



**MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 23, 2019
Arts Building 241 Neatby-Timlin Theatre**

Attendance: See item 3 Appendix A for the listing of members in attendance.

There were tributes for Dr. Gordon Robert Gray from Plant Sciences presented by Karen Tanino, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, and for Dr. John Dewar from Kinesiology presented by Louise Humbert, and Addison Dewar both from the College of Kinesiology.

The chair of Council, Dr. Jay Wilson, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., noting that quorum had been reached.

1. Adoption of the agenda

A new agenda item and motion from the floor was proposed by Dr. Marcel D'Eon. The university secretary, Dr. Beth Bilson, indicated that the notice of motion could be waived and that two thirds majority was required to amend the agenda.

The proposed new motion read:

Whereas high tuition fees place a burden on students that may prohibit or interfere with their university education (such as the encumbrance of paid work, reduced food security, and increased financial stress); that this burden affects students from low socio-economic situations disproportionately; and that this burden remains for years as they pay off their loans or extend their time at university; University Council recommends to the Board of Governors and the university administration that we diligently and persistently explore and implement ways to remove and mitigate these financial barriers and enhance access to and affordability of a university education at the University of Saskatchewan.

Motion (D'Eon/Engler-Stringer): *That the agenda be amended to include a motion on access and affordability of university education at the University of Saskatchewan as item 14.1.*

The motion was not carried.

Motion (Gjevre/Dobson): *That the agenda be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED

2. Opening remarks

The chair acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis.

The chair announced that the vice-provost, Indigenous engagement, Dr. Jackie Ottmann, arranged to have University Council's land acknowledgement translated into Cree and Michif. They will be presented for the first time in the June 20, 2019 Council agenda package.

Dr. Wilson reported that the topics discussed at the PEC and Council chairs breakfast last week included faculty's community engagement with regard to standards for tenure and promotion, and in recognition of community development. In addition, the change of location of Convocation from TCU Place to Merlis Belsher Place was discussed.

Dr. Wilson reported that he presented Council's annual report to Senate at the April meeting of Senate, which was well received. He noted that Senate remains interested in the business of Council.

Dr. Wilson reminded those in attendance of the usual protocols for discussion and debate.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of April 18, 2019

D'Eon/Wotherspoon: *That the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting of Council be approved as circulated.*

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5. Report of the President

The provost, Dr. Tony Vannelli presented the president's report, as the president sent his regrets for the meeting.

Dr. Vannelli announced that Grit McCreath has been chosen as the 16th chancellor of USask, her term to commence on July 1, 2019. There was a round of applause.

Dr. Vannelli also indicated that there would be a celebration for outgoing chancellor, Roy Romanow, after convocation.

6. Report of the Provost

Dr. Vannelli reported that progress is being made to move the University Plan: 2025 forward. Another item of note is that the office of Institutional Planning and Assessment is conducting a review of TABBS to ensure that the university is appropriately recognizing contributions to Indigenization and internationalization. The provost invited Dr. Patti McDougall, vice-provost teaching, learning, and student experience to give a presentation on the university's current student enrolment, and plans for future enrolment growth.

Dr. McDougall gave two presentations [appendices a and b]. There was a round of Q&A considering the following:

- The quantitative metric for measuring units of teaching activity being 3 cu, and counts of students being the number enrolled in the class
- There was interest expressed in seeing data on the number of courses and number of sections being offered as an additional index of teaching activity
- UQuery being a resource available to get more information on 3 cu activity [available online here: uview.usask.ca]
- There was a suggestion that growth in student enrolment per cu is a potential risk to quality of students and quality of programs
- That if the university decreases admission standards that this potentially creates challenges for entering students
- The need for student learning services and supports

There was a request for information for 2019/20, i.e. that the proportion of USask graduate students who are fully or partially funded be reported to Council. Dr. Trever Crowe, dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, indicated that such a research project is currently underway and will be reported to Council next year [Table 1. Action item no. 1]

7. Student Societies

7.1 Report from the USSU

The chair welcomed Mr. Regan Ratt-Misponas, USSU president, to present the USSU report to Council. Mr. Ratt-Misponas introduced himself. He acknowledged that he was honoured to have the opportunity to sit as the USSU's fifth Indigenous president, indicating the significant accomplishment this represents, and one which is unique across the country. Mr. Ratt-Misponas acknowledged with pride his heritage, and his learnings from his ancestors and the land. He recognized the new members of the USSU executive, and the achievements of the outgoing executives.

7.2 Report from the GSA

The chair welcomed Ms. Mery Mendoza, president of the GSA to present the GSA report to Council. Ms. Mendoza introduced herself and the new executive. She also thanked the outgoing executive. She indicated that there will be two main priorities for the GSA this year: enhancing resources for graduate students, and improving access to student supports for health and wellness. She noted that communicating the supports that exist for improving student supervisor relationships and the GSA would also be a priority.

There was a question about the number of female graduate students and whether the GSA was looking into the issue of parental and maternity leave for graduate students. Ms. Mendoza responded that the executive would engage the question and report back to Council [Table 1. Action item no. 2].

8. Nominations Committee

Dr. Wilson welcomed Dr. Pam Downe, chair of nominations committee to present items 8.1, 8.2, and 8.3 of the Council agenda. He noted that he had received a comment from a Council member that some *ex officio* members were not listed and that this would be considered for future reporting.

Dr. Downe presented the motions. She noted that for item 8.3, the omnibus nominations for the 2018-19 committee memberships, nominations from the floor could be made for any of the positions listed in the package.

8.1 It is recommended (Downe/Squires): *that Council approve the nominations of the four members of the General Academic Assembly (GAA) to the Review Committee for the President effective immediately.*

A question was posed as to why – of the four members of the GAA – that none were Council members. Dr. Downe indicated that the requirement in the terms of reference for the committee was that the faculty members be members of the GAA. Other factors such as breadth of disciplines went into the selection of the proposed members.

It was also suggested that the names of the individuals should be listed alphabetically, and with the names of their respective departments. Dr. Downe indicated that while the ordering may seem haphazard, it is in keeping with the logic of the nominations committee's process for filing vacancies. However, in order to properly consider the question, the sorting of membership in Council committee terms of reference will be brought forward to the governance committee [Table 1. Action item no. 3].

Dr. Wilson asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

8.2 *It is recommended (Downe/Squires): that Council approve the nominations of the two Council members to the Senate conflict of interest policy review committee effective immediately.*

Dr. Wilson asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

8.3 *It is recommended (Downe/Squires): that Council approve the nominations to University Council committees, and Collective Agreement committees for 2019/20, as outlined in the attached list, effective July 2019.*

Dr. Wilson asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

Dr. Stephen Urquhart, vice-chair of the nominations committee, presented the next two items from the nominations committee.

8.4 *It is recommended (Urquhart/Dobson): that Council approve the nomination of Dr. Pamela Downe to the position of vice-chair of University Council for 2019/20, effective July 1, 2019.*

Dr. Wilson asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

8.5 *It is recommended (Urquhart/Dobson): that Council approve the nominations of the members and chair of RSAW effective July 1, 2019.*

Dr. Wilson asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED

9. Academic Programs Committee

Dr. Roy Dobson, chair of APC presented the request for decision and two information items.

9.1 *It is recommended (Dobson/Urquhart): that Council approve the proposed changes to Bachelor of Science Kinesiology/Bachelor of Education combined programs, effective May 2020.*

9.2 APC 2018/19 Annual report to Council

Dr. Dobson presented the report and indicated that he could respond to questions. There were none. Dr. Dobson thanked the members of the committee, Dr. Angela Kalinowski for her role as acting chair and vice-chair, and Amanda Storey for her support of the committee.

10. Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC)

Dr. Ken Wilson, vice chair presented two decision items from PPC.

10.1 *It is recommended (Wilson/Urquhart): that Council approve the name change of the Centre for the Study of Cooperatives to the Canadian Centre for the Study of Cooperatives.*

A question was raised about the use of the term “Canadian” in the title, and the documentation and rationale provided. Dr. Murray Fulton, director of the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, responded that when the centre was formed in 1984 it was focused more on Saskatchewan, with the primary funders being co-operative organizations based in Saskatchewan. Currently, however, external stakeholders and investors from across the country are interested in the work of the centre, and the reputational reach and influence of the centre are now at the national level. He indicated that the centre has moved well beyond its roots to become the “Canadian” Centre for the Study of Cooperatives.

CARRIED

10.2 *It is recommended (Wilson/Urquhart): that Council approve the establishment of the Centre for Quantum Topology and its Applications (quanTA).*

CARRIED

11. Scholarships and Awards Committee

Dr. Donna Goodridge presented the annual report of the Scholarship and Awards Committee to Council. She thanked the members of the committee for their work, as well as Alex Beldan and Wendy Klingenberg’s support for the committee.

12. Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships

Jim Basinger presented the annual report of the JCCP to Council.

13. Coordinating Committee

Roy Dobson took over chairing the meeting while Dr. Wilson presented a report for information to Council on the Banner upgrade and multiterm classes.

14. Other business

Dr. Trevor Crowe noted for those in attendance that there would be an earned Doctor of Science degree awarded to Dr. Digvir Jayas at convocation in June 2019.

11. Question period

None.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by motion at 4:20 (Jones).

