Financial statements of

NSCAD University

March 31, 2016

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Governors of NSCAD University

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of NSCAD University, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of NSCAD University as at March 31, 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Chartered Accountants

Delaitte LCP

June 23, 2016

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016

		Unrestricted						Restricted		
							Research and Sp	ecial Purpose		
		Operating fund	Er	ndowment fund		Capital fund		Fund	Total	Tota
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	201s (Restated
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	(11010101
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	-	539,521	_	295,743	-	_	_	_	_	835,264
Investments (Note 4)	_	4,333,861	7,176,631	6,772,864	2,742,982	3,036,194	_		9,919,613	14,142,919
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	344,557	734,409	7,170,031	0,772,004	2,742,302	3,030,194	-	-	344,557	734,409
Prepaid expenses (Note 10)	2,145,373	2,219,850	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,145,373	2,219,850
	162,086	186,177	-	-	-	-	-	-		186,177
Inventory Due from operating fund	102,000	100,177	402.040	119,370	-	-	1,864,645	965,303	162,086 1,967,594	1,084,673
Due from capital fund	- 12,444,492	6,144,750	102,949	119,370	-	-	1,004,045	905,303		
Due from capital fund	12,444,492	14,158,568	7,279,580	7,187,977	2,742,982	3,036,194	1,864,645	965,303	12,444,492 26,983,715	6,144,750 25,348,042
	13,090,300	14,130,300	1,219,500	1,101,911	2,742,902	3,030,194	1,004,043	903,303	20,903,713	23,340,042
Property and equipment (Note 6)										
Land	-	-	-	-	4,402,490	4,402,490	-	-	4,402,490	4,402,490
Building	-	-	-	-	18,277,256	17,988,016	-	-	18,277,256	17,988,016
Equipment	-	-	-	-	5,050,121	5,123,212	-	-	5,050,121	5,123,212
Computer hardware	-	-	-	-	1,301,237	1,268,079	-	-	1,301,237	1,268,079
Computer software	-	-	-	-	765,073	724,667	-	-	765,073	724,667
Leasehold improvements	-	-	-	-	12,895,272	12,856,325	-	-	12,895,272	12,856,325
	-	-	=	-	42,691,449	42,362,789	=	-	42,691,449	42,362,789
Less: Accumulated amortization (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	13,911,968	12,807,123	-	-	13,911,968	12,807,123
	-	-	-	-	28,779,481	29,555,666	-	-	28,779,481	29,555,666
	15,096,508	14,158,568	7,279,580	7,187,977	31,522,463	32,591,860	1,864,645	965,303	55,763,196	54,903,708
Liabilities and fund balances										
Bank indebtedness (Note 7)	449,777	_	_	_	1,640,000	7,124,977	_	_	2,089,777	7,124,977
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,158,434	1,845,212	_	_	-	7,124,077	_	_	1,158,434	1,845,212
Deferred revenue	685,675	700,668	182,660	174,227	3,048,347	3,358,583	768,645	965,303	4,685,327	5,198,781
Deferred capital contribution (Note 8)	-	700,000	102,000	177,227	8,301,931	8,598,871	700,040	505,505	8,301,931	8,598,871
Due to operating fund					12,444,492	6,144,750		-	12,444,492	6,144,750
Due to endowment fund	102,949	119,370	_	_	12,444,432	0,144,730	_	_	102,949	119,370
Due to Research and Special Purpose Fund	1,864,645	965,303	_	_	-	_	_	_	1,864,645	965,303
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 7)	-	303,303	-	-	777,319	742,506	-	-	777,319	742,506
outlong portion of long-term debt (Note 1)	4,261,480	3,630,553	182,660	174,227	26,212,089	25,969,687	768,645	965,303	31,424,874	30,739,770
Long term debt (Note 7)	4,261,460	3,030,333	102,000	-	4,675,468	5,452,786	700,045	905,303	4,675,468	
Long-term debt (Note 7)		3,630,553		174,227						5,452,786
Fund halanges	4,261,480		182,660		30,887,557	31,422,473	768,645	965,303	36,100,342	36,192,556
Fund balances	10,835,028 15,096,508	10,528,015 14,158,568	7,096,920 7,279,580	7,013,750 7,187,977	634,906 31,522,463	1,169,387 32,591,860	1,096,000 1,864,645	965,303	19,662,854 55,763,196	18,711,152 54,903,708

