

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

APRIL 30, 2009

Nipissing University
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AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Governors of

Nipissing University

We have audited the financial statements of Nipissing University as at and for the year ended April 30, 2009 comprising the following:

Statement of financial position
Statement of operations
Statement of changes in net assets
Statement of cash flows

These financial statements are the responsibility of the administration of the University. 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 plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as at April 30, 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

North Bay, Canada
September 10, 2009

Nipissing University

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

[in thousands]

As at April 30	2009	2008
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and short-term investments	18,096	42,886
Accounts receivable	2,882	2,974
Accrued interest	911	103
Other assets	467	299
	22,356	46,262
Cash held in trust – student levies [note 3]	1,295	1,729
Investments [note 4]	30,287	13,545
Capital assets, net [note 5]	78,590	67,631
	132,528	129,167
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	9,046	9,609
Student levies held in trust [Note 3]	1,295	1,729
Accrued sick leave obligation	282	262
Deferred revenue	4,909	5,092
Current portion of long-term debt [note 6]	1,003	1,508
	16,535	18,200
Long-term obligations		
Long-term debt [note 6]	33,122	33,984
Interest rate swap payable [notes 2 and, 6]	7,145	4,686
Deferred contributions [note 7]	265	265
Deferred capital contributions [note 8]	61,667	49,973
	102,199	88,908
	118,734	107,108
Net assets		
Unrestricted	1,247	1,247
Internally restricted [Note 9]	8,308	14,061
Investment in capital assets [Note 10]	3,709	2,583
Interest rate swaps	(7,145)	(4,686)
Endowments [Note 11]	7,675	8,854
	13,794	22,059
	132,528	129,167

Commitments see note 14
Subsequent event see note 15
See accompanying notes

Signed on behalf of the
Board of Governors

Governor

Lesley Corbett-Duro
Governor

Nipissing University

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

[in thousands]

Year ended April 30	2009	2008
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Student fees	26,166	23,761
Government grants	21,963	24,118
Sales and services	5,471	5,467
Other	4,070	3,895
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	2,561	2,182
Investment	283	774
Donations	541	217
Scholarship fund	56	65
	61,111	60,479
EXPENSES		
Academic	32,241	28,950
Administrative services	6,115	5,367
Plant	5,241	3,266
Amortization of capital assets	3,854	3,272
Academic support	3,161	3,471
Student services	2,966	2,879
Interest	2,435	2,458
Scholarship and bursaries	2,387	2,090
Research	1,894	1,745
Other	1,882	2,105
Alumni and development	1,809	1,801
Library	1,753	1,681
	65,738	59,085
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses before the undernoted	(4,627)	1,394
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	(2,459)	(1,359)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	(7,086)	35

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS [in thousands]

Year ended April 30

	2009					2008	
	Unrestricted \$	Internally restricted \$	Investment in capital assets \$	Interest rate swaps \$	Endowments \$	Total \$	Total \$
Net assets, beginning of year	1,247	14,061	2,583	(4,686)	8,854	22,059	20,872
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(5,793)	-	(1,293)	-	-	(7,086)	35
Net change in investment in capital assets [Note 10]	(2,419)	-	2,419	-	-	-	-
Restricted contribution of land [Note 5]	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,075
Transfer of fair value change of interest rate swaps [Note 6]	2,459	-	-	(2,459)	-	-	-
Transfer of internally restricted funds [Note 9]	5,753	(5,753)	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment contributions (net)	-	-	-	-	(1,179)	(1,179)	77
Net assets, end of year	1,247	8,308	3,709	(7,145)	7,675	13,794	22,059

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

[in thousands]

Year ended April 30

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operations:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(7,086)	35
Items not involving cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	3,854	3,272
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,561)	(2,182)
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	2,459	1,359
Change in non-cash operating working capital:		
Accounts receivable	92	199
Accrued interest	(808)	(64)
Other assets	(168)	(48)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(563)	3,801
Student levies held in trust	(434)	683
Accrued sick leave obligation	20	9
Deferred revenue	(183)	(302)
	(5,378)	6,762
Financing and investing:		
Net endowment contributions	(1,179)	77
Proceeds of long-term debt	-	3,966
Long-term debt principal repayments	(1,367)	(802)
Purchase of capital assets	(14,813)	(10,261)
Investments, net	(16,742)	(379)
Cash held in trust	434	(683)
Deferred capital contributions	14,255	26,205
	(19,412)	18,123
Net increase(decrease) in cash and short-term investments during the year	(24,790)	24,885
Cash and short-term investments, beginning of year	42,886	18,001
Cash and short-term investments, end of year	18,096	42,886