Table 1. Action Items

No.	Page	Action item	Responsible
1	p.3 s.6	The proportion of USask graduate students who are fully or partially funded be reported to Council	Dr. Trevor Crowe
2	p.4 s. 7.2	The number of female graduate students and the issue of parental and maternity leave for graduate students	Ms. Mery Mendoza
3	p.4 s.8.1	The sorting of membership in Council committee terms of reference, and ex officio listings	Dr. Jay Wilson

Name	Sept 20	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 20	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 23	June 20
MacLean, Jason	P	R	R	A	P	A	A	P	R	
Manley-Tannis, Richard	A	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	
Martinez-Soberanes, Edgar	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	A	
Mousseau, Darrell	P	A	P	P	A	A	A	P	A	
Munoz, Carlos	P	P	R	R	A	P	P	R	A	
Murphy, JoAnn	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Newman, Kagen	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Papagerakis, Petros	P	P	P	A	P	R	P	P	P	
Phillips, Peter	R	A	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	
Phillipson, Martin	P	R	P	P	P	P	A	R	A	
Pocha, Sheila	A	P	P	A	A	R	P	P	A	
Poettcker, Grant	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Power, Sarah	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	
Prytula, Michelle	R	A	R	P	P	R	R	P	P	
Racine, Louise	P	R	P	R	P	P	R	R	R	
Reaser, Isaac	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	
Risling, Tracie	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	
Sarty, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Saxena, Anurag	R	R	R	R	P	A	A	R	R	
Shevyakov, Alexey	R	R	R	R	P	R	P	R	P	
Simons, Gabe	R	A	R	A	A	P	A	A	N/A	
Smith, Charles	P	P	R	P	R	A	P	R	A	
Smith, Preston	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	R	P	
Smith, Martha	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	
Solose, Kathleen	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	
Soltan, Jafar	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Spurr, Shelley	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	P	R	
Stoicheff, Peter	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Squires, Vicki	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Swidrovich, Jaris	P	P	P	R	P	R	R	P	R	
Thompson, Emma	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Tzeng, Huey-Ming	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Urquhart, Stephen	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Vannelli, Tony	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	
Vassileva, Julita	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Waldner, Cheryl	P	P	P	P	R	A	R	P	R	
Walker, Keith	P	R	P	P	P	A	R	P	R	
Walker, Ryan	R	R	R	P	P	R	P	P	P	
Wallace, Alexa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Wasan, Kishor	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	A	
Willenborg, Christian	P	P	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	
Willness, Chelsea	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	
Willoughby, Keith	R	P	R	P	P	R	P	R	R	
Wilson, Jay	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wilson, Ken	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Wilson, Lee	P	R	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	
Woods, Phil	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Wotherspoon, Terry	R	R	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	
Wurzer, Greg	P	P	P	P	P	R	R	P	R	
Zello, Gordon	P	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	
Zhang, Chris	R	P	A	P	P	R	P	A	P	

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 2017-18

Non-voting participants

Name	Sept 20	Oct 25	Nov 22	Dec 20	Jan 17	Feb 14	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 23	June 20
Baldhead, Rollin	N/A	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	N/A	N/A
Bell, Jamie	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	
Bilson, Beth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Chad, Karen	P	P	P	R	P	P	R	R	P	
Fowler, Greg	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	A	
Gough, Rhonda	P	P	P	P	P	R	P	R	P	
Isinger, Russell	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Kobes, Brent	R	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	N/A	N/A
McDougall, Patricia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Mendoza, Mery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	
Moellenbeck, Sheldon	P	A	P	P	R	P	R	P	N/A	N/A
Morrison, Karen	P	P	P	P	R	P	P	P	R	
Osburn, Debra Pozega	R	R	R	P	P	R	P	A	P	
Ottmann, Jacqueline	R	R	R	P	P	A	P	P	R	
Ratt-Misponas, Regan	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	P	
Sahtout, Naheda	P	P	R	P	R	P	P	P	N/A	N/A
Still, Carl	P	A	P	R	R	A	P	R	P	



Enrolment report

Academic Year 2018/2019



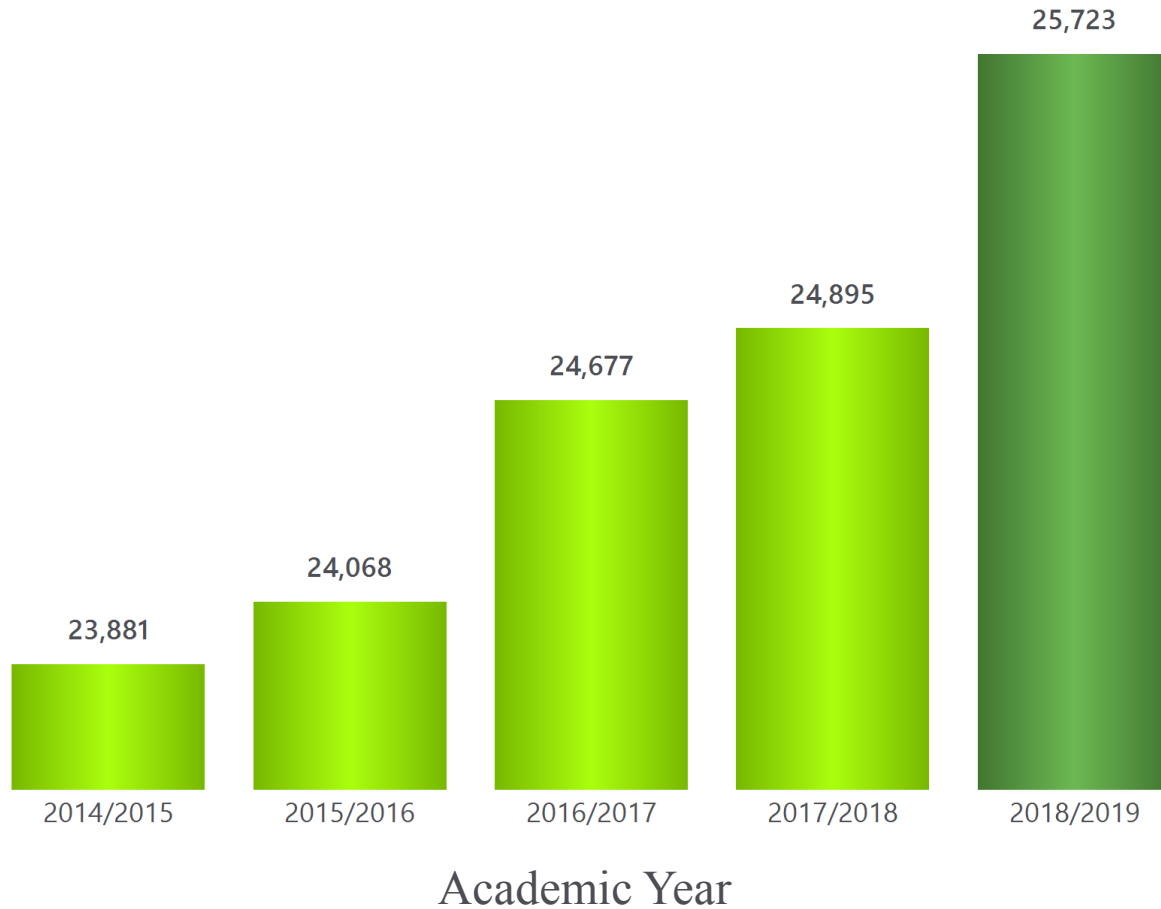
Thinking about our enrolment numbers

- Strategically managing enrolment
- Types of programming
- Numbers of students (overall size)
 - Distribution of undergraduate versus graduate students
 - Types of graduate students (MA, Ph.D.)
 - Diversity: Indigenous students; International Students
- Recruitment objectives
- Retention goals
- Graduation



Total Academic Year Enrolment

25,723 ↑ 3.3%



Enrolment by College

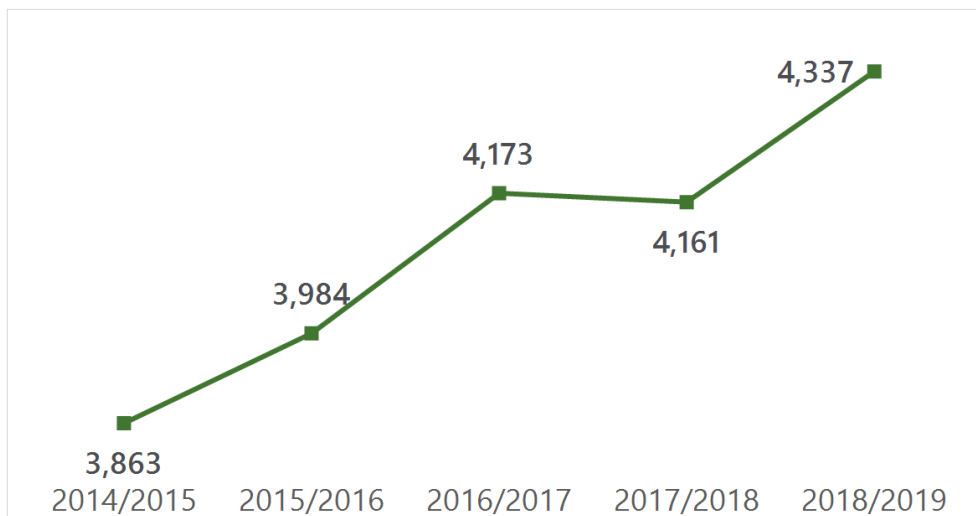
College	2018/2019	Diff from Previous Yr
Agriculture and Bioresources	1,409	-1.2%
Arts and Science	9,418	0.3%
Dentistry	121	-2.4%
Education	2,081	12.8%
Edwards School of Business	2,330	9.0%
Engineering	1,714	2.5%
Graduate and Postdoc Studies	4,337	4.2%
Kinesiology	629	10.2%
Law	445	0.7%
Medicine	1,025	7.6%
Nursing	1,039	-0.3%
Pharmacy and Nutrition	437	0.7%
Western College of Vet Med	338	1.5%



