assets.

Government grants without terms for the use of the grant are recorded as revenue when the University is eligible to receive the funds. Unrestricted non-government grants and donations are recognized as revenue in the year received or in the year the funds are committed to the University if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

In kind donations of services, materials or tangible capital assets are recorded at fair value when a fair value can reasonably be determined. Transfers of tangible capital assets from related parties are recorded at the carrying value.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)**

**(c) Revenue recognition (continued)**

Grants and donations related to land

Grants and donations for the purchase of land are recognized as deferred revenue when received, and recognized as revenue when the land is purchased. An in-kind contribution of land is recognized as revenue at the fair value of the land when a fair value can be reasonably determined. When the fair value cannot be reasonably determined the in-kind contribution is recorded at nominal value.

Endowment donations

Endowment donations are recognized as revenue in the statement of operations in the year they are received, and are required by donors to be maintained intact in perpetuity.

Investment income

Investment income includes dividends, interest income, and realized gains or losses on the sale of portfolio investments.

Realized investment income on portfolio investments from restricted grants and donations is recognized as deferred revenue when the terms for use create a liability, and is recognized as revenue in the statement of operations when the terms of the grant or donation are met. Realized investment income allocated to endowment balances for the preservation of endowment capital purchasing power is recognized in the statement of operations.

Unrealized gains and losses on portfolio investments from unrestricted grants and donations are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses until the related investments are sold. Once realized, these gains or losses are recognized as revenue or expense in the statement of operations. Unrealized gains and losses on portfolio investments from restricted grants and donations are recognized in deferred revenue until the related investments are sold.

Endowments

Endowments consist of:

- externally restricted donations received by the University, the principal of which is required to be maintained intact in perpetuity.
- capitalized investment income that has been allocated for annual inflation.

Investment income earned on endowments must be used in accordance with the various purposes established by the donors. Benefactors as well as University policy stipulate that the economic value of the endowments must be protected by limiting the amount of income that may be expended.

Under the *Post-secondary Learning Act*, the University has the authority to alter the terms and conditions of endowments to enable:

- income earned by the endowment to be withheld from distribution to avoid fluctuations in the amounts distributed and generally to regulate the distribution of income earned by the endowment.
- encroachment on the capital of the endowment to avoid fluctuations in the amounts distributed and generally to regulate the distribution of income earned by the endowment if, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, the encroachment benefits the University and does not impair the long-term value of the fund.

# Athabasca University

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended March 31, 2018

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### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)

#### (c) Revenue recognition (continued)

##### Endowments (continued)

In any year, if the investment income earned on endowments is insufficient to fund the spending allocation, the spending allocation is adjusted and the donors are notified, where appropriate.

Endowment contributions, and associated capitalized investment income allocated for the preservation of endowment capital purchasing power, are recognized in the statement of operations in the period they are received.

#### (d) Inventory held for sale

Inventory held for sale is valued at the lower of cost and expected net realizable value and are determined using the weighted average method.

#### (e) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost, which includes amounts that are directly related to the acquisition, design, construction, development, improvement or betterment of the assets, and costs associated with asset retirement obligations. Cost includes overhead directly attributable to construction and development, as well as interest costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of the asset.

Work in progress, which includes facilities and improvement projects and development of information systems, is not amortized until after the project is complete and the asset is in service.

The cost, less residual value, of the tangible capital assets, excluding land, is amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

<u>Asset category</u>	<u>Estimated useful life</u>
Buildings	40 years
Site improvements	10 - 25 years
Computer hardware and software	3 - 10 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Leasehold improvements	lesser of 5 years or lease term
Library resources	10 years

Tangible capital asset write-downs are recorded when conditions indicate that they no longer contribute to the University's ability to provide services, or when the value of future economic benefits associated with the tangible capital assets are less than their net book value. The net write-downs are recognized as an expense in the statement of operations.

Works of art, cultural and historical properties, and archival materials are expensed when acquired and not recognized as tangible capital assets.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)**

**(f) Foreign currency translation**

Transaction amounts denominated in foreign currencies are translated into their Canadian dollar equivalents at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction dates. Carrying values of monetary assets and liabilities and non-monetary items included in the fair value category reflect the exchange rates at the statement of financial position date. Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in the statement of remeasurement gains and losses.