See accompanying notes

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1. DESCRIPTION

Nipissing University [the 'University'] was incorporated as a university in 1992 under the laws of the Province of Ontario. Its mission is to provide undergraduate programs in Liberal Arts, Science, Business and undergraduate and graduate programs in Education. The University aspires to fulfil the best traditions of scholarship and to provide an environment committed to the ideals of free inquiry and expression. As a university with predominantly undergraduate programming and roots in teacher education, the University places priority on the highest ideals of instructional excellence.

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

The University is a not-for-profit organization and, as such, is exempt from income taxes under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

Revenue recognition

The University follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include donations and government grants. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Unrestricted donations are recorded on a cash basis since pledges are not legally enforceable claims. Contributions externally restricted for purposes other than endowment are deferred and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized. Contributions restricted for the purchase of capital assets are deferred and amortized into revenue on a straight line basis, at a rate corresponding with the amortization rate for the related capital assets. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the year in which they are received. Student fees are recognized as revenue when courses and seminars are held. Sales and services revenue is recognized at point of sale or when the service has been provided.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Cash and short-term investments

Cash and short-term investments consist of cash and short term money market funds with maturities of less than three months from their date of acquisition.

Financial instruments

The University accounts for its financial assets and liabilities in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial instruments are classified into one of three categories: held-for-trading, loans and receivables or other financial liabilities. All financial instruments, including derivatives, are measured in the balance sheet at fair value except for loans and receivables and other financial liabilities which are measured at amortized cost. Held-for-trading financial assets are measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of operations.

In accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, the University has undertaken the following:

- (i) Cash and short-term investments, investments, and interest rate swap payable are designated as held-for-trading, being measured at fair value.
- (ii) Accounts receivable are classified as loans and receivables, which are measured at amortized cost.
- (iii) Accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt are classified as other financial liabilities, which are measured at amortized cost.

No financial recognition is given to embedded derivatives or non-financial contracts with derivative characteristics.

The University also complies with CICA 3861, "Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation", for the presentation and disclosure of financial instruments and non-financial derivatives.

The fair value of investments is determined as follows:

Publicly traded bonds and equities are determined based on quoted market values based on the latest bid prices. Investments in pooled funds are valued at their unit values.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Investment income, which consists of interest, dividends, income distributions from pooled funds, and realized and unrealized gains and losses, is recorded as follows:

Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the statement of operations in the year it is earned.

Externally restricted investment income(loss) designated for endowments (referred to as capital protection) is recognized as a direct increase(decrease) of endowments in net assets.

Externally restricted investment income, other than that designated for endowments (referred to as capital protection), is recognized as revenue in the statement of operations, when the related expenses are incurred. All externally restricted investment income, other than that designated for endowments, which is in excess of related expenses incurred, is recorded as deferred contributions.

Investment income that is internally restricted is recorded as a transfer from unrestricted to internally restricted net assets in the statement of changes in net assets.

Transactions are recorded on a trade date basis and transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are capitalized at fair market value at the date of contribution. Capital assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Equipment and furnishings	5-10 years
Library books	5 years

Costs of construction in progress, including interest, are capitalized. Amortization is not recognized until project completion.

Internally restricted net assets

The University restricts use of portions of its operating assets for specific future uses. These internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Governors.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Interest rate swaps

The University is party to interest rate swap agreements used to manage the exposure to market risks from changing interest rates. The University's policy is not to utilize derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The University has not hedged these agreements and the change in the fair value of the swaps is reflected in the statement of operations.

Employee future benefits

Contributions to a multi-employer defined benefit plan are expensed when due.

Contributed materials and services

Volunteers contribute an indeterminable number of hours per year. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed materials and services are not recognized in these financial statements.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the carrying amount of capital assets; valuation allowances for accounts receivable; and, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the statement of operations in the year in which they become known.