Graduate & Undergraduate Enrolment

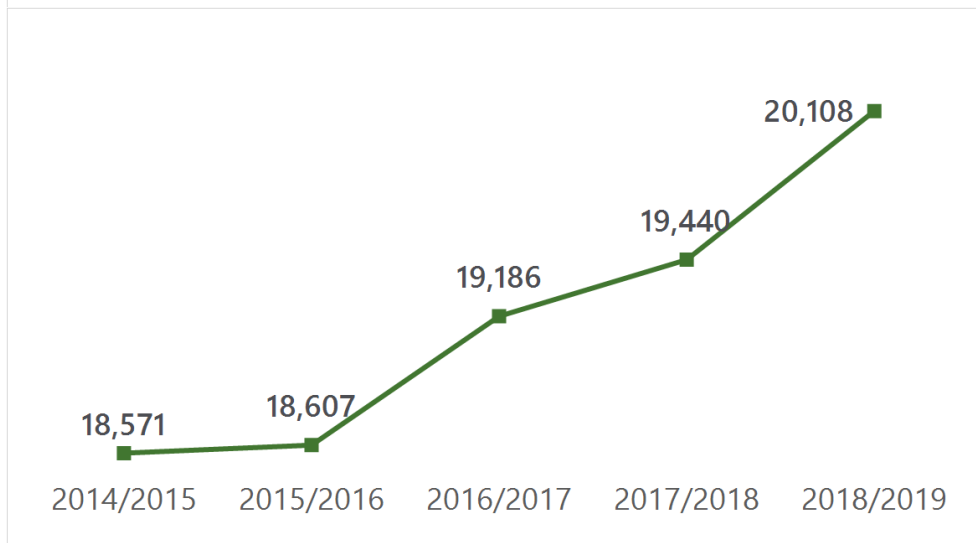
Graduate Studies

4,337 ↑ 4.2%



Undergraduate

20,108 ↑ 3.4%

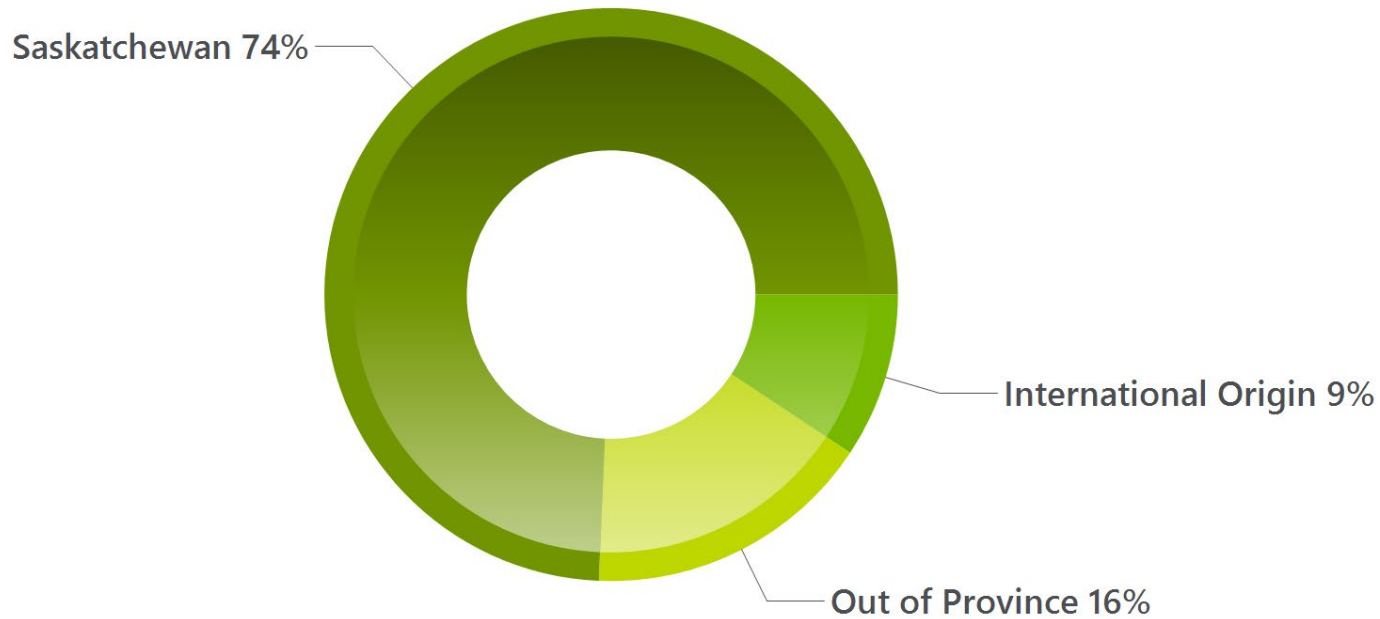


Factors impacting our undergraduate enrolment?

- Highly competitive market for post-secondary students in Canada.
- Small increase in number of Saskatchewan high school graduates (121 students provincially over last year).
- Increase in the number of new direct entry undergraduate students from Saskatchewan of 5% (+150) students over last year.



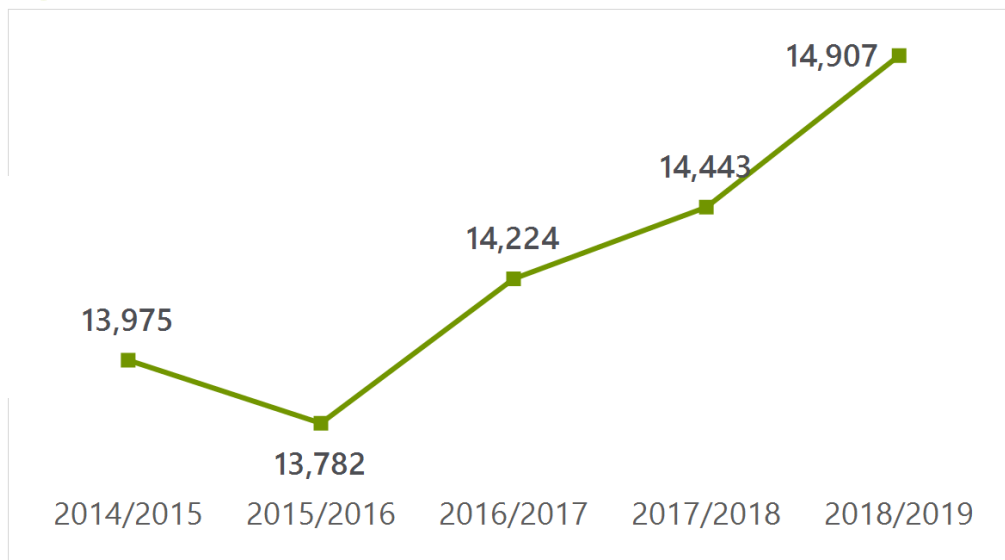
Where do Undergrad Students come from?



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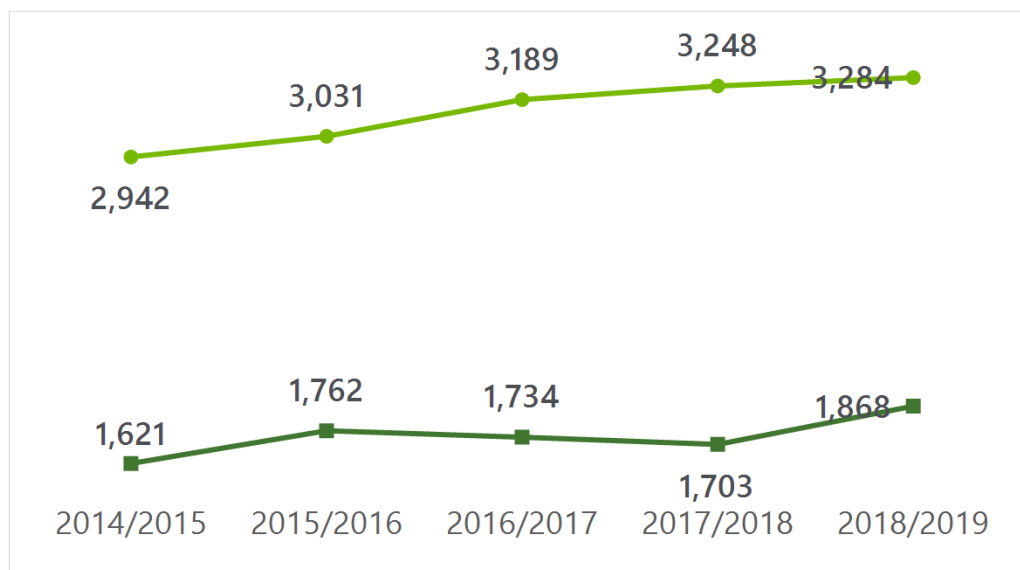
Saskatchewan

