

Explanatory Comments on the Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2024	Change Increase / (Decrease)	Comments
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 81,835	\$ 74,826	\$ 7,009	Cash provided by operating activities was \$6,782 and cash provided from financing activities was \$18,585. This was offset by \$18,358 cash used in investing activities. Refer to the cash flow statements in the financial statements for more detailed activity and the capital asset section below for investing activities.
Accounts receivable <i>(includes student, external organizations and tax rebates)</i>	15,956	17,133	(1,177)	A significant portion of the change is attributable to lower student accounts receivable which decreased by \$765. A tax rebate decrease of \$78 is due to lower March and April HST returns receivable at year end (2024-25 - \$967 vs 2023-24 - \$1,045) which is the result of timing of capital purchases at year-end. Customer Accounts receivable also decreased by \$374.
Government grants receivable <i>(includes nursing grant, government research grants)</i>	10,513	6,402	4,111	The change is attributable to a higher receivable from MCURES for the Nursing grant of \$330 compared to the prior year due to timing of payments received throughout the year. The 2023-24 receivable includes \$651 from MCURES for the BN/MN undergraduate nursing students which was not received as expected. No receivable has been recorded for BN/MN students in 2024-25 as there has been no commitment from the Province as at April 30, 2025 to rectify this underfunding. The increase is also a result of an increased receivable of \$1,172 from the Ministry of the Environment related to the completion of the District Energy Electrification project. New government grant receivables this year include \$500 for the Efficiency and Accountability Fund, \$1,154 for Initial Teacher Education and \$615 for the Postsecondary Education Sustainability Fund. The change also includes an increase in external research grants that were in a receivable position at year-end.
Prepaid expenses and other assets <i>(includes payments for future economic benefit)</i>	1,004	953	51	The change is attributable to the timing of software license and membership payments around year end. The increase is the result of payment of a new annual strategic advisory membership with EAB Global for \$155 that was procured through the Provost Office.

<p>Inventories <i>(includes bookstore, natural gas, science stores and various housekeeping and maintenance supplies)</i></p>	975	1,458	(483)	<p>The change is attributable to campus store inventory decreasing by \$423 from prior year. The change was due to less inventory being purchased towards the end of 2024-25 due to the transition to Follett (3rd party operator) in May 2025.</p>
<p>Restricted investments <i>(includes endowments, unspent capital grants, internal sinking fund, investments held for other restricted purposes)</i></p>	222,905	220,928	1,977	<p>Due to an increase in endowments of \$1,866 (\$4,648 in investment gains, \$893 in new donations offset by spending of \$3,675). Also due to an increase in the sinking fund (contributions of \$2,808, including \$1,501 related to the student fee collected for the repayment of the debenture proceeds used to fund the construction of the zone fitness centre, and investment gain of \$1,641). Also due to an increase in the EFB reserves (\$810 investment gains). Internally restricted net assets also decreased by \$2,521 which Financial Services manages an investment strategy for these funds. Refer to appendix 4 of this report and financial statement note 12 for additional details. Unspent donations and government grants for capital contributions also increased by \$1,405.</p>
<p>Capital assets</p>	471,857	488,649	(16,792)	<p>Capital asset purchases were \$18,247, which includes \$5,558 related to the District Energy System Electrification, \$1,344 related to the Research Farm – CASP, \$1,635 related to Engineering renovations at 3401 Schmon Parkway including design studio equipment costs. Additional capital asset purchases were mainly the result of construction related to Residence Infrastructure Renewal, Road Repairs and Telephone System Replacement. The increases were offset by amortization of \$35,039.</p>
<p>Employee future benefits asset <i>(includes the accrued benefit asset for the pension plan)</i></p>	9,565	9,465	100	<p>This change resulted from a \$28,830 increase in the discounted obligations, or a 4.32% increase and Plan assets also increased by \$28,930 or a 4.28% increase. The increase in plan assets is a result of interest income of \$39,586, offset by the remeasurement on plan assets of (\$4,757). Also, benefit payments to plan members decreased compared to the prior year. Benefit payments consisted of payments to plan members of \$20,623 (\$19,357 in 2023-24) and transfers out of the plan of \$11,116 (\$15,118 in 2023-24). The latest actuarial funding valuation was performed as at July 1, 2022.</p>

