

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: September 27, 2016

GENERAL

First-day enrolment for the University of Manitoba remained high for fall term 2016, with reported enrolment for the first day of classes of 29,620 students. This is the second-highest enrolment in the history of the University, and the fourth year in a row that enrolment has exceeded 29,000 students as of the first day of class.

On September 9, Gord Downie of The Tragically Hip and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) at the University of Manitoba announced that Mr. Downie will be releasing [The Secret Path](#), a multi-media project inspired by the story of 12-year-old Chanie Wenjack, who died in 1966 while attempting to return home from a Residential School. Mr. Downie will be donating the proceeds from this project to the NCTR to support its work in honouring the stories of Residential School Survivors.

Homecoming 2016 took place September 19-25 and welcomed our alumni and friends back to campus for a weeklong celebration. This year there were over 30 events planned, and the entire University of Manitoba community was encouraged to get involved. In addition to a series of traditionally-held events that included the Homecoming Football Game and Dinner and the Chancellor's tea, a Visionary Conversations evening, moderated by the President, was held featuring several prominent speakers, including Ms. Nahanni Fontaine, Ms. Tina Keeper, Mr. Ry Moran and Mr. Lenard Monkman, on the topic "Reconciliation: What needs to happen next?". In addition, the University hosted *Queers, Cheers and Homecoming Years*, its first-ever UMqueer alumni event, which offered an opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and engage in conversation around LGBTTQI* issues and perspectives.

A community open house will be held on September 29 and September 30 to publicly introduce the [Visionary \(re\)Generation Master Plan](#). It will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room of University Centre between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and will offer an opportunity to meet with project representatives, and gain more information about the detailed aspects of the plan. Also at this event, the University's new [Indigenous Design and Planning Principles](#), which have been established to help guide planning and design on University lands, will be presented.

The University is pleased to congratulate its newest Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada and Members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Janice Ristock, provost and vice-president (academic), David Barber, environment and geography, and Quan (Abraham) Wang, mechanical engineering, were elected as Fellows by the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), the country's most esteemed association of scholars and scientists. In addition, Professor Ekram Hossain, electrical and computer engineering, and Andrew Woolford, sociology, have been elected to the RSC's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Michael Eskin, human nutritional sciences, has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada "for his pioneering research, which has contributed to the success of Canada's canola oil industry." Without Michael's contributions, canola would not have reached the heights that it has with respect to its importance to the Canadian and global economy.

- Ryan Cardwell and Chad Lawley, agribusiness and agricultural economics, along with colleague Di Xiang, received the John Vanderkamp Prize from the Canadian Economics Association (CEA) for Best Article of 2015 in their journal *Canadian Public Policy*.
- Alejandro Costamagna, entomology, was awarded an agriculture and agrifood Canada 2016 Gold Harvest Award recognizing the exceptional and significant contributions that he made to agriculture and Agri Food Canada in the category of Innovation, Collaboration and Service Excellence.
- Rotimi Aluko, human nutritional sciences, has been elected a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology (CIFST) in recognition of his contributions and service to the food science and technology community. A maximum of one Fellow may be elected per year.
- An international team of astronomers has witnessed a never-before-seen cosmic weather event – a cluster of towering intergalactic gas clouds raining in on the supermassive black hole at the center of a massive elliptical galaxy one billion light-years from Earth. The observations, published in the journal *Nature*, represent the first direct evidence to support the theory that black holes feed on clouds of cold gas. It reshapes astronomers' views on how supermassive black holes feed through a process known as accretion. Christopher O'Dea and Stefi A. Baum (dean of science), physics and astronomy, are part of the international team that made the observations and discovery.
- Asper student and triathlete Tyler Mislawchuk placed 15th in the Men's Triathlon at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro.
- The University of Manitoba's robotic soccer team returned home from RoboCup held in Leipzig, Germany from June 30 to July 5. The team competed in the Humanoid League Teen Size (2 players of a maximum height of 1.4 meters) category and won third place in the soccer competition and first place in the technical challenge competition. RoboCup is the world's largest and most prestigious competition for intelligent soccer robots, with more than 3,500 participants from across the globe.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- On June 13, 2016 the University of Manitoba named Dr. Ruth Ann Marrie (Internal Medicine, Community Health Sciences) as The Waugh Family Chair in Multiple Sclerosis Research. The Province of Manitoba at the same time announced \$1.1 million in funding from Research Manitoba to support Marrie's chair. The chair was established as a result of a \$2 million gift to the Front and Centre Campaign from the Waugh Family Foundation, and its founding members, Rick and Lynne Waugh. Marrie is a faculty member in the Max Rady College of Medicine, a Don Paty career scientist and director of the MS Clinic at Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre. The endowed chair is also funded by the generous support of the MS Society of Canada, the Dr. Alfred E. Deacon Medical Research Foundation, and the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