**(g) Employee future benefits**

Pension

The University participates with other employers in the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP) and the Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP). These pension plans are multi-employer defined benefit pension plans that provide pensions for the University's participating employees based on years of service and earnings.

Pension expense for the UAPP is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service and is allocated to each participating employer based on their respective percentage of employer contributions. Actuarial gains or losses on the accrued benefit obligation are amortized over the expected average remaining service life of the related employee group.

The University does not have sufficient plan information on the PSPP to follow the standards for defined benefit accounting, and therefore follows the standards for defined contribution accounting. Accordingly, pension expense recorded for the PSPP is comprised of employer contributions to the plan that are required for its employees during the year; which are calculated based on actuarially pre-determined amounts that are expected to provide the plan's future benefits.

Administrative Leave Plan

The University provides for certain senior administrators to accrue a compensated leave. The expense for this plan is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service and management's best estimate of valuation assumptions. Net actuarial gains or losses on the accrued benefit obligation are recognized immediately in the statement of operations.

Life Insurance, Short Term Disability, and Long Term Disability

The cost of the employee future benefit, if any, is not recognized as a liability. The cost of providing non-vesting and non-accumulating benefits under these plans is expensed in full when the event occurs that obligates the University to provide the benefit. Future premium rates are negotiated annually. Rate adjustments are determined based on a combination of the insurer's manual rate and the University's actual claims experience over the past five years. Any plan assets resulting from the surplus or deficit of the plans are attributed to the insurer.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)

#### (g) Employee future benefits (continued)

##### Extended Health and Dental Care

The costs of benefits earned by employees are the actual claims paid during the period, the insurer's cost of administration (net of interest), plus the year-over-year change in the estimate for any claims that may have occurred but have not been paid. The net change is recorded as an expense or recovery in the statement of operations. Employees on administrative leave or disability (short or long-term) leave are also eligible for this benefit.

#### (h) Expense by function

The University uses the following categories of functions on its statement of operations:

##### Instruction and non-sponsored research

Expenses relating to the academic activities supporting innovative learning, programming, and teaching. This function also includes expenses incurred by faculty and within academic departments for their scholarly and non-sponsored research activities.

##### Academic and student support

Expenses relating to activities directly supporting the academic functions and support of the student body. Includes expenses incurred by the library and centralized administrative activities supporting students such as registry, counseling services and scholarship awards.

##### Institutional support

Expenses relating to administration, governance, public relations and marketing, alumni relations, fund development, finance, human resources and any other centralized university-wide administrative services.

##### Ancillary services

Expenses relating to the provision of course materials to students, including textbooks (print or electronic) and other learning resources, print production materials, shipping and handling.

##### Computing and communication

Expenses relating to the delivery and support of centralized core computing, networks, data communication, and other information technology activities. Includes operations, maintenance, and amortization of information technology systems.

##### Facility operations and maintenance

Expenses relating to the operation and maintenance of all University facilities (owned or leased) that house the teaching, research and administrative activities. Includes utilities, rental costs, facilities administration, building maintenance, custodial services, grounds keeping, major repairs and renovations, and amortization of building and facility related equipment.

##### Sponsored research and special purpose

Expenses specifically funded by externally restricted grants and donations; sponsored research activities and expenses for student scholarships, bursaries, and other initiatives involving teaching and learning, and community service.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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*(thousands of dollars)*

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies and reporting practices (continued)

#### (i) Future accounting changes

In June 2015, the Public Sector Accounting Board issued PSA Handbook Section 3430, Restructuring Transactions. This accounting standard is effective for fiscal years starting on or after April 1, 2018. PS 3430 Restructuring Transactions defines a restructuring transaction and establishes standards for recognizing and measuring assets and liabilities transferred in a restructuring transaction.