Commitments (Note 10)	
Approved by the Board	
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NSCAD University Statement of operations

year ended March 31, 2016

	Unrestricted			Restricted		
			F	Research and Special		
	Operating	Endowment	Capital	Purpose Fund	Total	Tota 2015
	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	(Restated
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	(
Revenues						
Government grants						
Unrestricted	8,697,066	-	-	-	8,697,066	8,505,793
Restricted	1,919,000	133,726	324,404	-	2,377,130	2,241,986
Student academic fees	5,768,544		, <u>-</u>	-	5,768,544	6,103,816
Other government grants	89,248	-	-	130,288	219,536	920,240
Contributions received	33,600	180,207	345,961	192,068	751,836	790,581
Ancillary enterprises	680,180	· •	· •		680,180	749,233
Rent	546,755	-	-	_	546,755	525,602
Research grants	-	_	-	385,335	385,335	345,821
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments	-	(67,341)	-	-	(67,341)	232,448
Investment income	32,567	169,339	-	_	201,906	201,858
Miscellaneous	119,598	-	-	18,445	138,043	188,121
	17,886,558	415,931	670,365	726,136	19,698,990	20,805,499
Expenses						
Academic						
Salaries	8,324,254	_	_	_	8,324,254	8,773,586
Operating	452,384	-	-	67,091	519,475	500,121
Facilities operation	2,480,824	-	-	1,563	2,482,387	2,519,441
Administration	2,337,928	-	-	146,359	2,484,287	2,464,199
Service departments	1,536,013	•	-	125,788	1,661,801	1,604,199
Amortization of property and equipment	1,536,013	-	1,204,846	125,700	1,204,846	1,171,446
Anothzation of property and equipment Ancillary enterprises	724,959	•	1,204,046	•	724,959	843,862
• •	,	•	-	•		
Interest Research expenditures	473,395	•	-	385,335	473,395 385,335	594,915 345,821
•	-	-	-	365,335		
Scholarships	452 700	332,761	-	-	332,761	315,079 69,734
Rent	153,788	-	4 004 040	700 400	153,788	
	16,483,545	332,761	1,204,846	726,136	18,747,288	19,202,401
Excess (deficiency) of revenue						
over expenses	1,403,013	83,170	(534,481)	-	951,702	1,603,098

Statement of changes in fund balances year ended March 31, 2016

	Unrestricted			Restricted	
			S	Research and pecial Purpose	
	Operating	Endowment	Capital	Fund	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fund balances, March 31, 2014 (Restated)	8,735,257	6,593,826	1,667,824	-	16,996,907
Excess (deficiency) of					
revenue over expenses (Restated)	1,792,758	308,777	(498,437)	-	1,603,098
Capital contributions to					
endowment fund	-	111,147	-	=	111,147
Change in fund balances	1,792,758	419,924	(498,437)	-	1,714,245
Fund balances, March 31, 2015 (Restated)	10,528,015	7,013,750	1,169,387	-	18,711,152
Excess (deficiency) of					
revenue over expenses	1,403,013	83,170	(534,481)	-	951,702
Change in fund balances	1,403,013	83,170	(534,481)	-	951,702
Appropriations	(1,096,000)	-	-	1,096,000	-
Fund balances, March 31, 2016	10,835,028	7,096,920	634,906	1,096,000	19,662,854