- Researchers at the University of Manitoba were awarded \$11,530,257 in new funding for grants and scholarships from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) over the next five years. The money will support 71 professors and 23 students at the graduate, doctoral, or post-doctoral levels in their research that will further discoveries in a full range of fields in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The award was announced on June 23 by the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science.
- On August 22, the Government of Canada announced \$8,138,046 in funding to the University of Manitoba from the Research Support Fund (RSF), to support the essential research activities and expenses of its research enterprise: everything from repairs, upgrades and maintenance of research labs and equipment to supporting research development, regulatory compliance, and commercialization of ideas. Member of Parliament for Winnipeg South, Terry Duguid made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development at an event at the University: a tour of Dr. Jennifer van Wijngaarden's (Chemistry) upgraded lab highlighting the application of the RSF funds in 2015/16 took place. Additional information on the University of Manitoba Research Support Fund can be found at http://umanitoba.ca/research/research_support_funds.html
- Member of Parliament for Saint Boniface-Saint Vital announced \$8,097,505 in funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Foundation Grants program to four University of Manitoba researchers on August 30. The successful recipients are: Dr. Lorrie Kirshenbaum, \$3,286,318 (Physiology & Pathophysiology, Canada Research Chair in Molecular Cardiology, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre), Dr. Salah Mahmud, \$956,485 (Community Health Sciences and Canada Research Chair in Pharmaco-Epidemiology and Vaccine Evaluation), Dr. Grant Pierce, \$2,806,392 (Physiology & Pathophysiology, St Boniface Hospital Albrechtsen Research Centre) and Drs. Noralou Roos and Alan Katz, \$1,048,310 (Community Health Sciences, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy).
- The Manitoba Institute for Materials (MIM) held its grand opening on July 7, 2016. Dan Vandal, MP for Saint Boniface – Saint Vital, on behalf of the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and the Minister Responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada, and Sarah Guillemard, MLA for Fort Richmond on behalf of Education and Training Minister Ian Wishart, joined University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor David T. Barnard for the opening activities. Accessed by an above ground structure on what is currently parking Lot A (25 Sifton Road), MIM's labs are located below ground in redeveloped space that once stored a decommissioned cyclotron. The funding partners for the facility construction and infrastructure were: the Government of Canada through Western Economic Diversification Canada, SFR/FEI, the Province of Manitoba, General Electric, the University of Manitoba and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (through existing transferred or managed infrastructure). The new facility brings together more than 200 researchers and students in Manitoba.
- On June 27, 2016 two Faculty of Engineering professors were inducted as Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE): Witold Kinsner (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Jeannette Montufar (Civil Engineering). The CAE is an independent, self-governing and non-profit organization established in 1987. Members are nominated and elected by their peers to honorary Fellowships, in view of their distinguished achievements and career-long service to the engineering profession. Fellows are committed to ensuring that Canada's engineering expertise is applied to the benefit of all Canadians.

- In addition to above mentioned amounts from NSERC and CIHR, ninety-one research projects were awarded funding from various external sponsors totaling \$6,312,555.