In March 2018, the Public Sector Accounting Board approved PSA Handbook Section 3280, Asset Retirement Obligations. This accounting standard is effective for fiscal years starting on or after April 1, 2021. PS 3280 Asset Retirement Obligations provides guidance on how to account for and report a liability for retirement of a tangible capital asset.

University administration is currently assessing the impact of these new standards on the financial statements.

### 3 Adoption of new accounting standards

#### (a) Related parties

As at April 1, 2017, the University adopted PSA Handbook Section 2200, Related Party Disclosures. This revised section establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information. The standard defines a related party and identifies disclosures for related parties and related party transactions, including key management personnel and close family members. The University has applied the standard prospectively.

#### (b) Assets

As at April 1, 2017, the University adopted PSA Handbook Section 3210, Assets. This new section establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information. The standard provides guidance for applying the definition set out in PS1000, Financial statement concepts, and establishes general disclosure standards for assets. The University has applied the standard prospectively.

#### (c) Contingent assets

As at April 1, 2017, the University adopted PSA Handbook Section 3320, Contingent Assets. This new section establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information. The standard defines and establishes disclosure standards for contingent assets. The University has applied the standard prospectively.

#### (d) Contractual rights

As at April 1, 2017, the University adopted PSA Handbook Section 3380, Contractual Rights. This new section establishes general reporting principles and standards for the disclosure of information. The standard defines and establishes disclosure standards on contractual rights. The University has applied the standard prospectively.

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### 3 Adoption of new accounting standards (continued)

#### (e) Inter-entity transactions

As at April 1, 2017, the University adopted PSA Handbook Section 3420, Inter-entity Transactions. This revised section provides guidance for recognition, measurement and disclosure of transactions between public sector entities that comprise a government's reporting entity from both a provider and recipient perspective. The University has applied the standard prospectively.

### 4 Cash and cash equivalents

	2018	2017
Cash	\$ 4,425	\$ 5,255
Cash equivalents	-	-
	<u>\$ 4,425</u>	<u>\$ 5,255</u>

Cash equivalents include money market funds and short-term investments with a maturity less than three months from the date of purchase.

### 5 Portfolio investments

	2018	2017
Portfolio investments - non-endowment	\$ 41,887	\$ 37,382
Portfolio investments - restricted for endowments	4,002	3,839
	<u>\$ 45,889</u>	<u>\$ 41,221</u>

All of the University's investments are in units of pooled investment funds and are valued based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical investments. The composition of portfolio investments measured at fair value is as follows:

	2018			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Pooled Investment Funds				
Bonds listed in active market	\$ 32,699	-	-	\$ 32,699
Equities listed in active market	6,800	-	-	6,800
Money Market Funds	6,390	-	-	6,390
Total Investments	<u>\$ 45,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 45,889</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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(thousands of dollars)

### 5 Portfolio investments (continued)

	2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Pooled Investment Funds				
Bonds listed in active market	\$ 31,704	-	-	\$ 31,704
Equities listed in active market	6,987	-	-	6,987
Money Market Funds	2,530	-	-	2,530
Total Investments	\$ 41,221	-	-	\$ 41,221

The fair value measurements are derived from:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included with level 1 that are observable for the assets, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

Level 3: Valuation techniques that include inputs for the assets that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The average effective yields and the terms to maturity are as follows:

- Money Market pooled funds: 2.16%; term to maturity: less than one year.
- Pooled funds of government and corporate bonds: 2.86%; terms to maturity: range from less than one year to more than 10 years.

In addition to recognizing the realized gains and losses on the sale of portfolio investments in the statement of operations, the University reports unrealized gains and losses on portfolio investments as follows:

	2018			2017
	Deferred revenue endowments (Note 8)	Accumulated remeasurement gains and losses	Total	Total
Net unrealized gains, beginning of year	\$ 490	\$ 426	\$ 916	\$ 609
Unrealized gains (losses) attributable to portfolio investments	13	(573)	(560)	406
Amounts reclassified to statement of operations	-	(152)	(152)	(99)
Net unrealized gains (losses), end of year	\$ 503	\$ (299)	\$ 204	\$ 916

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### 6 Financial risk management

The University is exposed to the following risks:

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security, its issuer or general market factors affecting all securities. To manage this risk, the University has established an investment policy with a target asset mix that is diversified by asset class with individual issuer limits and is designed to achieve a long-term rate of return within specific risk tolerances.

