1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the University of Saskatchewan Heritage Register is to provide sound, practical guidance to achieve good conservation practice with respect to heritage assets at the university. The Heritage Register exists in order to support heritage conservation and protect the physical assets of the university. The Heritage Register provides the University of Saskatchewan with consistent evidence of the historic and architectural significance of the buildings and sites listed.

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1.2 Structure

The Heritage Register consists of eight parts:

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2. Criteria for Heritage Designation at the University of Saskatchewan are provided for the assessment of buildings for architectural and heritage significance. These criteria include character-defining elements that may contribute to or indicate heritage and architectural value. A guide is included in order to ensure that the definitions and criteria provided are properly employed.

3. Heritage Designations for heritage assets at the University of Saskatchewan are named and described. The Register defines two categories of heritage designation: ‘A’ and ‘B.’

4. Standards and Guidelines for Interventions are prescribed for heritage assets, depending on their heritage designation. These requirements and recommendations are based on the Parks Canada document Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada (2003). Refer to: www.parkscanada.gc.ca.

5. Summary Lists and Maps of heritage assets at the University of Saskatchewan.

6. Architecture & Place: Making The University of Saskatchewan. A brief architectural and place history of the University of Saskatchewan.
7. **Register of Heritage Assets** at the University of Saskatchewan is provided based on the established criteria. The Register includes an assessment of a property’s *heritage value* according to *character-defining elements* and lists property information. Buildings or sites which have been determined to have heritage significance are recommended for protection according to 2 possible designations: A or B.

8. **Supporting Documents**: Glossary, Bibliography and Appendix.

### 1.3 Key Terms

- **Character-Defining Elements**: the materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings that contribute to the heritage value of a heritage asset, which should be retained in order to preserve its *heritage value*.

- **Commemorative Integrity**: Commemorative integrity refers to the condition or state of a *heritage asset* when the asset is healthy and whole. The word ‘commemorative’ refers to why a building or site is a *heritage asset*. ‘Integrity’ refers to its health, wholeness and honesty. A *heritage asset* possesses *commemorative integrity* when the resources directly related to the reasons for its designation as a *heritage asset* are not impaired or under threat.

- **Heritage Value**: the aesthetic, historic, scientific, cultural, social or spiritual importance or significance for past, present or future generations. The *heritage value* of a *heritage asset* is embodied in its *character-defining* materials, forms, location, spatial configurations, uses and cultural associations or meanings.

- **Heritage Asset**: a structure, building, group of buildings, district, landscape, archaeological site or other place that has been formally recognized for its *heritage value*. All of the buildings and sites listed in the *Register of Heritage Assets* and designated as category ‘A’ or ‘B’ are considered heritage assets.

- **Intervention**: any action that results in a physical change to an element of a *heritage asset*.

- **Preservation**: the action or process of protecting, maintaining, and/or stabilizing the existing materials of a *heritage asset* or of an individual component, while protecting its *heritage value*.

- **Rehabilitation**: the action of process of making possible a contemporary use of a *heritage asset* or an individual component, through repair, alterations and/or additions, while protecting its *heritage value*.

- **Restoration**: the action or process of accurately revealing, recovering, or representing the state of a *heritage asset* or of an individual component, as it appeared at a particular period in history, while protecting its *heritage value*. 