Those projects awarded more than \$25,000 are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Akinremi, Olalekan (Soil Science)	NSERC	Optimizing the effectiveness of a novel urease inhibitor to reduce ammonia volatilization losses from urea, and increase nitrogen uptake and crop yield	\$25,000
Akinremi, Olalekan (Soil Science)	Active Agriproducts Inc.	Optimizing the effectiveness of a novel urease inhibitor to reduce ammonia volatilization losses from urea, and increase nitrogen uptake and crop yield	\$30,000
Aliani, Michel (Human Nutritional Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Sensory characteristics and metabolomics for flavor selection in pork	\$45,000
Anderson, W. Gary (Biological Sciences)	NSERC	A pilot study to evaluate the effects of variable flow on arctic char growth rate in myera tank system	\$25,000
Becker, Allan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Cohort data sharing	\$50,000
Belmonte, Mark (Biological Sciences)	NSERC	Crop protection against seedling rot using bacterial biocontrol systems	\$25,000
Cameron, Jessica (Psychology)	SSHRC	The concealment and exposure of self-esteem: Consequences for individuals and relationships	\$114,435
Chipperfield, Judith (Psychology)	SSHRC	Enhancing late life independence: A psychological intervention to foster adaptive mindsets and engagement	\$203,628
Davoren, Gail (Biological Sciences)	NSERC	The ecology of forage fish species and interactions with marine predators	\$75,820
Duhamel, Todd (Kinesiology and Recreation Management)	Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada	Examining SERCA2a acetylation in the diabetic heart	\$271,705
Fayek, Mostafa (Geological Sciences)	NSERC	Electrochemical remediation of mine tailings waters: Proof of concept	\$25,000

Gough, Kathleen (Chemistry)	NSERC	FTIR imaging for process verification and quality control in production of treated polymers	\$25,000
Hannila, Sari (Human Anatomy and Cell Science)	Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba) Inc.	Evaluating the ability of Galunisertib to enhance axonal regeneration and reduce CSPG expression	\$49,317
Holley, Richard (Food Science)	NSERC	Shelf-life and safety of salt-reduced roast beef	\$25,000
House, James (Human Nutritional Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Genetics basis for detection of non-responders to dietary plant sterol intervention	\$107,308
Hu, Pingzhao (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	Mitacs Inc.	Identification of copy number variation biomarkers in patients with inflammatory bowel diseases	\$60,000
Irani, Pourang (Computer Science)	Mitacs Inc.	Applying visual analytics to effect real-time decision making in manufacturing environments	\$60,000
Irani, Pourang (Computer Science)	NSERC	Turning wearable health data analytics into actionable insight	\$25,000
Jayaraman, Raghavan (Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)	NSERC	Development of polymer composites using recycled composite industrial waste	\$25,000
Jones, Peter (Food Science)	Mitacs Inc.	Free living hemp seed and oil (Freehemp) trial	\$60,000
Kanu, Yatta (Curriculum, Teaching and Learning)	SSHRC	Aboriginal perspectives at the cultural interface: Researching the interventions	\$229,334
Kazem Moussavi, Zahra (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	NSERC	Development of a non-invasive hand artery occlusion detection using PPG signals	\$25,000
Keating, Erin (English, Film, and Theatre)	SSHRC	Secret history and its London audiences, 1660-1720: Affective communities	\$47,493
Klassen, Terry (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Research Manitoba	Translating Emergency Knowledge for Kids (TREKK)	\$600,000
Koop, Royce (Political Studies)	SSHRC	The practice of representation in parliamentary democracies	\$148,513