Capital disclosures

Effective May 1, 2008, the University adopted the CICA Handbook Section 1535, Capital Disclosure which establishes standards for disclosing an entity's capital and how it is managed. Adoption of these recommendations had no material impact on the financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2009.

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3. STUDENT LEVIES HELD IN TRUST

Student levies have been collected in advance of construction of a proposed expanded student centre. These funds, totalling \$1,295,000 (2008 - \$1,729,000) as at year end, are maintained in a segregated cash fund and are shown as Student levies held in trust and are to be used toward the project costs.

4. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of the following:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Bonds and Short-term Pooled Funds	24,112	533
Sceptre Pooled Funds	6,175	13,012
	<u>30,287</u>	<u>13,545</u>

Investments consist of funds held in pooled investment funds managed by Sceptre Investment Counsel Limited, and selected government and corporate bonds.

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets consist of the following:

	2009			2008		
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value
	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)	(\$000)
Land	3,533	—	3,533	1,882	—	1,882
Buildings - Operating	45,155	9,696	35,459	35,527	8,552	26,975
- Residence	29,355	5,188	24,167	29,355	4,454	24,901
Equipment and furnishings:						
- Operating	18,918	13,351	5,567	16,484	12,098	4,386
- Residence	2,710	1,982	728	2,710	1,705	1,005
Library books	8,546	7,560	986	8,180	7,114	1,066
Construction in Progress	8,150	—	8,150	7,416	—	7,416
	116,367	37,777	78,590	101,554	33,923	67,631

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

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Balance, beginning of year	67,631	59,567
Restricted contributions – donated land	—	1,075
Purchase of capital assets internally and debt financed	1,052	3,897
Purchase of capital assets funded by deferred capital contributions	13,761	6,364
Less: amortization of capital assets	(3,854)	(3,272)
Balance, end of year	78,590	67,631

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6. LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Founders House Student Residence:		
Term loan bearing interest at a variable rate of 0.63% as at April 2009 (converted to effective interest rate of 6.82%) repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$44,500, unsecured due July 2022.	4,579	4,791
Chancellors House Student Residence:		
Term loan bearing interest at a variable rate of 0.63% as at April 2009 (converted to effective interest rate of 7.05%) repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$72,000, unsecured due August 2026.	8,530	8,782
Chancellors House Student Residence Expansion:		
Term loan bearing interest at a variable rate of 0.63% as at April 2009 (converted to effective interest rate of 6.74%) repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$25,400, unsecured due September 2028.	3,250	3,332
Nipissing University Student Athletic Centre:		
6.45% renewable term loan with monthly blended payments of principal and interest of \$23,527 and original principal of \$3,500,000 issued July 30, 2002. Payments were calculated over a 25 year term. This unsecured loan matures July 30, 2010.	2,838	2,934
Governors House Student Residence:		
Term loan bearing interest at a variable rate of 0.64% as at April 2009 (converted to effective interest rate of 6.27%) repayable in blended monthly instalments of \$71,000, unsecured due August 2030.	10,336	10,565
Subtotal Long-term debt	29,533	30,404

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6. LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd)

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Subtotal carried forward	29,533	30,404
Brantford Campus Financing:		
The University has entered into a ten-year, term loan agreement with a Canadian Chartered Bank in the amount of \$1.2 million to be amortized over twenty-five years. The interest rate for the ten years will be 4.56%. Monthly blended payments of principal and interest will be approximately \$6,700 and commenced July 31, 2005. This unsecured loan matures June 30, 2015.	1,092	1,122
City of Brantford Financing:		
In July 2007, the City of Brantford advanced \$2.1 million to the University to assist the University with the renovations of the premises at 50 Wellington Street in Brantford. The advance was made in two parts. The first is an interest-free forgivable loan of \$ 600,000 repayable July 1, 2009. This part of the loan is forgivable once the University has completed certain improvements to the premises. As at April 30, 2009, these improvements were completed and the loan forgiven. The second part of the advance was an interest-free loan of \$1,500,000. The loan was discounted at a rate of 5.11% approximating the market borrowing rate for the University. This loan is to be repaid in three annual instalments of \$150,000 commencing July 1, 2010 and six annual instalments of \$175,000 commencing July 1, 2013.	1,223	1,666
Subtotal Long-term debt	31,848	33,192