The University assesses its portfolio sensitivity to a percentage increase or decrease in market prices. At March 31, 2018, if market prices had a 5% (2017 - 5%) increase or decrease with all other variables held constant, the increase or decrease in accumulated remeasurement gains and losses and deferred revenue for the year would have been a total of \$2,294 (2017 - \$2,061).

#### Credit risk

Credit risk on portfolio investments arise from the potential failure of a counterparty, debtor or issuer to honor its contractual obligations. To manage this risk the University has established an investment policy with required minimum credit quality standards and issuer limits. The credit risk from accounts receivable is low as the majority of balances are due from government agencies and corporate sponsors.

The University has indirectly invested in debt securities with the following credit ratings and percentages of the total pooled investment funds:

	2018	2017
Credit rating		
AAA	42 %	39 %
AA	11 %	13 %
A	21 %	23 %
BBB	8 %	8 %
	<u>82 %</u>	<u>83 %</u>

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of encountering difficulty in meeting short-term financial obligations that require cash settlement. The University manages this risk by maintaining a portfolio of short-term investments with rolling maturity dates.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows or fair values will fluctuate from the degree of volatility of interest rates. The University invests in units of pooled investment funds. Indirectly the University is exposed to risks associated with interest rate fluctuation and volatility. This risk is managed by managing the term to maturity of certain fixed income securities that the University holds.

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### 6 Financial risk management (continued)

#### Interest rate risk (continued)

The maturity of the interest bearing investments held in pooled funds are as follows:

	Less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	Greater than 5 years	Total
Money Market Funds	\$ 6,390	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,390
Bonds listed in active market	1,736	13,662	17,301	32,699
	<u>\$ 8,126</u>	<u>\$ 13,662</u>	<u>\$ 17,301</u>	<u>\$ 39,089</u>

The impact on the statement of remeasurement gains and losses of a change in interest rates on those pooled investment funds that are primarily invested in fixed income debt instruments is as follows:

	0.50% decrease	0.25% decrease	0.25% increase	0.50% increase
Dollar value change	\$ 862	\$ 431	\$ (431)	\$ (862)

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk on investments is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in foreign currency. The University invests primarily in Canadian dollar denominated securities and therefore has minimal exposure to currency risk. The University's exposure to foreign exchange risk is negligible due to minimal business activity conducted in foreign currency.

### 7 Employee future benefit liabilities

Employee future benefit liabilities are comprised of the following:

	2018	2017
Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP)	\$ 15,684	\$ 17,702
Administrative Leave Plan	1,818	2,154
	<u>\$ 17,502</u>	<u>\$ 19,856</u>

#### (a) Defined benefit plans accounted for on a defined benefit basis

##### Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP)

The UAPP is a multi-employer contributory joint defined benefit pension plan for academic and professional staff members. An actuarial valuation of the UAPP was carried out as at December 31, 2016. This was then extrapolated to the plan's year end of March 31, 2018. The University's portion of the UAPP deficit has been allocated based on its percentage of the plan's total employer contributions for the year.

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### 7 Employee future benefit liabilities (continued)

#### (a) Defined benefit plans accounted for on a defined benefit basis (continued)

##### Universities Academic Pension Plan (UAPP) (continued)

The UAPP unfunded deficit for service prior to January 1, 1992 is financed by additional contributions of 1.25% (2017 - 1.25%) of total salaries by the Government of Alberta. Employees and employers equally share the balance of the contributions of 2.90% (2017 - 3.54%) of total salaries required to eliminate the unfunded deficit by December 31, 2043. The Government of Alberta's obligation for the future additional contributions was \$244,241 at March 31, 2018 (2017 - \$293,557).