Leslie, William (Internal Medicine)	Research Manitoba	Dual energy x-ray absorptiometry-based finite element analysis: An advanced engineering tool to predict fracture risk	\$73,500
Levin, David (Biosystems Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Pilot-scale cultivation of microalgae for the production of nutraceuticals	\$45,000
Levin, David (Biosystems Engineering)	NSERC	Production and modification of medium chain length polyhydroxyalkanoate for commercial applications	\$101,538
Levin, David (Biosystems Engineering)	Minto BioProducts Lt.	Production and modification of medium chain length polyhydroxyalkanoate for commercial applications	\$66,000
Li, Johnson (Psychology)	SSHRC	What learning skills are most Canadian students missing? A cognitive assessment of the PISA data	\$36,639
McGavock, Jonathan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	CIHR	Expanding the circle: Peer-based approaches to obesity and type 2 diabetes prevention for Indigenous children	\$675,000
McGavock, Jonathan (Pediatrics and Child Health)	Canadian Diabetes Association	Expanding the circle: Peer-based approaches to obesity and type 2 diabetes prevention for Indigenous children	\$225,000
Mishra, Suresh (Internal Medicine)	Research Manitoba	Delineating mechanisms of obesity-linked, sex dimorphic liver cancer development	\$150,000
Moses, Stephen (Community Health Sciences)	CIHR	Transforming inequities: Community-based health equity research with Indigenous populations	\$300,000
Namaka, Michael (Pharmacy)	Prairie Plant Systems Inc.	Pre-clinical testing of cannabinoid oil extracts in an experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE) animal model of multiple sclerosis (MS) - induced neuropathic pain (NPP)	\$80,000
Nixon, Kendra (Social Work)	SSHRC	In search of promising practices: Canadian child protection responses to cases of intimate partner violence	\$155,193

Ogilvie, Tamra (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Delineating to OTX2 regulatory network: Targeting the "grow and go" arms of the most aggressive medulloblastomas	\$50,000
Oleszkiewicz, Jan (Civil Engineering)	NSERC	Granular side-stream anammox process feeding mainstream granular aerobic and anammox process	\$99,126
Oleszkiewicz, Jan (Civil Engineering)	City of Winnipeg	Granular side-stream anammox process feeding mainstream granular aerobic and anammox process	\$60,000
Ormiston, Scott (Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)	NSERC	Numerical prediction of the performance of snow melting systems used for supplemental energy transfer in spring and fall	\$25,000
Ormiston, Scott (Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)	NSERC	Two-phase CFD model for the coating process in the production of paint sample cards	\$25,000
Pelka, Peter (Microbiology)	Research Manitoba	Molecular studies of cellular reprogramming by adenovirus E1A oncoprotein	\$225,000
Pemberton, Trevor (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics)	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Identification of a modifier locus for cystic kidney disease in the rat	\$39,097
Rajapakse, Athula (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Manitoba Hydro	Protection and control of hybrid LOC-VSC multi-terminal HVdc transmission systems against DC faults	\$74,750
Roberts, Daniel (Internal Medicine)	Manitoba Medical Service Foundation	Oxidized phospholipids as mediators of myocardial injury	\$150,000
Sibley, Kathryn (Community Health Sciences)	Health Sciences Centre Foundation	Advancing balance measurement and treatment for fall avoidance in physiotherapy practice: An integrated knowledge translation research approach	\$25,000
Sri Ranjan, Ramanathan (Biosystems Engineering)	NSERC	Enhanced bioremediation of nutrient contaminated groundwater	\$25,000

Suh, Miyoung (Human Nutritional Sciences)	Mitacs Inc.	Nutrition for two: Development of interactive nutrition research tools and a pretrial for food and nutrition intake trend among the First Nation's pregnant women	\$40,000
Tangri, Navdeep (Internal Medicine)	University Medical Group	Knowledge translation intervention to prevent the early initiation of dialysis: A cluster randomized trial	\$300,000
Woodbury, Allan (Civil Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Participation on the Mitacs Research Council (MRC)	\$30,000
Wu, Zhenyu (Business Administration)	SSHRC	Alternative investment in family versus non-family firms	\$82,168
Wu, Zhenyu (Business Administration)	SSHRC	Legitimacy configuration and clean-tech venture resilience	\$58,575
Yuan, Qiuyan (Civil Engineering)	NSERC	Evaluation of the performance of the tire derived aggregate vs. natural aggregate in septic field	\$86,800
Yuan, Qiuyan (Civil Engineering)	OTR Recycling Corporation	Evaluation of the performance of the tire derived aggregate vs. natural aggregate in septic field	\$50,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- All of the Tri-Council (NSERC, CIHR, and SSHRC) annual financial reports were submitted through their FDSR system on time. All were electronically approved by the grant holders.
- The University of Manitoba will be hosting the W3 Conference in September 2017 and the planning committee has been formed. This annual conference attracts finance, procurement, and resource planning leaders from western Canadian universities. W3: Western University Finance Officers; Western Universities Supply Management Association; Western Association of Resource Planners
- The University discontinued using Concur User Support to provide an internal user support desk effective early August 2016. User calls are now directed to University of Manitoba Travel Services. Although this reduces the hours of service from 24/7 to normal business hours, many users had complained that the vendor provided service was not effective or adequately tailored to University of Manitoba needs.
- To assist with the September student rush, the BookStore hired 43 new part-time staff, with 34 of the new hires being students.
- Parking Services worked with MCO to develop communication strategy and this academic year launched the Parking Services Twitter Account.