Statement of cash flows year ended March 31, 2016

		2015
	2016	(Restated)
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses	951,702	1,603,098
Items not affecting cash		
Amortization of property and equipment	1,204,846	1,171,446
Amortization of deferred capital grants and		
deferred capital contributions	(670,365)	(673,009)
Unrealized gain on endowment investments	67,341	(232,448)
Changes in non-cash working capital items (Note 13)	(401,576)	(677,827)
	1,151,948	1,191,260
Investing activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(428,661)	(546,167)
Capital contributions – endowment fund	=======================================	111,147
Appropriations - Research and Special Purpose Fund	_	1,096,000
Net change in endowment investments	(471,108)	(77,249)
Capital grants and deferred capital contributions received	63,189	3,309,301
Net change in restricted capital investments	293,212	(3,036,194)
	(543,368)	856,838
Financing activity		
Mortgage and lease principal payments		
and change in capital fund bank indebtedness	(6,227,482)	(2,731,583)
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Net decrease in cash	(5.040.000)	(000 405)
and operational investments	(5,618,902)	(683,485)
Cash and operating fund investments,	E 400 40E	5.050.040
beginning of year	5,169,125	5,852,610
Cash and operating fund investments,		
end of year	(449,777)	5,169,125
Cash and operating fund investments are comprised of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	-	835,264
Operating fund bank indebtedness (Note 7)	(449,777)	-
Operating fund investments	-	4,333,861
	(449,777)	5,169,125

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

1. The University

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, operating as NSCAD University (the "University"), is located in Halifax and offers degrees in fine arts and design both at undergraduate and graduate levels. The University receives its principal funding from the Province of Nova Scotia through recommendations of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education. The University is a registered charity and, as such, is exempt from payment of income taxes.

2. Prior period adjustment

During the year ended March 31, 2016, the University determined that it had incorrectly over-accrued rental expense. The University has recorded an adjustment to correct this prior period estimate and has restated the fiscal 2015 financial statements by increasing the opening fund balance of the Unrestricted Fund as at March 31, 2014 by \$951,668, decreasing rental expense and increasing the excess of revenue over expenses for the period ended March 31, 2015 by \$145,000 and decreasing accrued liabilities for the period by \$1,096,668. The resulting increase in the ending fund balance of the Unrestricted Fund as at March 31, 2016 has been set aside as a special purpose appropriation in the Research and Special Purpose Fund.

3. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in Part III of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook.

Fund accounting

The University maintains its accounts in accordance with the fund accounting method in order to ensure observance of restrictions, if any, placed on the resources made available to it.

The unrestricted Operating Fund accounts for those resources over which the University's Board of Governors has sole authority and which are expendable for any purpose in the fulfillment of the University's objectives.

The restricted funds, consisting of the Endowment Fund, the Capital Fund and the Research and Special Purpose Fund, account for those resources made available to the University by outside organizations and individuals, by way of grants, service contracts or gifts. These resources, although expendable in the course of normal operations, are restricted as to use by the outside party. These restricted funds also include expendable amounts restricted as to use by action of the University's Board of Governors.

The financial statements of the University are prepared using the deferral method with the multi-column format. The deferral method, which introduces the concept of deferring restricted revenues to future accounting periods, is a process of matching the restricted revenues with the related expenses regardless of when the revenues are received. Restricted revenues are recognized as revenue in the same accounting period as related expenses. Those restricted revenues for which the related expenses have not been incurred are reported as deferred income on the University's statement of financial position.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, except for investments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable and due from capital/operating/research and special purpose funds.

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include bank indebtedness, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, long-term debt and due to operating/endowment/research and special purpose funds.

Interest rate swap and hedge accounting

Certain derivative financial instruments held by the University are eligible for hedge accounting. To be eligible for hedge accounting, an instrument must meet certain criteria with respect to identification, designation and documentation. In addition, the critical terms of the derivative financial instrument must match the specific terms and conditions of the hedged item. The fair value of derivative instruments eligible and qualifying for hedge accounting is generally not recognized on the consolidated balance sheet. Gains and losses on such instruments are recognized in earnings in the same period as those of the hedged item.