##### Administrative Leave Plan

The University provides for certain senior administrators to accrue a compensated leave. The individual's salary and benefits in effect at the time of commencing the leave are paid for the duration of the leave. The leave obligation is actuarially determined using the projected benefit method prorated on service and is calculated based on assumptions that have been adopted as a best estimate. An actuarial valuation of these benefits was carried out as at March 31, 2018. Net actuarial gains or losses are recognized immediately in the statement of operations. The University has provided for the plan by accruing a benefit obligation of \$1,818 (2017 - \$2,154) in employee future benefit liabilities. The University's Administrative Leave Plan has no plan assets. The University plans to use its working capital to finance these future obligations.

The University's expense and financial position of these defined benefit plans is as follows:

	2018		2017	
	UAPP	Administrative Leave	UAPP	Administrative Leave
<b>Financial Operations</b>				
<b>Expense</b>				
Current service cost	\$ 4,531	\$ 442	\$ 4,533	\$ 420
Interest cost	789	57	994	49
Amortization of net actuarial gain	(537)	(82)	(350)	(124)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 4,783</b>	<b>\$ 417</b>	<b>\$ 5,177</b>	<b>\$ 345</b>
<b>Financial Position</b>				
<b>Accrued benefit obligation:</b>				
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 117,989	\$ 2,154	\$ 115,336	\$ 1,985
Current service cost	4,531	442	4,533	420
Interest cost	7,195	57	7,043	49
Benefits paid	(5,220)	(753)	(4,963)	(176)
Actuarial gain	(811)	(82)	(3,960)	(124)
Balance, end of year	123,684	1,818	117,989	2,154
Plan assets	(118,558)	-	(105,978)	-
Plan deficit	5,126	1,818	12,011	2,154
Unamortized net actuarial gain	10,558	-	5,691	-
<b>Accrued benefit liability</b>	<b>\$ 15,684</b>	<b>\$ 1,818</b>	<b>\$ 17,702</b>	<b>\$ 2,154</b>

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### 7 Employee future benefit liabilities (continued)

#### (a) Defined benefit plans accounted for on a defined benefit basis (continued)

The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the accrued benefit obligation are as follows:

	2018		2017	
	UAPP	Administrative Leave	UAPP	Administrative Leave
Accrued benefit obligation:				
Discount rate	6.00%	1.64%	6.00%	2.56%
Long-term average compensation increase	3.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2.00%
Benefit cost:				
Discount rate	6.00%		6.00%	
Long-term average compensation increase	3.00%	2.00%	3.00%	2.00%
Alberta inflation (long term)	2.00%		2.00%	
Estimate average remaining service life	10.6 years	9.0 years	10.8 years	5.0 years
Retirement age	65	67.5	65	65

#### (b) Defined benefit plan accounted for on a defined contribution basis

##### Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP)

The PSPP is a multi-employer contributory defined benefit pension plan for support staff members. As the University does not have sufficient information to follow the accounting standards for defined benefit plans, it is accounted for on a defined contribution basis. The pension expense recorded in these financial statements is \$1,523 for 2018 (2017 - \$1,583).

An actuarial extrapolation of the PSPP was carried out as at December 31, 2017 from the actuarial valuation as at December 31, 2016 with the updated assumptions. At December 31, 2017, the PSPP financial statements reported an actuarial surplus of \$1,275,843 (2016 - \$302,975). For the year ended December 31, 2017, PSPP reported employer contributions of \$363,748 (2016 - \$347,860). For the 2017 calendar year, the University's employer contributions were \$1,568 (2016 – calendar year - \$1,567).

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### 8 Deferred revenue

	2018			2017
	Unspent externally restricted grants and donations	Tuition and other fees	Total	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 8,848	\$ 15,009	\$ 23,857	\$ 23,441
Grants, tuition and donations	10,927	61,744	72,671	57,679
Investment income	94	-	94	136
Unrealized gain (Note 5)	13	-	13	269
Transfers to spent deferred capital contributions (Note 10)	(1,418)	-	(1,418)	(1,246)
Recognized as revenue	(5,491)	(62,260)	(67,751)	(56,422)
Balance, end of year	\$ 12,973	\$ 14,493	\$ 27,466	\$ 23,857