- Student Residences, Financial Services and IST completed work on the Residence Centralization Project. Effective September 1, all residence charges for the fall 2016 term were posted on Aurora via the new StarRez/Banner interface. Students can now make payments through traditional Financial Services methods and via the Cashier's Office and can see residences charges on their Aurora student account.
- The following behavioral policies were passed by the Board of Governors on June 22, 2016 effective on September 1, 2016: Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy, Sexual Assault Policy (new), Respectful Work and Learning Environment and Sexual Assault Procedures. The Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management (OHRM) worked with the Student Advocacy Office and the Marketing and Communication Office to create a communication and roll out plan for the RWLE Policy, Sexual Assault Policy and Student Discipline By-Law. The OHRM wrote FAQ's on the RWLE Policy and Sexual Assault Policy. This has been rolled out to the University community via UM Today and Student Weekly stories featuring FAQ's on the RWLE and Sexual Assault policies and Student Discipline. Key messages were as follows: major policies at the University of Manitoba have changed; these new policies will impact students and faculty/staff; important for students and faculty/staff to be aware of the changes and where to find the policies; help is available in the event of a sexual assault; and if an incident of sexual assault is disclosed, procedures are in place that should be followed. Further, the OHRM website and supplementary materials have been updated to reflect the revised/new policies and the OHRM worked with other stakeholders to update the sexual assault website.
- Collective bargaining continues between the University and UMFA. The bargaining teams have met on many occasions over the summer as part of an ambitious meeting schedule, intended to allow for the parties to come to a successful agreement in a timely manner.
- Accessibility Audit survey results are now available. The survey results will inform the university's plan to identify, prevent and remove barriers to accessibility, a plan legally required to be published in December 2016 as part of the Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA), which became law in December 2013.
- The University of Manitoba won the University Challenge portion of the Commuter Challenge event (a week-long, friendly competition encouraging sustainable transportation choices) in June with 238 participants.
- The Trans Canada Trail route has been changed to come through the University's Fort Garry Campus. The new route provides pedestrians and cyclists with a more direct, safer, more interesting north-south connection through University lands and serves to seamlessly connect the campus with adjacent communities. Wayfinding signs (co-funded by Trans Canada Trail) and a trail open event are planned for spring 2017.
- Ian Hall, Director of the Office of Sustainability will be leaving the University in mid-September for a local government opportunity in British Columbia.
- Plenary Roads Winnipeg has begun construction of the Southwest Rapid Transitway corridor on the Southwood Lands. Investors Group Field Station is scheduled to be completed by June 2017 in time for the Canada Summer Games.

