

A look at OCADU's financial year end as of May 31, 2022

Surplus

For the third year in a row, OCADU has turned a significant surplus of **\$6.3 million** in 2021-22, amounting to **\$27.5 million** over the last three years

After subtracting gains on investment for a more accurate picture of operating surpluses, OCADU has still turned a surplus of **\$12.3 million** over the past three years

Revenue

Total revenue has grown by 20% in the past five years, but this has almost all been driven by increases in student fees

Student fees have jumped to almost **60%** of revenue, up from about **40%** a decade ago, and **49%** five years ago

Student fees is the only driver of revenue now, meaning other attempts of generating revenue (such as OCAD U CO) have failed. The more significant problem, from a revenue side, is that government funding has flatlined. This is an area where we share an interest with the Administration: the need to advocate and pressure the provincial government to increase funding for post-secondary education institutions.

Academic Salaries and benefits stagnation?

What the University spends on Academic Salaries and Benefits is growing at half the rate of the student population: we've seen a **12%** growth in the student body in the last five years, but only a **6%** expense growth in spending on Academic Salaries and Benefits. For comparison, non-academic expenses have grown by **20%** during this time

Where's the surplus:

OCAD U CO?

Finally turned a profit last year, albeit at **\$67 thousand** it was rather marginal. Still, that's a significant improvement from the year before when the venture lost another **\$340 thousand** and the University wrote off **\$1.6 million** worth of debts owed to it by OCAD U CO

Internally Restricted Assets

The University put **\$6.1 million** (about **\$1 million** more than the year before) under "internally restricted" funds, these are funds put aside for future uses and major expenses. **\$1 million** of this is going to "future capital planning", **\$1.3 million** to create a "student experience" fund, and about **\$2 million** each to "capital assets funded by operations" and a "financial sustainability fund"

That "Financial sustainability fund" was created the year prior, and now represents a reserve of **\$5 million** for a future rainy day.

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