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6. LONG-TERM DEBT (cont'd)

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Subtotal carried forward	31,848	33,192
Bracebridge Campus Financing:		
In January, 2008 the University borrowed in the form of a debenture from Ontario Infrastructure Projects Corporation, the principal sum of \$ 2,300,000 with an interest rate of 5.11% calculated semi-annually for a term of 25 years. The Bracebridge campus loan was undertaken to finance the construction of dedicated space for Nipissing University Student Union ('NUSU') included in the new building. The University has entered into a formal agreement with NUSU for the University to collect an ancillary student building fee to be applied to the interest and principal payments on this loan as long as the obligation remains outstanding. The University has agreed to repay this unsecured loan in semi-annual blended principal and interest payments of \$81,987 commencing July 15, 2008.		
Total long-term debt	2,277	2,300
Less current portion	34,125	35,492
Long-term debt	1,003	1,508
	33,122	33,984

The University has entered into interest rate derivative agreements to manage the volatility of interest rates. The University converted the full face value of its variable rate term loans to a fixed rate of interest ranging from 6.27% to 7.05%. The related derivative agreements are in place until the maturity of the associated debt.

The following are the minimum annual debt principal repayments due over the next five years and thereafter:

Years ended April 30,	(\$000)
2010	1,003
2011	3,849
2012	1,172
2013	1,244
2014	1,340
Thereafter	25,517
	34,125

Total interest expense for the year ended April 30, 2009 was \$2,435,000 [2008 -\$2,373,000].

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7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent the unspent amount of externally restricted donations and grants received for research and other restricted purposes. The change in the deferred contribution balance is as follows:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Balance, beginning of year	265	265
Add: contributions received during the year	1,714	2,142
Less: amount recognized as revenue	(1,714)	(2,142)
Balance, end of year	265	265

8. DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred capital contributions represent the unamortized and unspent amounts of donations, student contributions and grants received for the purchase of capital assets. The amortization of deferred capital contributions, which commence once an asset is put into service, is recorded as revenue in the statement of operations. The change in the deferred capital contribution balance is as follows:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Balance, beginning of year	49,973	25,950
Add: contributions received in the year	14,255	26,205
Less: amortization of deferred capital contributions	(2,561)	(2,182)
Balance, end of year	61,667	49,973
Comprised of:		
Capital contributions - unamortized	40,756	29,556
Capital contributions - unspent	20,911	20,417
	61,667	49,973

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9. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Details of internally restricted funds are as follows:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Infrastructure upgrades	1,250	1,250
Scholarship funds	1,061	1,032
Capital projects	2,103	9,197
Native Education program	121	121
Ancillary operations	3,773	2,461
	8,308	14,061

Restricted funds for capital projects include the research wing expansion and vacated space retrofitting projects.

During the year, the Board of Governors restricted funds of \$1,312,000 to be used for ancillary operations and drew down of \$7,094,000 of capital project funds to assist in the financing for the completion of the Muskoka and Brantford campuses, infrastructure projects and the Research wing. In 2008, \$2,139,000 was restricted for the completion of various capital projects.

These internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval by the Board of Governors.

10. INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The investment in capital assets consists of the following:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Capital assets (net)	78,590	67,631
Less amounts financed by:		
Debt	(34,125)	(35,492)
Deferred capital contributions [note 8]	(40,756)	(29,556)
	3,709	2,583

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10. INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS (cont'd)

Change in net assets invested in capital assets is calculated as follows:

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Excess of revenues over expenses:		
Amortization of deferred contributions related to capital assets	2,561	2,182
Amortization of capital assets	(3,854)	(3,272)
	(1,293)	(1,090)
Net change in investment in capital assets:		
Purchase of capital assets	14,813	10,261
Amounts funded by:		
Deferred capital contributions	(13,761)	(6,364)
Proceeds of debt	-	(3,966)
Repayment of debt	1,367	802
	2,419	733

11. ENDOWMENTS

Endowments consist of externally restricted donations received by the University. The endowment principal is required to be maintained intact. The investment income generated from endowments must be used in accordance with the various purposes established by donors. The University ensures, as part of its fiduciary responsibilities, that all funds received with a restricted purpose are expended for the purpose for which they were provided.