Liabilities

	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2024	Change Increase / (Decrease)	Comments
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>(includes to be paid general operating, payroll and construction (i.e., District Energy Electrification, 3401 Schmon Parkway and Engineering renovations etc.) related expenses</i>	\$ 40,573	\$ 39,573	\$ 1,000	This change is primarily due to an increase in the year end payroll accrual of \$572 and payroll remittances (mainly income tax, CPP and EI) of \$346 due to timing of pay periods around year end. Accruals for construction projects increased by \$565 compared to the prior year mainly due to District Energy System Electrification project being completed at the end of 2024-25. The remaining portion is attributed to the timing of other expenses incurred around year-end and a decrease in Student credit balances in a payable position.
Deferred revenue <i>(includes tuition payments for spring/summer, deposits (i.e. residence), and other payments for service in a future fiscal period.</i>	21,984	21,479	505	The change is primarily attributable to a decrease in deferred tuition and student fees of \$3,235 and a decrease in Conference Services deferred revenue of \$413 mainly due to World Rowing deposits. Offset by an increase in deferred externally restricted donations of \$3,880 mainly due to one large donation received around year end. The remaining portion is due to general deferred revenue decreasing as a result of timing of externally restricted non research grant payments and spending.
Deferred contributions <i>(includes unspent non capital external grants with restrictions)</i>	11,410	12,393	(983)	The change is primarily attributable to the awarding and utilization of externally restricted research grants.
Current portion of long-term debt	4,117	17,409	(13,292)	The change is attributable to planned repayment of long-term debt in accordance with borrowing agreements and the University's debt repayment strategy. The prior year balance includes the loan for the Student Experience Projects of \$14,400 which matured at the end of June 2024.
Long-term debt <i>(includes loans for Earp, Lowenberger, 3401 Schmon Parkway and Major capital projects)</i>	37,173	17,123	20,050	The change is attributable to planned repayment of long-term debt in accordance with borrowing agreements and new debt of \$10.6M plus the renewal of \$14.4M for major capital projects.
Debenture payable <i>(represents the \$93,000 bullet payment due in 2045 and \$125,000 due in 2060)</i>	215,160	215,084	76	The change represents the amortization of deferred charges related to the 2005 Series A bond and the 2020 Series B bond. Deferred charges represented \$2,840 at April 30, 2025.

Deferred capital contributions <i>(represents the unamortized portion of donations and grants received specifically for the acquisition of capital)</i>	211,217	210,787	430	Additions include a grant of \$4,220 for the Facilities Renewal Program funds, \$2,545 for District Energy System Electrification, \$1,501 in Zone Expansion student fees, \$2,883 for the Research Farm CASP project and \$678 in other grants and donations, offset by amortization of \$11,397.
Employee future benefits obligations <i>(represents pension and non-pension future benefits which includes retiree medical, dental and health care spending accounts)</i>	32,840	30,547	2,293	Non-pension employee future benefit obligation increased by \$2,293 (see Employee future benefits asset above for Pension employee future benefits). The increase in non-pension obligation is the result of current service costs of \$1,817 (increase of \$104 compared to the prior year), interest costs of \$1,582 and by an actuarial loss of \$773, offset by benefit payments of \$1,879 (\$1,689 in 2023-24).

Net Assets

	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2024	Change Increase / (Decrease)	Comments
Endowment	\$ 132,011	\$ 130,145	\$ 1,866	The increase is primarily attributable to investment gains of \$4,648. Spending from the endowment totaled \$3,675. The balance of the change was new donations of \$893.
Invested in capital assets	51,349	63,784	(12,435)	Invested in capital assets represents the net carrying value of capital assets. Repayment of long-term debt and purchases of capital assets internally financed increased the balance by \$11,207, which was offset by net amortization of \$23,642. Refer to financial statement note 11 for more detailed activity.
Internally restricted	79,947	82,468	(2,521)	Internally restricted net assets represent internally committed funds. Refer to appendix 4 of this report and financial statement note 12 for additional details.
Employee future benefits	(23,275)	(21,082)	(2,193)	The balance is equal to assets net of the employee future benefit obligation. The components are explained on pages 1 and 2 under Employee future benefits asset / obligation.
Unrestricted	104	104	-	Unrestricted represents the surplus/deficit of the University adjusted for transactions between other net asset accounts. As of April 30, 2025, there is a small uncommitted surplus, which represents uncommitted cash.