14,907 ↑ 3.2%



Out of Province

3,284 ↑ 1.1%

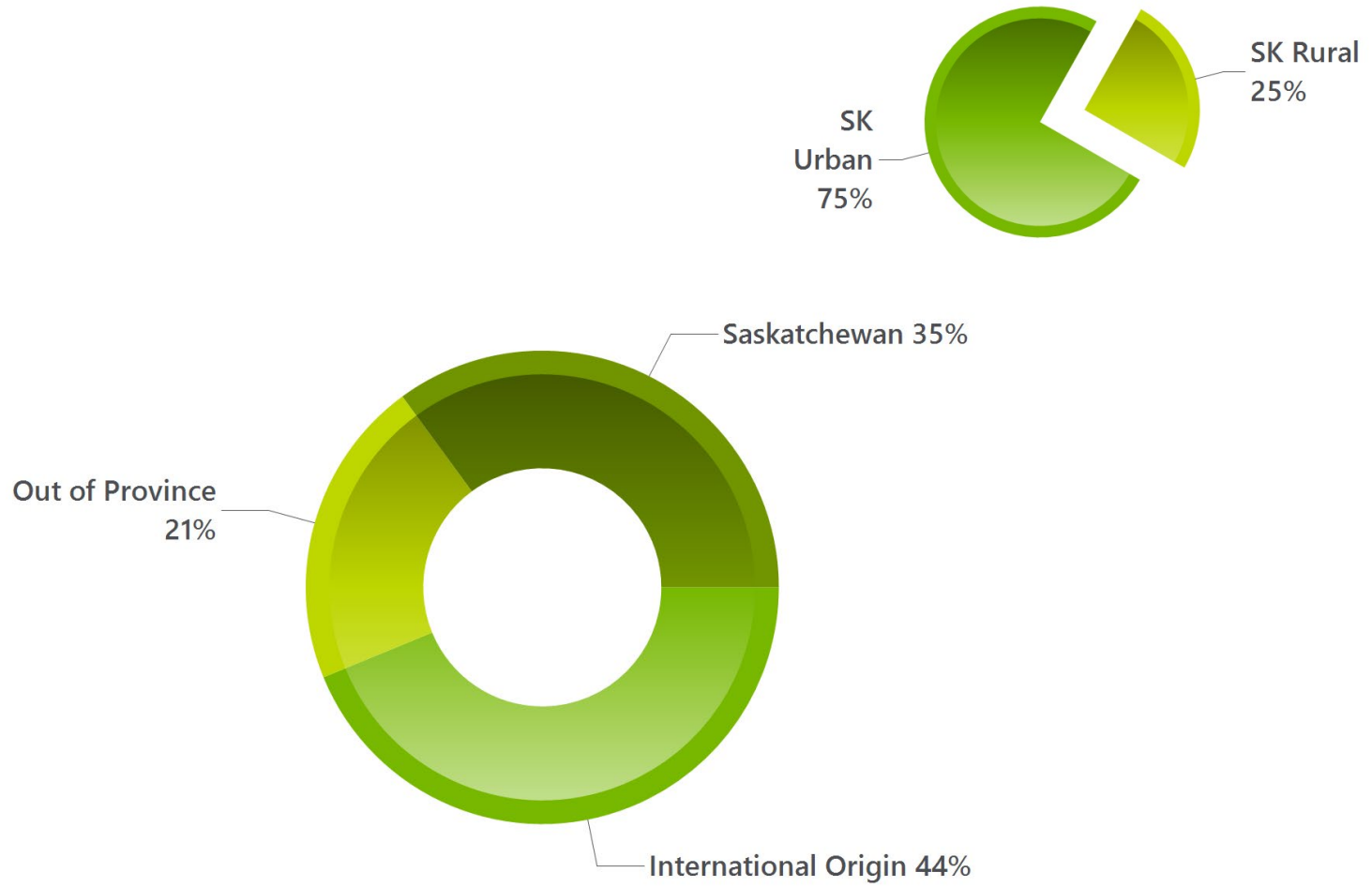


International Origin

1,868 ↑ 9.7%



Where do Grad students come from?



Grad Student Enrolment

Research

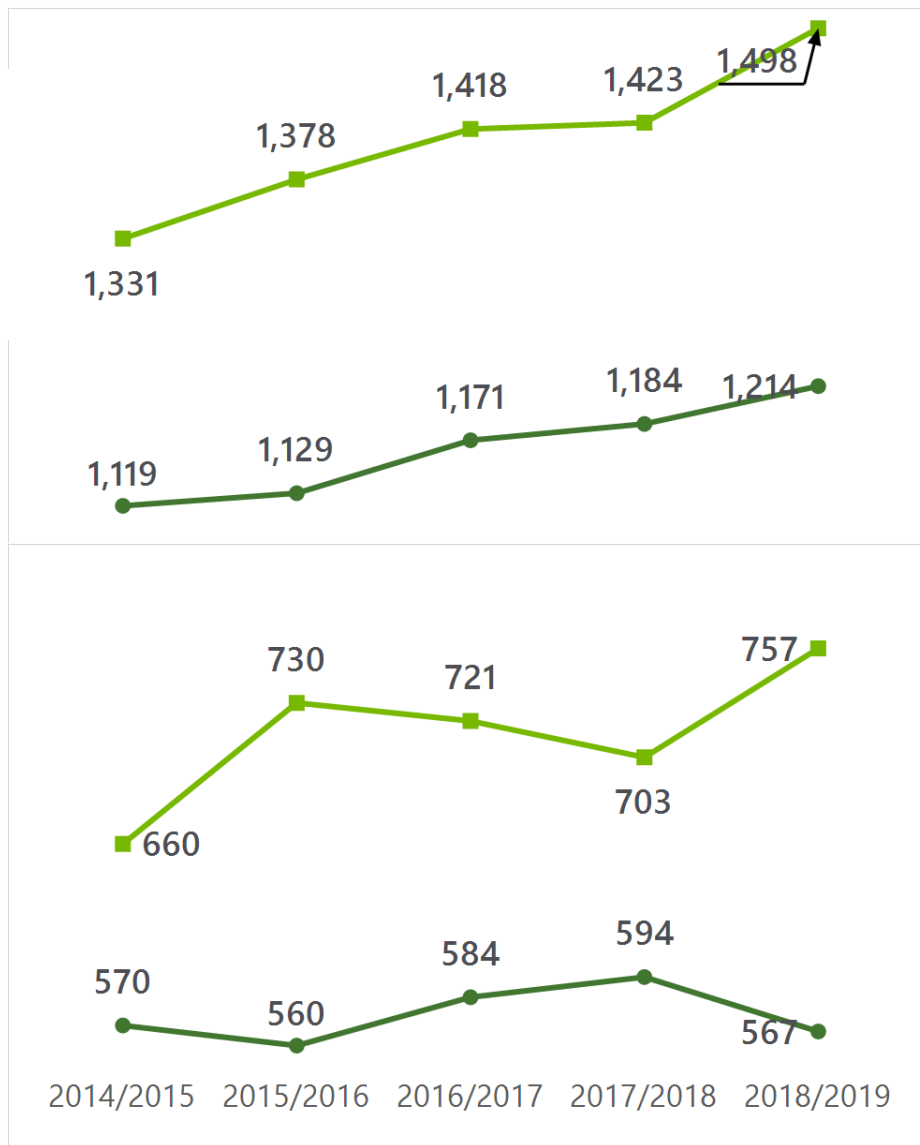
Master's Thesis 1,498 ↑ 5.3%

PhD Thesis 1,214 ↑ 2.5%

Non-Research

Master's Course 757 ↑ 7.7%

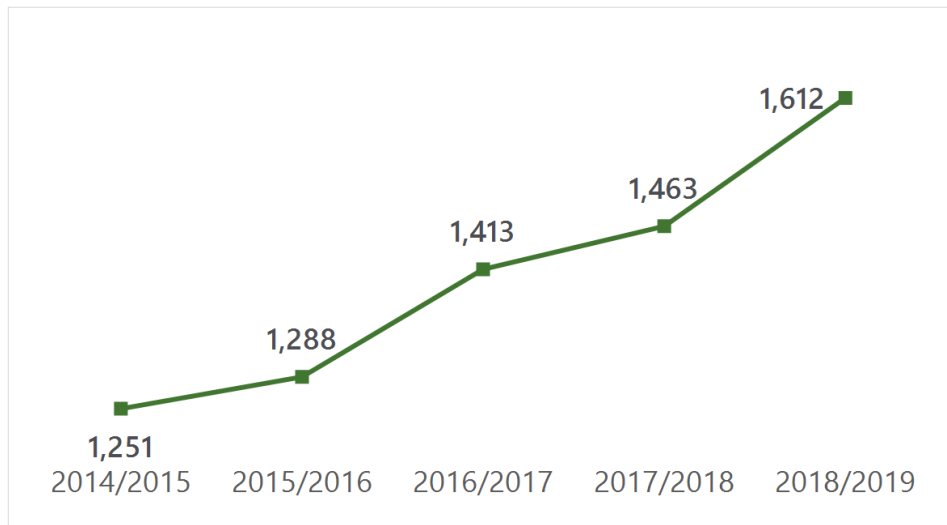
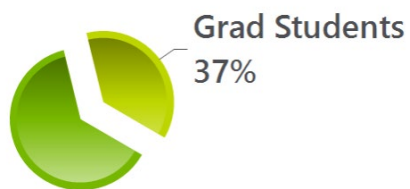
Master's Project 567 ↓ 4.5%