The University has entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a chartered bank to reduce interest rate exposure associated with its long-term debt (the mortgage). The agreement has the effect of converting the floating rate of interest to a fixed rate. The University does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The University designated the interest rate swap as a cash flow hedge as at March 31, 2015 of a specifically identified debt instrument (the mortgage). The swap agreement is an effective hedge, both at maturity and over the term of the agreement since the term to maturity, the notional principal amount and the interest rate of the swap agreement all match the terms of the mortgage being hedged. The payments associated with the interest rate swap are recorded as interest expense.

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 mortgage 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.

Cash

Cash is comprised of cash and deposits and overdraft positions with financial institutions.

Investments

Investments include marketable securities, all of which are recorded at fair value, determined using closing price quotations in an active market. Settlement date accounting is used.

Inventory

Inventory consists of merchandise and supplies held for resale and are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first in first out basis. Administrative and program supplies and library periodicals are not inventoried.

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost in the Capital Fund.

Library book additions are not capitalized to the capital asset accounts.

Amortization is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful asset lives at the following rates:

Building	2%
Equipment	10%
Computer hardware	25%
Computer software	20%
Leasehold improvements	Term of lease

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when their carrying value exceeds the total undiscounted cash flows expected from their use and eventual disposition. The amount of the impairment loss is determined as the excess of the carrying value of the asset over its fair value.

Collection

The University's permanent collections of Historic Art (a portion of it is now on indefinite loan to the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia) and library books were not formed for commercial purposes and are not considered realizable assets. The value of these assets are not reflected in these financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for revenue. Student academic fees and ancillary revenue are recognized when the services are provided or the goods are sold and collectability is reasonably assured. Rent revenue is recognized over the term of the lease as it becomes due and investment income is recognized when the University's right to receive payment has been established. Funding for expenditures is deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenditure is incurred. Funding received for property and equipment is deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the acquired property and equipment are amortized.

Use of accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, as well as revenue and expenses for the period then ended. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant accounts most subject to judgement and estimation include the amortization periods for property and equipment, allowance for doubtful accounts, deferred revenue, deferred capital contributions and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

4. Investments

The market value of all investments in the Endowment Fund at March 31, 2016 was \$7,176,631 (2015 - \$6,772,864). The cost of all investments in the Endowment Fund at March 31, 2016 was \$6,401,143 (2015 - \$6,070,501). The investments in the Endowment Fund are comprised of \$3,523,941 in fixed income investments and \$3,652,690 in equity investments (2015 - \$3,277,803 and \$3,495,061 respectively).

5. Accounts receivable

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Student tuition and fees	98,274	155,730
Student accounts deemed uncollectible	222,205	218,296
Trade and other receivables	332,926	571,910
HST	35,092	92,213
	688,497	1,038,149
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(343,940)	(303,740)
	344,557	734,409

The allowance for doubtful accounts is made up of \$48,395 for student tuition and fees, \$222,205 for student accounts deemed uncollectible and \$73,340 for trade and other receivables (2015 - \$64,775, \$218,296 and \$20,669 respectively).

6. Property and equipment

		2016		2015
		Accumulated		Accumulated
	Cost	amortization	Cost	amortization
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	4,402,490	-	4,402,490	-
Buildings	18,277,256	4,696,270	17,988,016	4,349,650
Equipment	5,050,121	4,186,446	5,123,212	4,080,709
Computer hardware	1,301,237	1,151,764	1,268,079	1,015,465
Computer software	765,073	747,456	724,667	658,582
Leasehold improvements	12,895,272	3,130,032	12,856,325	2,702,717
	42,691,449	13,911,968	42,362,789	12,807,123
Less:accumulated				
amortization	13,911,968	-	12,807,123	-
Net book value	28,779,481	-	29,555,666	-

Insurance on a replacement cost basis is carried on the building and contents of the University in the amount of \$87,752,565 (2015 - \$85,909,147).

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

7. Bank indebtedness and long-term debt

Bank indebtedness

On April 6, 2015, the University renegotiated the terms of its \$10 million non-revolving demand loan payable (2015 - \$7,124,977) and converted it to a reducing revolving term credit facility with an opening authorized amount of \$7,875,000. The authorized amount was reduced by \$125,000 on June 30, 2015 and \$250,000 semi-annually thereafter.