Statement of Operations

Revenue

	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2024	Change Increase / (Decrease)	Comments
Student fees <i>(includes domestic and international tuition plus University specific ancillary fees)</i>	\$ 182,748	\$ 184,876	\$ (2,128)	The change is attributable to a decrease in international enrolment vs. 2023-24 of 19.4% offset by increased undergraduate international tuition rates, the impact of domestic tuition anomalies and an increase in domestic enrolment of 2.7% vs. 2023-24.
Government grants <i>(includes the base operating grants and all other grants for general purposes)</i>	\$ 112,325	\$ 106,411	5,914	The change is driven by MCURES funding. Postsecondary Education Sustainability Fund (PSESF) including both the base (\$2.6M) and top-up funding (\$6.1M) was new in 2024-25 as well as the one-time Efficiency and Accountability Funding (\$0.5M) This funding was offset by STEM funding (\$2.6M) which was received in 2023-24 and not renewed for 2024-25.
Ancillary operations <i>(includes revenue from the bookstore, parking, housing services, hospitality services, conference services)</i>	\$ 45,607	\$ 40,630	4,977	The change is attributable to an increase in Housing Services revenue of \$1,716, an increase in Parking revenue of \$305, an increase in Dining Services of \$417, an increase in Conference Services of \$3,172 which was mainly due to hosting the World Rowing Conference, offset by decrease in Campus Store sales of \$633.
Sales and services <i>(includes interest earned on student accounts, deferral fees, facility rentals, membership fees, application fees and athletic fees)</i>	21,161	20,349	812	The change is due to an increase in program fee revenue of \$98 compared to the prior year. The main increase is from Sports Athletic Teams and the Brock Sports Performance Centre. The change is also due to an increase in student interest income of \$440; an increase of \$93 related to the Convocation fee; an increase of \$115 related to health insurance reimbursements; an increase of \$84 in membership fees for the Brock Functional Inclusive Training Centre (Bfit) and an increase of \$163 in Goodman Professional and Executive non-credit course fee revenue. The remaining change is attributed to a number of activities in smaller dollar values across the University.
Other revenues for restricted purposes <i>(includes general donations and non-endowed and endowment donation revenue earned)</i>	5,137	5,451	(314)	The change is a result of a decrease in endowment revenue recognized from decreased spending of endowment accounts of \$7, a decrease in spending of donated expendable student award trusts of \$46 and a decrease in operating and project fundraising and donation revenue of \$261.

Investment income	9,859	9,421	438	The change is a result of a \$662 decrease in operating investment income due to declining interest rates. Operating investment income was \$7,266 (\$7,928 2023-24). The Mawer Balanced Fund had a return of \$2,451 or 10.45% compared to a return of \$1,378 or 7.1% in 2023-24. The Mawer Balanced Fund is used for investing the University's sinking fund and non-pension employee future benefits. Investment income earned on the Canada Games Capital Reserve (held by the Region of Niagara) was \$72.
Research grants for restricted purposes <i>(includes direct research funding and activity)</i>	16,902	16,530	372	This amount matches the research expenditures for the year. See Note 17 in the Financial Statements for a breakdown of expenses.
Gain on sale of assets	-	86	(86)	The gain on sale in the prior year is related to the sale of the Hamilton Campus and recognized based on the terms of the sale agreements.
Amortization of deferred capital contributions <i>(includes the amortization of grants and donations received for the acquisition of capital)</i>	11,397	10,782	615	The amount of revenue recorded is based on the grant and/or donations multiplied by an amortization rate that mirrors the amortization rate of the asset for which the grant and/or donation funded. In year, there were additions attributed to Facilities Renewal Program projects, District Energy System Electrification, Zone Expansion, and Mackenzie Chown A-block renovations that were amortized. This is offset by other assets becoming fully amortized.