### 9 Tangible capital assets

	2018					2017	
	Land	Buildings and site improvements	Computer hardware and software	Furniture and equipment	Leasehold improvements and library resources	Total	Total
<b>Cost</b>							
Beginning of year	\$ 2,254	61,958	39,999	7,997	7,614	\$ 119,822	\$ 118,461
Acquisitions	-	-	3,253	113	50	3,416	3,549
Disposals, including write-downs	-	-	(230)	(22)	(185)	(437)	(2,188)
	\$ 2,254	61,958	43,022	8,088	7,479	\$ 122,801	\$ 119,822
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>							
Beginning of year	\$ -	27,055	26,985	6,219	6,853	\$ 67,112	\$ 61,513
Amortization expense	-	1,609	4,133	371	249	6,362	6,805
Effects on disposals, including write-downs	-	-	(230)	(22)	(185)	(437)	(1,206)
	\$ -	28,664	30,888	6,568	6,917	\$ 73,037	\$ 67,112
Net book value at March 31, 2018	\$ 2,254	33,294	12,134	1,520	562	\$ 49,764	
Net book value at March 31, 2017	\$ 2,254	34,903	13,014	1,778	761		\$ 52,710

Included in computer hardware and software is \$1,110 (2017 - \$0) work in progress, that is not amortized as the assets are not yet available for use. No interest was capitalized by the University for the year ended March 31, 2018. Write-downs in the amount of \$0 (2017 - \$1,544) are included within the disposals amounts.

The University holds a number of works of art, cultural and historical properties, and archival materials. These items are expensed when acquired and therefore not included in tangible capital assets.

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### 10 Spent deferred capital contributions

Spent deferred capital contributions is comprised of externally restricted grants and donations spent on tangible capital assets, less amortization recognized as revenue.

	2018	2017
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 40,315	\$ 43,218
Transfers from restricted grants and donations	1,418	1,246
Expended capital recognized as revenue	<u>(3,305)</u>	<u>(4,149)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 38,428</u>	<u>\$ 40,315</u>

### 11 Net assets

	Accumulated surplus (deficit) from operations	Investment in tangible capital assets	Endowments	Total
Balance as at March 31, 2016	\$ (10,097)	\$ 13,730	\$ 3,197	\$ 6,830
Annual operating surplus	3,748	-	-	3,748
Endowments				
New donations	(117)	-	117	-
Capitalized investment income	(35)	-	35	-
Tangible capital assets				
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(2,303)	2,303	-	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	2,656	(2,656)	-	-
Net book value of tangible capital asset disposals	982	(982)	-	-
Change in accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)	38	-	-	38
Balance as at March 31, 2017	(5,128)	12,395	3,349	10,616
Annual operating surplus	7,205	-	-	7,205
Endowments				
New donations	(96)	-	96	-
Capitalized investment income	(54)	-	54	-
Tangible capital assets				
Acquisition of tangible capital assets	(1,998)	1,998	-	-
Amortization of tangible capital assets	3,057	(3,057)	-	-
Change in accumulated remeasurement gains (losses)	(725)	-	-	(725)
Balance as at March 31, 2018	<u>\$ 2,261</u>	<u>\$ 11,336</u>	<u>\$ 3,499</u>	<u>\$ 17,096</u>
Net assets is comprised of:				
Accumulated surplus	\$ 2,560	\$ 11,336	\$ 3,499	\$ 17,395
Accumulated remeasurement losses	<u>(299)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(299)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,261</u>	<u>\$ 11,336</u>	<u>\$ 3,499</u>	<u>\$ 17,096</u>

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### 12 Contingent assets and liabilities

#### Contingent assets

The University has no contingent assets as at March 31, 2018.

#### Contingent liabilities

The University has no legal claims as at March 31, 2018 that administration believes would have a material adverse effect on the financial position or the results of operations of the University.

### 13 Contractual rights and obligations

#### Contractual rights

The University has no material rights arising from contracts or agreements that will result in both an asset and revenue in the future when the terms of those contracts or agreements are met.