International Students

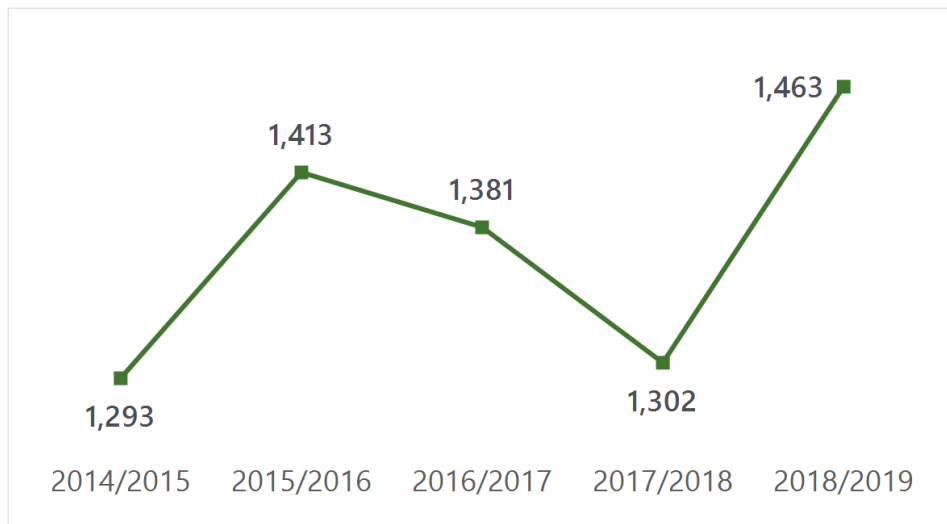
Graduate Studies

1,612 ↑ 10.2%



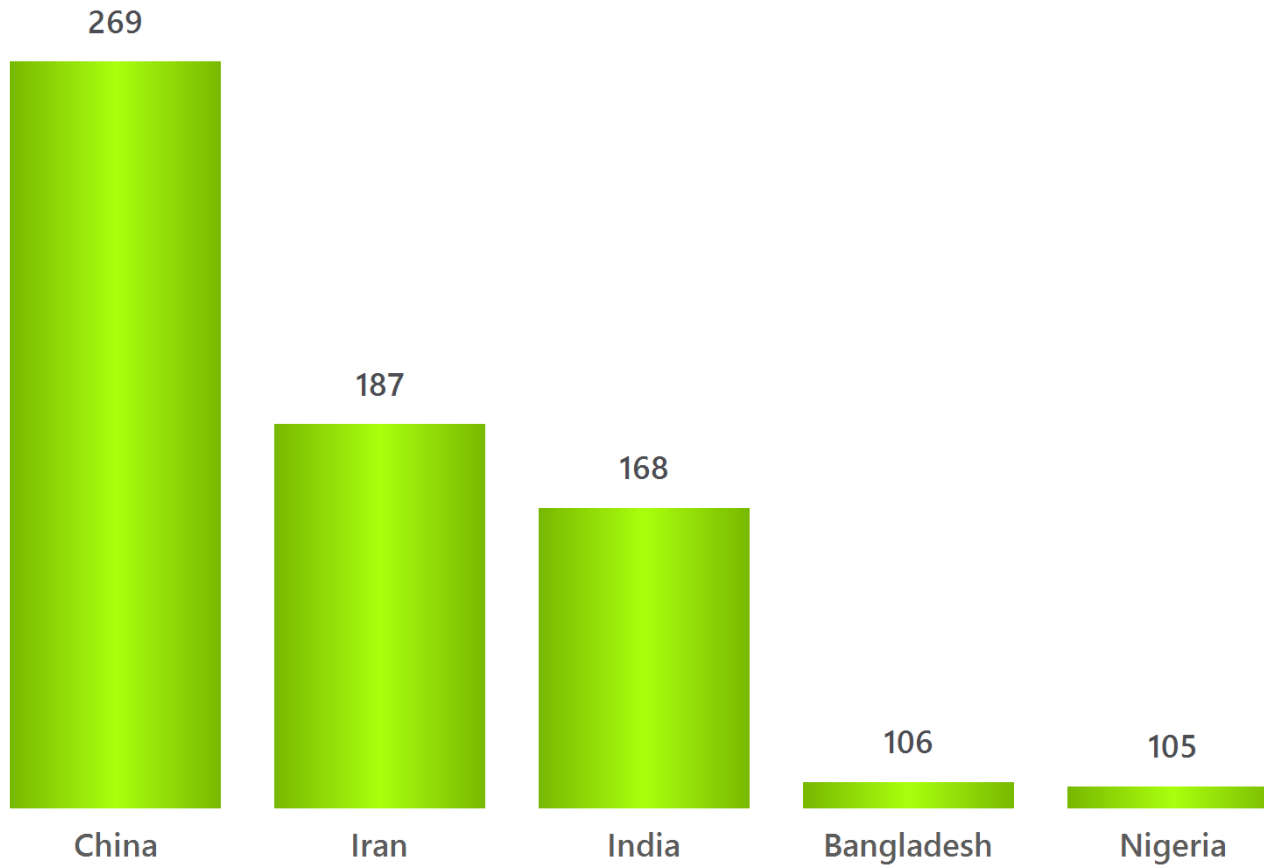
Undergraduate

1,463 ↑ 12.4%



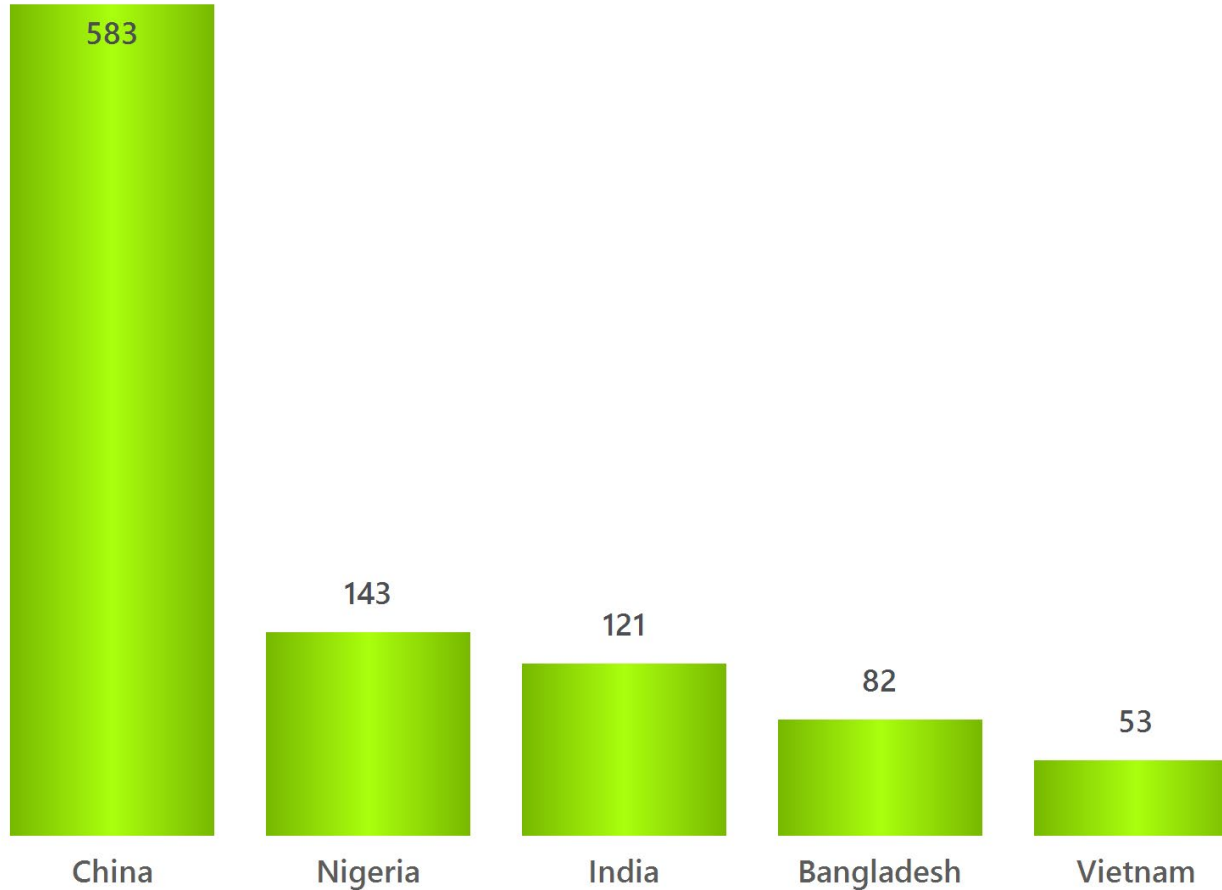
International Graduate Students

By Country



International Undergraduate Students

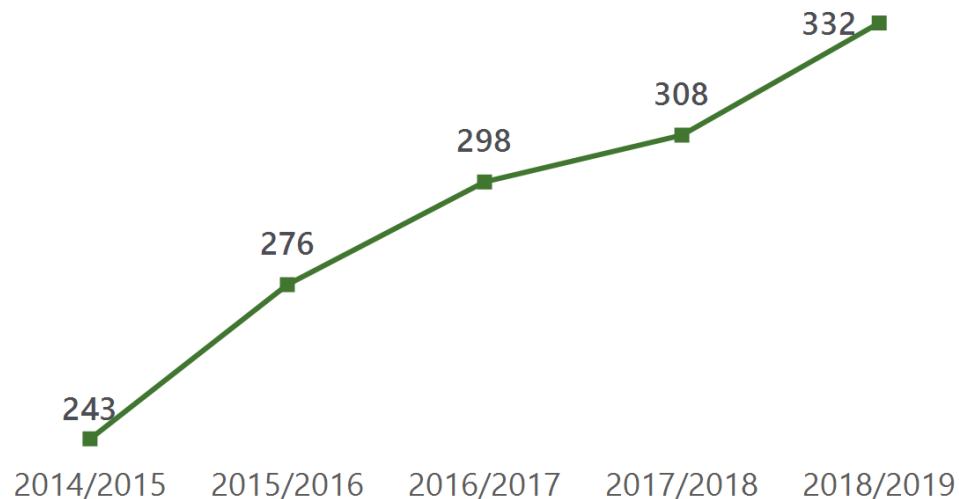
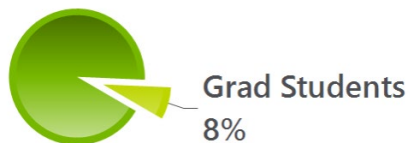
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Indigenous Students