	Available	Outstanding
	\$	\$
Credit facility balance, April 16, 2015	7,875,000	7,124,977
Reduction in credit facility during the year	(375,000)	
Repayments during the year	-	(7,124,977)
Drawdowns during the year	-	1,640,000
Balance, end of year	7,500,000	1,640,000

Long-term debt

The University has entered into an interest rate swap for an amount equal to the principal value of the loan with the Bank of Nova Scotia for a fixed rate of 6.69% with a termination date of February 28, 2022. The bank has the right to terminate the swap transaction in whole, on February 27, 2017. If the swap had been terminated as at March 31, 2016 the cost to NSCAD would have been \$841,688 (2015 - \$1,092,488).

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Bank of Nova Scotia, prime less 0.25% demand notes maturing February 2017, payments monthly for principal and intrest	5,452,787	6,179,953
Halifax Port Authority, 0% loan repaid during the year		15,339
Less: current portion of long-term debt	5,452,787 777,319	6,195,292 742,506
	4,675,468	5,452,786

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

7. Bank indebtedness and long-term debt (continued)

Long-term debt (continued)

The minimum principal repayments due over the next five years are:

2017	777,000
2018	831,000
2019	888,000
2020	950,000
2021	1,014,994
	\$ 4,460,994

8. Deferred capital contribution

Deferred capital contribution represents the unamortized amount of externally funded property and equipment, which will be recognized as income in the capital fund as those items of property and equipment are amortized.

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	8,598,871	5,796,415
Add: donations and grants	49,021	3,152,479
	8,647,892	8,948,894
Less: amortization	345,961	350,023
	8,301,931	8,598,871

9. Pension

The University contributes on behalf of substantially all of its employees to a defined contribution pension plan (the "Plan"). The University charges income with the required contribution to the Plan on an annual basis. The employer's and employees' contributions for the year were \$765,142 (2015 - \$711,164) and \$634,136 (2015 - \$586,731), respectively.

10. Commitments

The University has leased 70,000 square feet of space at the Halifax Seaport from Halifax Port Authority, for a 40 year period ending August 31, 2045. The total base rent for 40 years is \$2.5 million. This amount has been recorded as prepaid rent for the purposes of financial reporting. Amortization of the prepaid rent commenced in September 2007 upon opening of the Port Campus. The unamortized balance is \$2,024,080 (2015 - \$2,092,887).

Notes to the financial statements March 31, 2016

11. Financial instruments

Financial risk refers to the impact on the University's cash flows due to fluctuations in interest rates and the credit quality of student receivables. The University manages its financial risks as follows:

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is minimized as the University uses interest rate swaps, as described in Note 7, to fix interest rates on its long-term debt.

Credit risk

The University performs a continuous evaluation of its accounts receivable and records an allowance for doubtful accounts as required. Management considers there is no significant credit risk as at March 31, 2016.

Fair value

The fair value of cash, bank indebtedness, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and due to/from operating/capital/endowment/research and special purpose funds are approximately equal to their carrying values due to their short-term maturity. The fair value of long-term debt is described in Note 7. Investments are recorded at fair value.

Liquidity risk

The University's objective is to have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due. The University monitors its cash balances and cash flows generated from operations to meet its requirements.

Market risk

The University is subject to market risk with respect to its investments. The University manages this risk by maintaining a diversified portfolio.

12. Contingent liability

All contingent liabilities have been appropriately accrued in the financial statements.

13. Change in non-cash working capital items

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Accounts receivable	389,852	172,804
Prepaid expenses	74,477	61,334
Inventory	24,091	(7,600)
Due from operating fund	16,421	(48,741)
Due from capital fund	(6,299,742)	(3,004,643)
Accounts payable	(686,778)	(561,324)
Deferred revenue	(203,218)	(343,041)
Due to operating fund	6,299,742	3,004,643
Due to endowment fund	(16,421)	48,741
	(401,576)	(677,827)