#### Contractual obligations

The University has contractual obligations that will become liabilities in the future when the terms of the contracts or agreements are met. The estimated aggregate amounts payable for the unexpired terms of these contractual obligations are as follows:

	Service Contracts	Information Systems and Technology	Long-term Leases	Total
2019	\$ 9,017	\$ 748	\$ 871	\$ 10,636
2020	114	190	868	1,172
2021	51	-	186	237
2022	44	-	125	169
2023	42	-	-	42
Thereafter	9	-	-	9
Total at March 31, 2018	<u>\$ 9,277</u>	<u>\$ 938</u>	<u>\$ 2,050</u>	<u>\$ 12,265</u>
Total at March 31, 2017	<u>\$ 9,205</u>	<u>\$ 965</u>	<u>\$ 2,287</u>	<u>\$ 12,457</u>

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### 14 Budget figures

The University's 2017-2018 budget figures have been provided for comparison purposes. The amounts have been approved by the Board of Governors and were presented to the Minister of Advanced Education as part of the University's 2017-2020 Comprehensive Institutional Plan.

The following table provides the amounts derived from the 2017-2018 budget, expense by function and expense by object:

Object:	Function:								Total
	Instruction and non-sponsored research	Academic and student support	Institutional support	Ancillary services	Computing and communication	Facility operations and maintenance	Sponsored research and special purpose		
Salaries	\$ 52,399	\$ 11,027	\$ 7,606	\$ 501	\$ 4,163	\$ 892	\$ 1,558	\$ 78,146	
Employee benefits	10,012	2,639	1,846	117	835	199	295	15,943	
Fees and purchased services	9,053	2,242	3,999	344	2,671	1,515	454	20,278	
Cost of goods sold	1,305	-	-	7,208	-	-	-	8,513	
Materials and supplies	1,571	891	334	18	365	72	306	3,557	
Communication and travel	2,187	178	294	27	32	18	133	2,869	
Rental, insurance and utilities	397	172	25	-	-	2,179	-	2,773	
Scholarships and bursaries	5	-	2	-	-	-	1,286	1,293	
Amortization of tangible capital assets	87	151	31	-	2,381	238	3,430	6,318	
Budget expense total	\$ 77,016	\$ 17,300	\$ 14,137	\$ 8,215	\$ 10,447	\$ 5,113	\$ 7,462	\$ 139,690	

### 15 Related parties

The University is a related party with organizations within the Government of Alberta reporting entity. Key management personnel of the University and their close family members are also considered related parties. The University may enter into transactions with these entities and individuals in the normal course of operations and on normal terms.

During the year the University conducted business transactions with related parties, including Ministries of the Government of Alberta, Alberta universities and colleges, and school districts. The revenue and expense incurred for these business transactions have been included in the statement of operations but have not been separately quantified. During the year, the University received the following services at nominal or reduced amounts:

- the University occupied space, under a long-term facility lease agreement, of a commonly controlled related party for a nominal cost that differs from the values that would have been recorded if the parties were at arm's length.

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#### 16 Government transfers

	2018	2017
Grants from Government of Alberta		
Advanced Education:		
Operating	\$ 43,298	\$ 42,145
Special purpose	7,772	2,586
Total Advanced Education	<u>51,070</u>	<u>44,731</u>
Other Government of Alberta departments and agencies:		
Economic Development and Trade	1,078	705
Culture and Tourism	103	75
Justice and Solicitor General	7	2
Health	-	1,338
Labour	-	42
Total other Government of Alberta departments and agencies	<u>1,188</u>	<u>2,162</u>
Total grants received	52,258	46,893
Expended capital recognized as revenue	3,063	3,696
Deferred revenue	(5,840)	(1,695)
Total Government of Alberta grants	<u>\$ 49,481</u>	<u>\$ 48,894</u>
Grants from Federal and other government		
Special purpose grants received	\$ 1,010	\$ 981
Expended capital recognized as revenue	231	443
Deferred revenue	41	387
Total Federal and other government grants	<u>\$ 1,282</u>	<u>\$ 1,811</u>

In addition to the grants listed above, the University received \$199 (2017 - \$201) from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, included in sales of services and products, for a service agreement to assist with the delivery of a specific program.