- The University's response to Manitoba Education and Training's request for 2017/18 Operating Estimates was developed over summer 2016 and approved by FAHRC on September 6th, 2016.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- For the period of April 1, 2016 to September 2, 2016, the University has raised \$13,047,635.65 towards the 2016/2017 fiscal year.
- As of September 2, 2016 we have raised \$248,837,510.28 in philanthropic gifts and received a \$150 million commitment from the provincial government towards our \$500 million goal for the Front and Centre campaign.
- Significant gifts and activities in the last reporting period include:
 - On June 20, the University of Manitoba announced a major landmark in the ongoing Front and Centre campaign to raise \$500 million, the largest philanthropic investment in the history of Manitoba. Mr. Paul Soubry, Campaign Chair, announced that the Front and Centre campaign had reached \$394,821,382 through the generosity of alumni, students, donors, corporations, foundations and government. Ms. Tanjit Nagra, President of the University of Manitoba Students' Union, announced UMSU's commitment of \$2.4 million to support childcare at the University of Manitoba. Ms. Nagra also indicated that a further announcement about UMSU's commitment to the Front and Centre campaign would be made at the Homecoming Football game on September 24, 2016.
 - The Province of Manitoba confirmed its continuing support of the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative for 2016/2017 and provided the University of Manitoba with \$1,895,000 to match eligible donations for scholarships and bursaries. Sixty per cent of allocations will be dedicated for use towards bursaries, and forty per cent towards scholarships.
 - The Gerald Schwartz & Heather Reisman Foundation made a commitment of \$1 million to establish the Schwartz/Reisman Scholars Program. This annually funded scholarship program will recognize community involvement, leadership and academic excellence among undergraduate and graduate students studying in the I.H. Asper School of Business and the Faculty of Law.
 - The Concorde Foundation Trust made a gift of \$734,475.85 to establish an endowed fund supporting students participating in the international exchange program at the I.H. Asper School of Business.
 - Mr. William A. Moir [BComm(Hons)/67] made a commitment of \$500,000 to establish a marketing speaker series the I.H. Asper School of Business.
 - The Westland Foundation made a commitment of \$300,000 to further support the Westland Foundation Education Fund Award for students from Inner Winnipeg-Westland Area schools.
 - iders Incorporated made a commitment of \$250,000.00 to support facilities expansion in the Faculty of Engineering and classroom refurbishment in the I.H. Asper School of Business.
- On September 15, nominations open for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards. We encourage everyone to consider nominating an exceptional University of Manitoba graduate in one of our five categories: Lifetime Achievement, Professional Achievement, Community Service, Service to the University of Manitoba and Outstanding Young Alumni. Nominations will close on October 28 and

the Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Panel, chaired by Chancellor Harvey Secter, will meet in November to determine the 2017 recipients.

- The Seniors' Alumni Learning for Life Program will begin its Fall session on Thursday, September 22 and runs until November 3. The program features seven consecutive sessions of lecture and discussion for University of Manitoba alumni and friends age 60-plus. The Fall session is now sold out but spots are still open for the Spring session which begins Wednesday, March 29, 2017.
- On October 13, the University of Manitoba will host a reception to reconnect with alumni and friends living in Hong Kong. The event will take place at the Foreign Correspondents' Club and will be hosted by President David Barnard.
- From May 27 - June 5, the University of Manitoba participated in its first celebration of Pride Week. Major events included:
 - Flag-raising ceremony with President David Barnard;
 - Launch of "Love and Let Love", an LGBTTTQ exhibit at Dafoe Library;
 - Panel discussion on LGBTTTQ healthcare at Bannatyne campus;
 - LGBTTTQ Awareness training sessions for staff/faculty on both campuses;
 - LGBTTTQ* Student, Staff & Faculty Reception; and
 - Pride parade – President Barnard, members of the President's Executive team and other staff/faculty walked in the Pride Parade; The U of M also had a booth at the Pride festival to promote faculty research in LGBTTTQ issues, recruit students and connect with alumni.
- On June 20, the Council of Presidents of Universities of Manitoba met with The Honourable Ian Wishart, Minister of Education and Training, Province of Manitoba to discuss a number of post-secondary sector issues including the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative, sexual violence and harassment policies, and tuition fees.
- On June 20, President Barnard, Mr. Paul Soubry, Front and Centre Campaign Chair and other University representatives met with The Honourable Ian Wishart, Minister of Education and Training, Province of Manitoba. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an overview of the Front and Centre campaign and discuss the Province of Manitoba's \$150 million campaign commitment.
- On August 5, the University of Manitoba participated in the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance's annual pre-budget consultation.
- On August 18, the University of Manitoba participated in a discussion hosted by The Honourable Ian Wishart, Minister of Education and Training, Province of Manitoba. The purpose of the discussion was to provide input on the proposed changes to the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative.
- On August 22, the University of Manitoba hosted The Honourable Rochelle Squires, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage, Province of Manitoba. The purpose of the visit was to provide a tour of the Taché Arts Project and the Active Living Centre and to discuss how the University serves as an arts and culture hub.