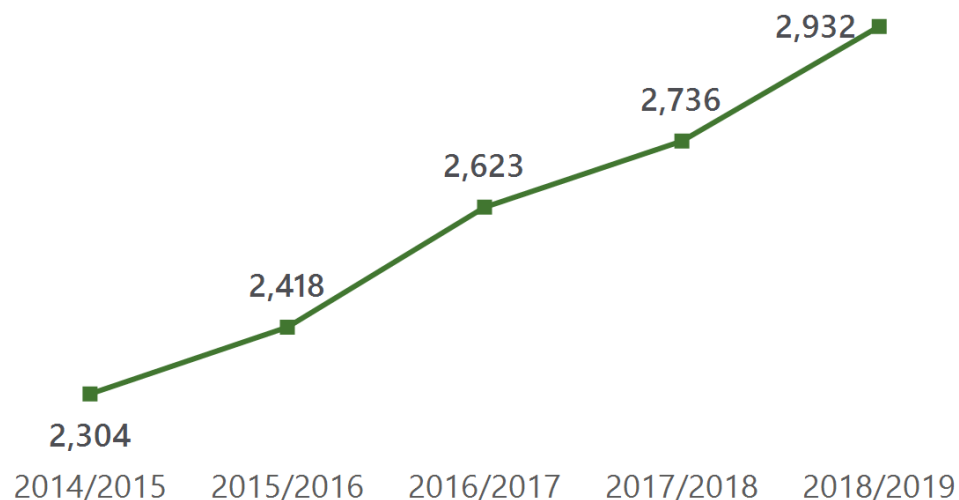
Graduate Studies

332 ↑ 7.8%



Undergraduate

2,932 ↑ 7.2%



Self-Identified Gender

Percent Women

Graduate Studies

Nursing	93%
School of Public Health	72%
Education	69%
Pharmacy and Nutrition	65%
Medicine	64%
School of Environ and Sustain	62%
Western College of Vet Med	61%
Kinesiology	60%
Graduate and Postdoc Studies	60%
JSG School of Public Policy	56%
Agriculture and Bioresources	54%
Law	54%
Edwards School of Business	54%
Arts and Science	46%
Engineering	23%
Grand Total	54%

54%

Undergraduate

Nursing	86%
Western College of Vet Med	83%
Education	72%
Pharmacy and Nutrition	72%
Kinesiology	61%
Agriculture and Bioresources	61%
Arts and Science	58%
Dentistry	55%
Law	53%
Medicine	51%
Edwards School of Business	44%
Engineering	19%
Grand Total	57%