The Government of Ontario established the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF) and the Ontario Trust of Student Support (OTSS) programs to encourage individuals and companies to contribute and endow funds to support post-secondary students. Externally restricted endowments include grants provided by the Government of Ontario from the OSOTF and OTSS matching program. The University established three funds – OSOTF - Phase 1 in fiscal 1997; OSOTF - Phase 2 in fiscal 2004; and OTSS in fiscal 2005. Investment income earned on these funds is used to finance awards to qualified students in need of financial aid.

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11. ENDOWMENTS (cont'd)

OSOTF - Phase 1

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
Ontario Student Opportunity		
Trust Fund balance, beginning and end of year	3,535	3,535
Other endowments, balance beginning of year	2,739	1,224
Donations and contributions	97	1,515
Other endowments, balance end of year	2,836	2,739
	6,371	6,274
Expendable balance, beginning of year	933	1,124
Realized investment income, net of direct investment-related expenses	152	220
Unrealized investment loss	(1,026)	(257)
Bursaries awarded (2009 – 125 bursaries, 2008 – 123 bursaries)	(155)	(154)
Expendable balance, end of year	(96)	933

OSOTF – Phase 2

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Endowment balance, beginning and end of year	689,242	689,242
Expendable balance, beginning of year	239,275	257,172
Realized investment income, net of direct investment-related expenses	29,335	42,405
Unrealized investment loss	(262,721)	(49,552)
Bursaries awarded (2009 – 15 bursaries, 2008 – 14)	(12,000)	(10,750)
Expendable balance, end of year	(6,111)	239,275

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11. ENDOWMENTS (cont'd)

OTSS	2009 \$	2008 \$
Endowment balance, March 31, 2008	682,914	491,648
Cash donations received within annual matching ceiling	33,566	95,633
Matching funds received or receivable from MTCU	33,566	95,633
Endowment balance, March 31, 2009	750,046	682,914
Cash donations received April	3,237	4,741
Endowment balance, April 30, 2009	753,283	687,655
Expendable balance, beginning of year	31,411	9,813
Realized investment income, net of direct investment-related expenses	(63,660)	28,898
Bursaries awarded (2009 – 4 bursaries, 2008 – 4)	(3,800)	(7,300)
Expendable balance, end of year	(36,049)	31,411
Outstanding donations pledged	15,276	16,976

12. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS

The majority of the University's employees are members of the Nipissing University Retirement Pension Plan, a defined contribution plan. Certain faculty are members of the Ontario Teacher Pension Plan, a multi-employer defined benefit plan. Contributions to the multi-employer defined benefit plan are expensed when due.

Total pension costs incurred for the year were \$1,848,000 [2008 - \$1,570,000].

13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

(a) Fair value:

The carrying values of the University's accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, student levies held in trust, and accrued sick leave obligation

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13. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (cont'd)

approximate their fair values due to the relatively short periods to maturity of these items because they are receivable or payable on demand.

Information concerning investments is provided in Note 4.

The fair values of the interest rate swaps and related long-term debt approximate their carrying value.

(b) Credit and interest rate risk:

The University's financial instruments do not expose the University to a significant concentration of credit risk.

The University's long-term debt instruments bearing fixed interest rates that are subject to renegotiation as the instruments mature. The University's investments do not expose the University to significant interest rate risks.

14. COMMITMENTS

The University had one capital project underway as at year end. The total remaining obligation under the contract issued for this project as at year end was \$1,300,000 and is to be financed by internally restricted funds and planned debt issue.

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In July 2009, Canadore College and Nipissing University issued a fixed price contract for the construction of the Learning Library. The contract was issued for \$18,600,000 plus applicable taxes. The project is financed by government grants, donations and operating funds.

16. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

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17. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

In addition to the information presented in the statement of operations, presented below is a Schedule of Expenses classified by object of expense.

Year ended April 30

	2009 (\$000)	2008 (\$000)
EXPENSES		
Employee salaries and benefits	40,714	36,939
Academic supplies and services	6,380	5,895
Plant and operating expenditures	9,968	8,431
Scholarships and bursaries	2,387	2,090
Interest	2,435	2,458
Amortization of capital assets	3,854	3,272
	65,738	59,085