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### 17 Expense by object

	2018		2017
	Budget (Note 14)	Actual	Actual
Salaries <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 78,146	\$ 77,465	\$ 75,646
Employee benefits	15,943	14,298	14,527
Fees and purchased services	20,278	15,965	17,145
Cost of goods sold	8,513	7,649	8,183
Materials and supplies	3,557	3,723	4,828
Communication and travel	2,869	2,957	2,921
Rental, insurance and utilities	2,773	2,595	2,605
Scholarships and bursaries	1,293	1,262	1,176
Amortization of tangible capital assets	6,318	6,362	6,805
	<u>\$ 139,690</u>	<u>\$ 132,276</u>	<u>\$ 133,836</u>

(1) Includes \$826 (2017 - \$323) termination benefits as defined under PSA Handbook section 3255.

### 18 Salary and employee benefits

	2018				2017
	Base salary <sup>(1)</sup>	Cash benefits <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-cash benefits <sup>(3)</sup>	Total	Total
<b>Governance<sup>(4)</sup></b>					
Board of Governors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Executive</b>					
President <sup>(5) (6)</sup>	337	112	146	595	513
Provost and Vice-President Academic <sup>(5) (7)</sup>	244	37	134	415	340
Vice-President Finance and Administration <sup>(8)</sup>	226	409	35	670	354
Vice-President Information Technology and CIO <sup>(9)</sup>	219	19	38	276	263
Vice-President University Relations <sup>(10)</sup>	213	8	36	257	282

(1) Base salary includes pensionable base pay.

(2) Cash benefits include, if applicable, earnings such as vacation payouts, amounts to compensate for the UAPP salary cap, expense allowance, relocation benefit, and other non-pensionable direct cash lump sum payments.

(3) Non-cash benefits include the University's share of all employee benefits and contribution payments made on behalf of employees for pension, extended health care, dental, vision, group life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and long and short-term disability plans. Non-cash benefits for some of the executive include the University's current year expense (current service cost, the related net actuarial gains or losses and adjustments for past service accrued at current salary rates) of the Administrative Leave Plan.

(4) The Chair and Members of the Board of Governors receive no remuneration for participation on the Board.

(5) The individual in this role earned future administrative leave benefits during the year that have been included in other non-cash benefits.

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### 18 Salary and employee benefits (continued)

- (6) In 2017, two individuals held this position. The interim incumbent did not participate in any executive benefit programs and did not accrue administrative leave benefits.
- (7) In 2018, two individuals held this position; the past interim incumbent for 3.9 months, then commenced administrative leave, and the current incumbent for 6.8 months.
- (8) In 2018, two individuals held this position; the past incumbent for 8.2 months and the current interim incumbent for 3.8 months. The past incumbent's cash benefits amount include severance of \$363. The current interim incumbent does not accrue administrative leave benefits..
- (9) In 2018, two individuals held this position; the past interim incumbent for 7.1 months and the current incumbent for 4.9 months. The incumbent does not accrue administrative leave benefits.
- (10) In 2017, two individuals held this position. In 2018, the current interim incumbent does not accrue administrative leave benefits.

The current service cost and accrued obligation for each executive in the Administrative Leave Plan is as follows:

	Accrued Obligation March 31, 2017	Service Costs	Interest and other costs	Benefits paid	Actuarial loss (gain)	Accrued obligation <sup>(11)</sup> March 31, 2018
President <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	\$ 67	\$ 97	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 173
Provost and Vice-President Academic <sup>(5)(7)</sup>	274	106	7	(259)	(34)	94
Vice-President Finance and Administration <sup>(8)</sup>	289	-	4	(265)	(28)	-
Vice-President Information Technology and CIO <sup>(9)</sup>	5	-	-	(5)	-	-
Vice-President University Relations <sup>(10)</sup>	212	-	-	(185)	(27)	-

<sup>(11)</sup> The significant actuarial assumptions used to measure the accrued benefit obligation are disclosed in Note 7.

### 19 Comparative figures

Certain 2017 figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the 2018 financial statements.

### 20 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors of Athabasca University.