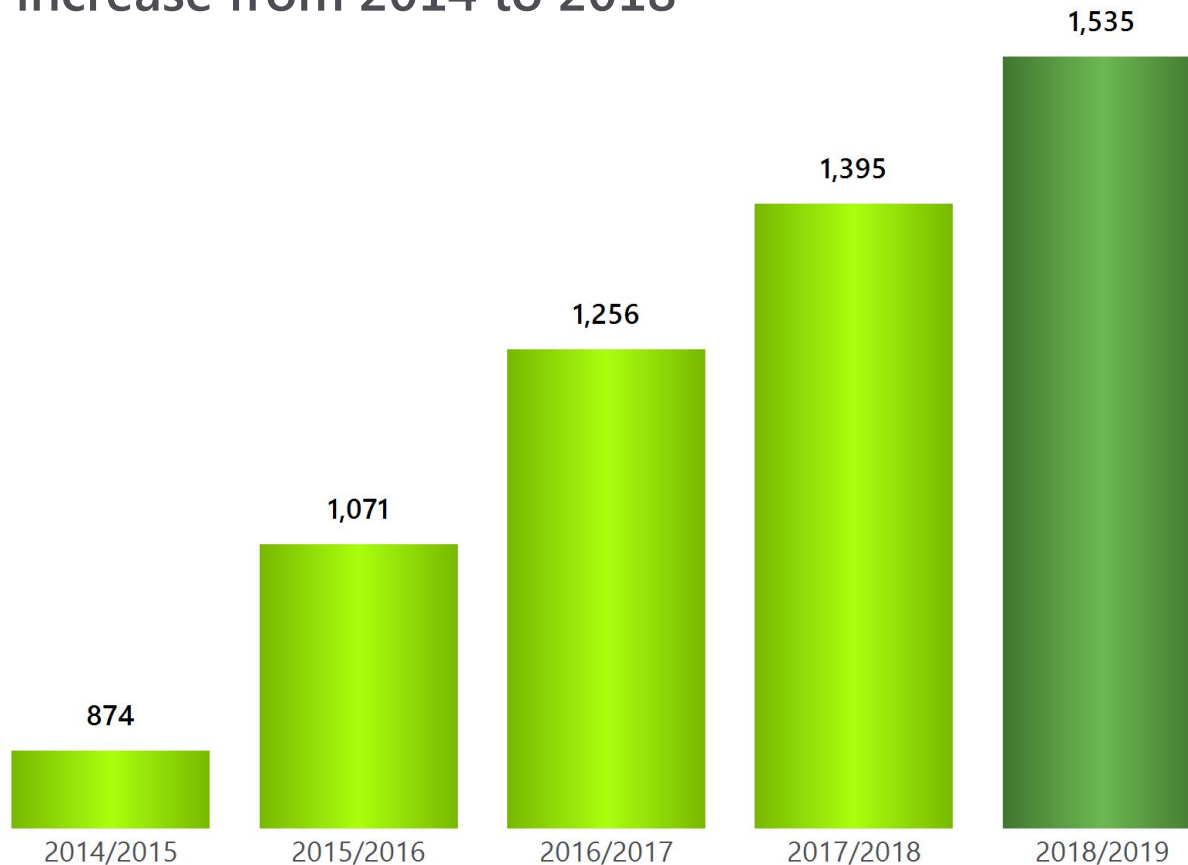
57%



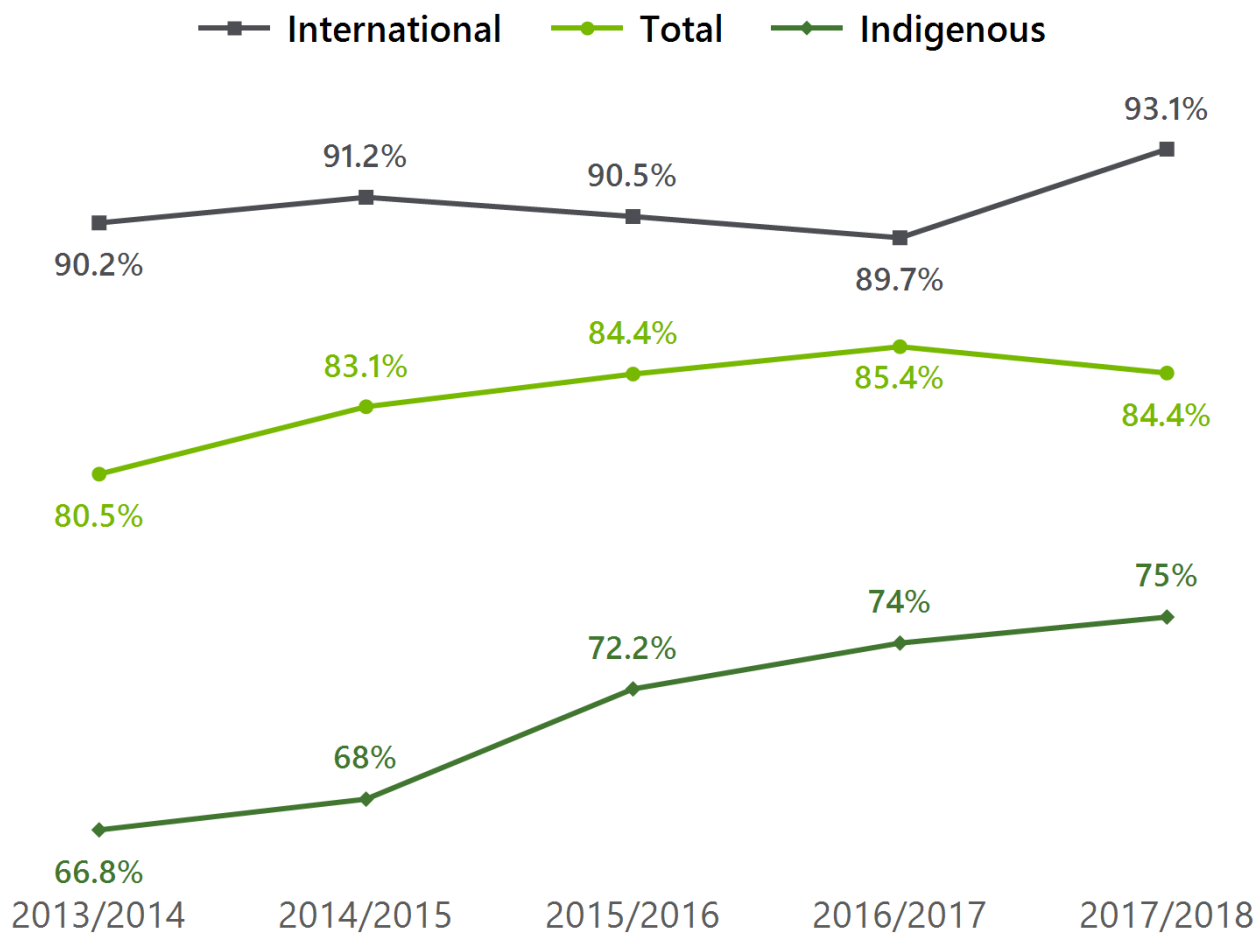
Access and Equity Services

Students Receiving Services

76% increase from 2014 to 2018



Academic Year Retention



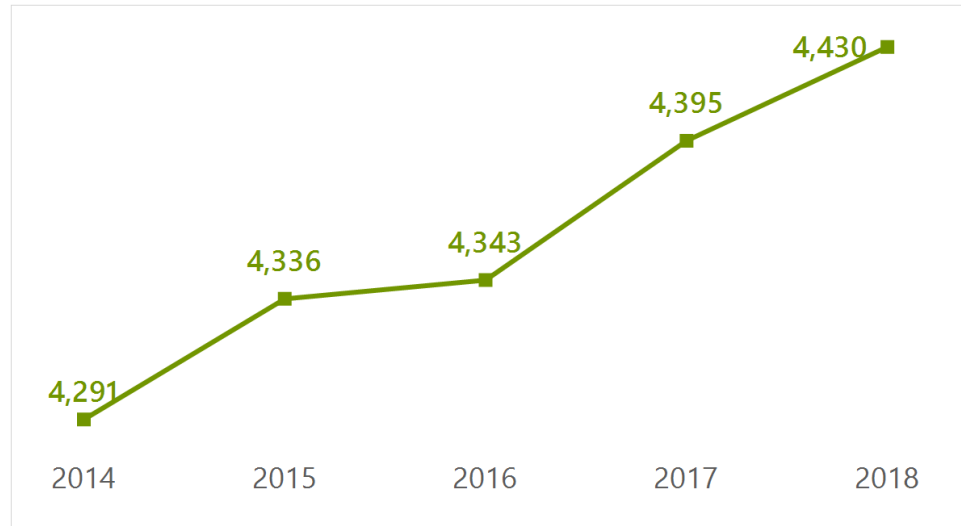
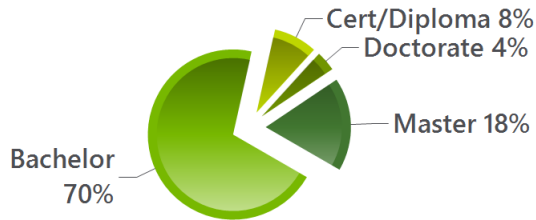
Full time, direct entry, undergraduate students



Graduation

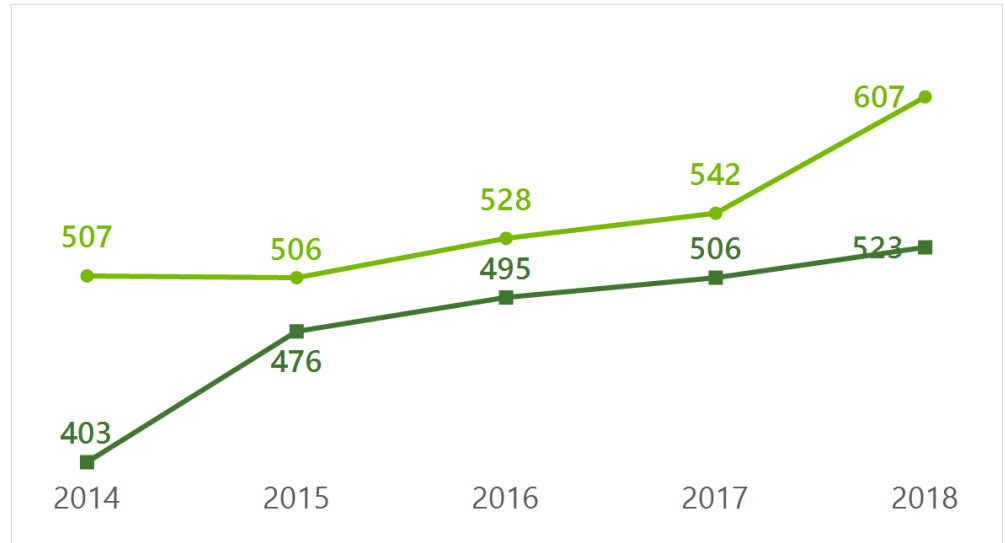
Total

4,430 ↑ 0.8%



International

607 ↑ 12%



Indigenous

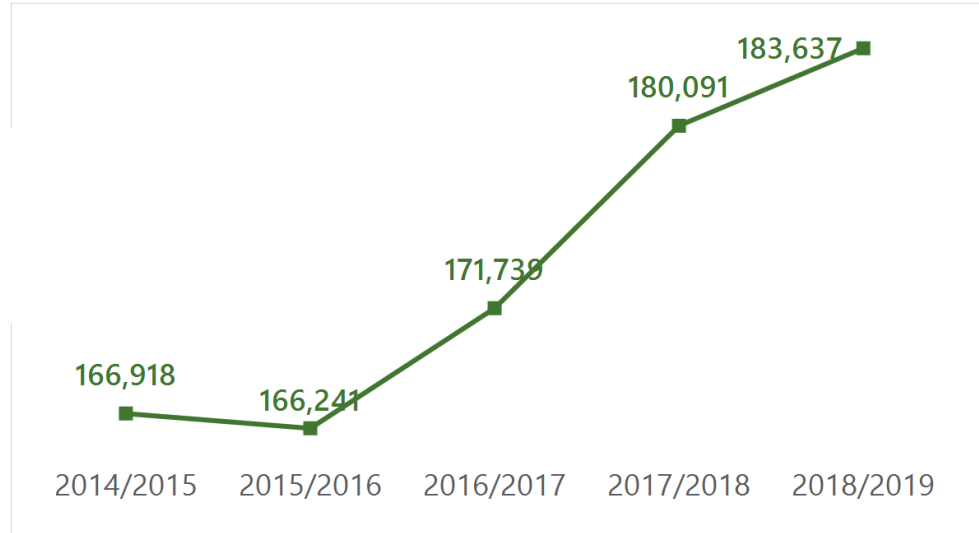
523 ↑ 3.4%



Teaching Activity

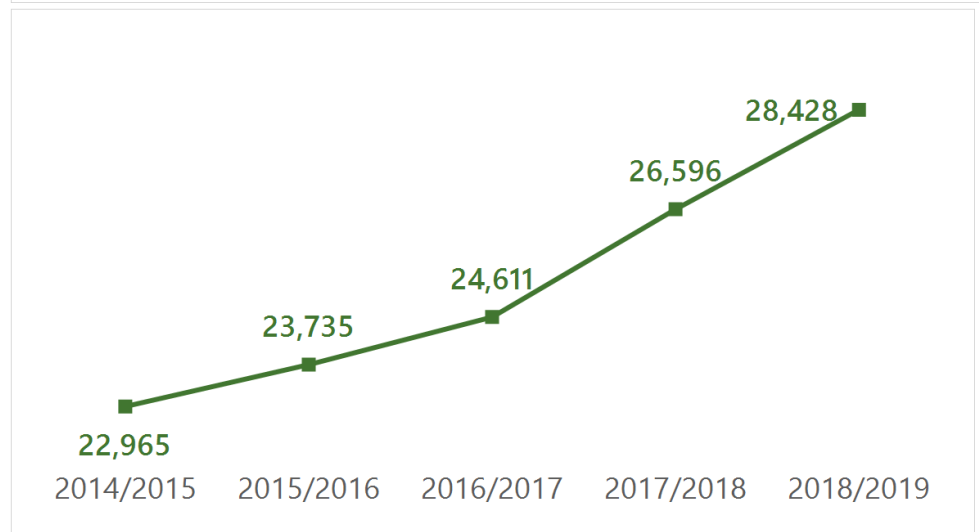
Total

183,637 ↑ 2%



Off Campus

28,428 ↑ 6.9%





Thank you

Questions?



May 2019 update



Fostering Tomorrow's Leaders

Learning, Teaching and Student Experience *Institution-wide Plan*



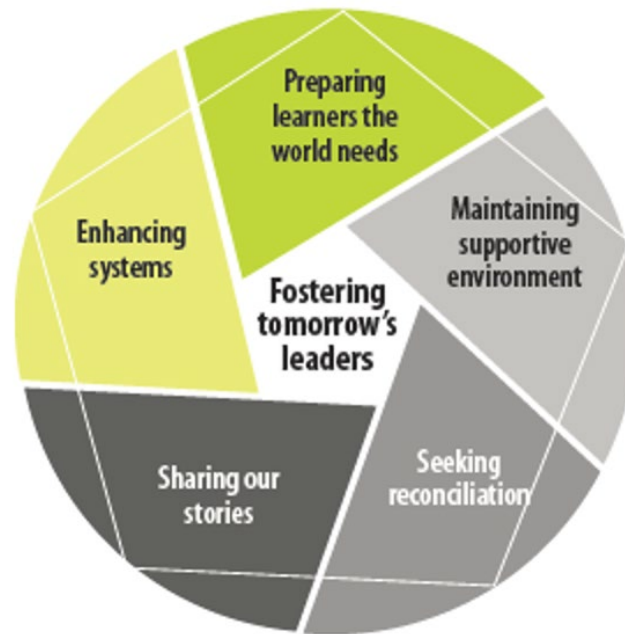
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Learning, Teaching and Student Experience *Institution-wide Plan*