Expense

	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2024	Change Increase / (Decrease)	Comments
Salaries and benefits <i>(includes salary and benefits for all funds including research)</i>	\$ 268,536	\$ 260,264	\$ 8,272	Overall, the increase in salary costs is \$6,994 and benefits & pension is \$1,278. Of the total increase in costs, \$6,507 relates to Faculty /Librarians, as a result of the collective agreement settlement. The remainder is related to costs of other employee groups.
Operating expenses <i>(includes stationery, photocopying, postage, library acquisitions, printing, teaching supplies, technology operating costs, professional development, recruitment, memberships, advertising and promotion, consulting, legal, audit, insurance fees)</i>	50,664	47,780	2,884	Travel expenses increased by \$169, maintenance contracted services increased \$264, Employment Agency services increased \$197, Security Guard Services increased \$182, Foodservice increased \$1,618 mostly due to an increase in Conferences held on campus and bad debt expense increased \$1,591. Offsetting these increases was a decrease in international student recruitment commissions of \$1,393 as well as \$357 lower hospitality expenses.

				The remaining difference is due to a number of activities in small dollar values across the University.
Scholarships, fellowships and bursaries <i>(includes graduate fellowships, undergraduate bursaries and scholarships for all funds including research.</i>	28,411	29,588	(1,177)	The decline in scholarships, fellowships and bursaries is driven by the following: The undergraduate Brock Scholars program saw a decline of \$430 mainly resulting from the flowthrough of the changes implemented in 2023-24 (a change in the top academic tier and a reduction in the monetary award of each tier). Graduate student funding saw a decline of \$897 consistent with the adjustments made to the funding model as part of the 2024-25 budget. These declines are offset by an increase in student funding through external research grants of \$642.
Expendable equipment, repairs and maintenance <i>(includes maintenance of devices, building and grounds, minor repairs, electronic software, cleaning costs for properties)</i>	14,382	15,313	(931)	The decrease in spending on expendable equipment, repairs and maintenance compared to 2024-25 was mainly because of decreased electrical building repairs; fewer computer and computing equipment purchases and furniture purchases. The prior year also included a payment of \$500 for Burlington Campus renovations based on an agreement with the City of Burlington. The decreases were offset by an increase in repair & maintenance costs for IT equipment, kitchen equipment, roofs, safety equipment, and vehicles, as well as HVAC costs and maintenance materials and custodial supplies. Some of these repair costs are due to less being spent on deferred capital renewal in the capital budget resulting in more repairs being needed. Costs for software licenses remained relatively flat year over year.
Utilities and taxes <i>(includes hydro, water, natural gas, property taxes)</i>	10,062	8,590	1,472	Water and sewer expense was 6% (\$76) higher than the prior year due to higher usage on campus due to a leak in Pond Inlet caused by a float failure. Natural gas expense was 5% (\$159) higher than the prior year due to higher natural gas usage in the Cogen engines to generate electricity and higher commodity prices. Electricity costs increased by 12% (\$247) compared to the prior year due to higher electricity pricing, offset by a 2% decrease in electricity purchased from the grid. Carbon & GHG Federal taxes increased \$979 due to a true-up from prior year estimates of carbon tax and a higher carbon tax rate of \$15/tonne. Property taxes increased \$12 related to 3401 Schmon Parkway property.
Interest on long-term debt	10,300	9,880	420	The change is attributable to repayment of long-term debt in accordance with borrowing agreements and the University debt repayment strategy.

<p>Cost of sales <i>(includes cost of purchasing items for resale by Ancillary operations)</i></p>	3,648	4,020	(372)	The change is consistent with the decrease in Campus Store sales.
<p>Amortization of capital assets</p>	35,039	34,927	112	The change is attributable to the completion of various capital projects now eligible to begin amortizing including District Energy System Electrification \$278, Telephone System Replacement \$58 and an increase in amortization Mackenzie Chown A-block renovation \$145 and Village Residence Renewal \$108 as 2024-25 was a full year of amortization. This is offset by a number of projects that were fully amortized in 2024-25.