Student Experience

Strategic Enrolment Management

Teaching and Learning

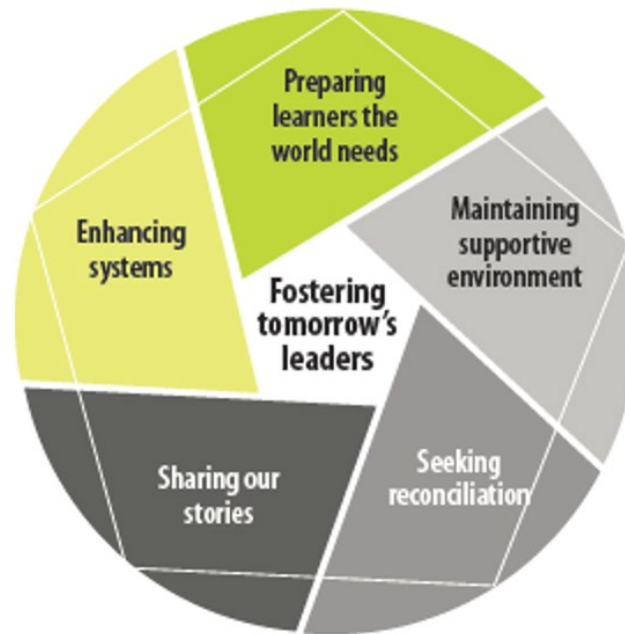


Learning, Teaching and Student Experience *Institution-wide Plan*

Student Experience

Strategic Enrolment Management

Teaching and Learning



Enrolment 2025

- Goals embedded within the LTSE Plan
- We are planning for overall enrolment growth over the next six years

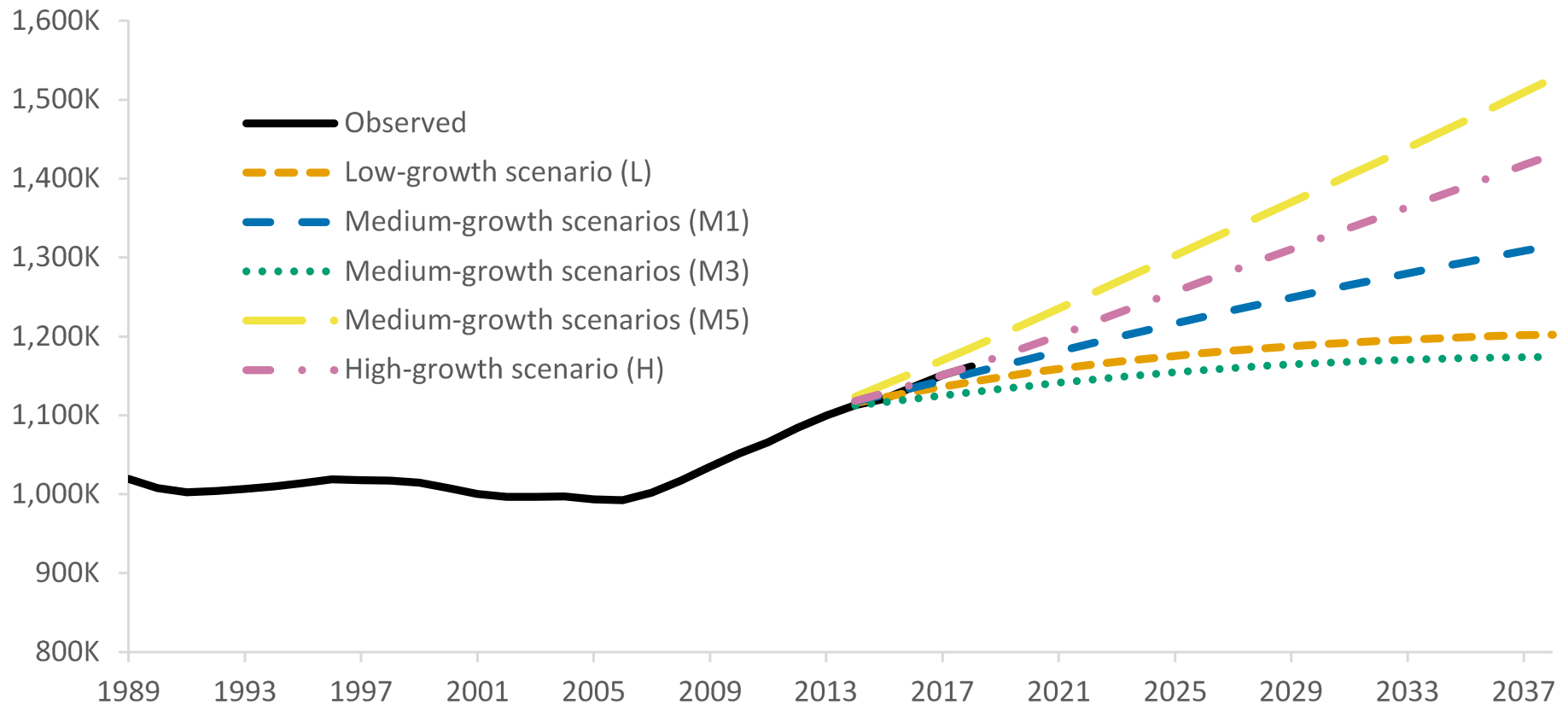
Why grow?

- Increase our global impact and invest in social change
- Meeting demands of growing province and city
- Meeting growing needs of business and industry
- Adjusting balance of government grant and tuition
- Achieving appropriate size
- Supporting growing research agenda

Province of Saskatchewan

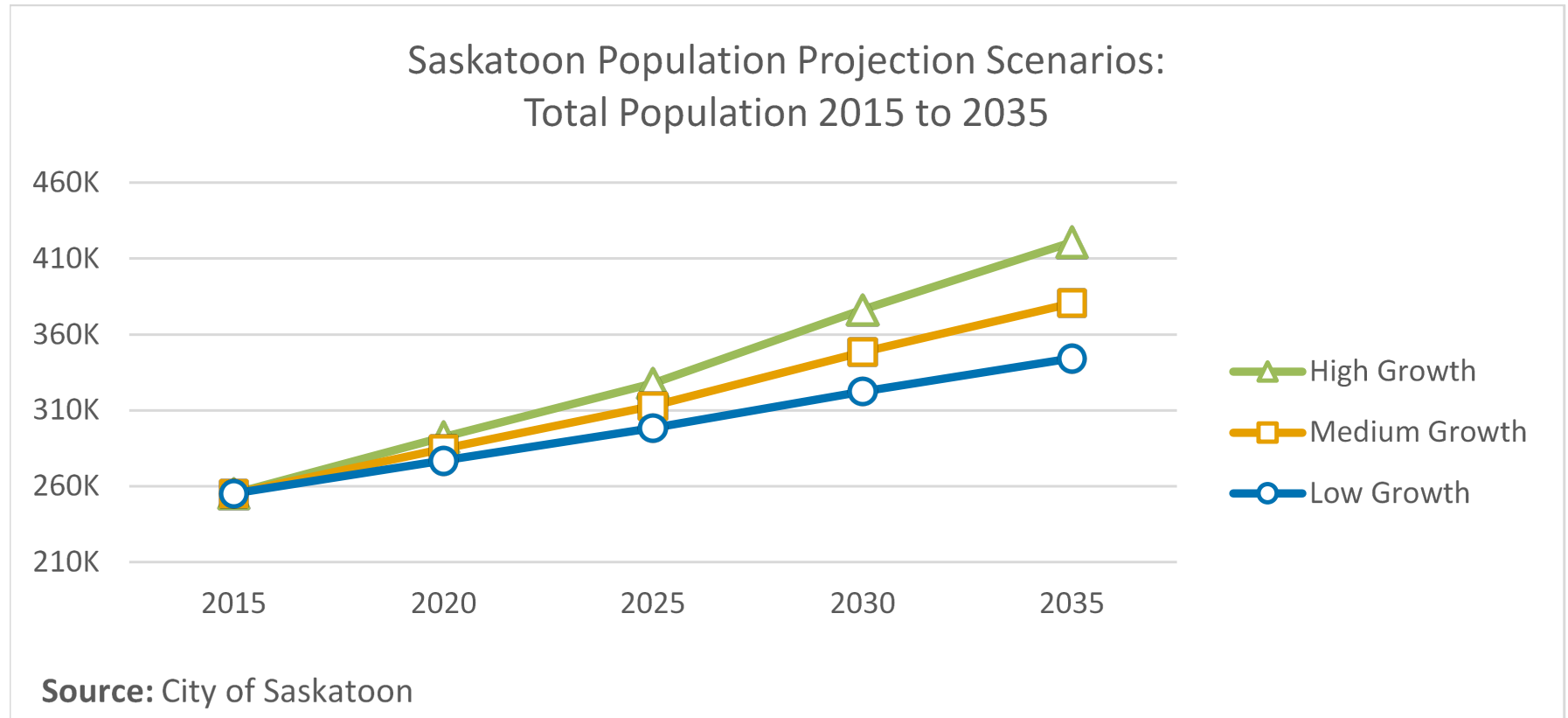
Population estimate for the Province of Saskatchewan: 1,165,903 (October 1, 2018)

Population, observed (1989 to 2013) and projected (2014 to 2038) according to selected scenarios, Saskatchewan



City of Saskatoon

Population estimate for the City of Saskatoon: 278,500 (July 1, 2018).



The University of Saskatchewan will
grow to 28,000 students by 2025

Reminder: Where are we now?

- 2018-19 total enrolment – 25,723
 - ✓ 20,108 UG
 - ✓ 4,337 Grad
 - ✓ 769 Non-degree
 - ✓ 509 Medical Residents

What will enrolment look like in 2025?

- UG population of ~ 22,000 students (↑ ~1900)
 - 15% Indigenous
 - 10% International
- Graduate population of ~4,600 students (↑ ~300)
 - 10% Indigenous
 - 35% International
- Non-degree population of ~900 students (↑ ~130)

What's to come – Enrolment 2025?

- Planning how we will achieve this growth?
 - ✓ Following the planning lead of colleges and schools
 - ✓ Putting supports in place
- LTSE Plan (with embedded Enrolment 2025)
 - For input: Council Committees (end of May and into June)
 - Planning + Priorities for decision (September)
 - University Council (notice – September; decision – October)
 - Senate for endorsement (October)
 - Board for information (December)



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