My first year as dean has been an exciting and an interesting one and I would like to thank our students, staff and faculty for making it so. As we come to the close of the 2018/19 academic year we have a draft College plan in place on which we will continue to consult and work over the summer – working towards a final submission in early fall. As you will be aware, we are faced with a deficit budget and in the coming month's consultations will continue across the college along with efforts to identify new and imaginative revenue opportunities. As a college we acknowledge, recognize and support our award-winning students, staff and faculty who are exceptional in their research, scholarly and artistic work, their teaching and learning endeavors, and their outreach and community engagement. The breadth and diversity of our programs and the sense of community we aspire to foster continues to attract outstanding students, staff and faculty to our college. Along with encouraging engagement with local communities, we strive to develop and promote international opportunities for our students through exchanges and study abroad. I look forward with enthusiasm to the year ahead.

## ADVANCEMENT

The College of Arts and Science has seen an increase in its total donation levels over the last three fiscal years.  Total giving to the College was $1,073,501 in 2015-16 and $1,215,936 in 2016-17. The College reached a record high giving level of $3,328,603 in 2017-18 including a $2 million donation for the establishment of the Kaplan Chair in Music. Without this one time donation, the total giving for the year was $1,328,603, still showing a steady increase in support.

Excluding the Kaplan Chair donation the average gift per donor increased by $249 in 2017-18.

Of the 807 individual donors that gave to the College this past year, 532 were College undergrad alumni. These same alumni also support causes campus wide with 1879 of Arts and Science undergrad alumni giving to the University of Saskatchewan to a total amount of $3,065,227 in 2017-18.

| Fiscal Year | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18* | Excluding Kaplan chair donation |
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| Total donations to Arts and Science | 1,073,501 | 1,215,936 | 3,328,603* | 1,328,603 |
| Number of donors | 865 | 870 | 807 | |
| Average gift per donor | 1,241 | 1,397 | 4,124 | 1,646 |

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| *one time $2 million donation received for Kaplan Chair captured in fiscal 2017/18 |
| Note: If two gifts are received from a single household from different partners, then each partner would be considered a unique donor for the purpose of the gift made. |

Highlights:

- Arts and Science Online Giving — The College launched its first Arts and Science specific online giving process. The goal of the project is to highlight College and departmental fundraising priorities, making the process of giving as donor-centric and seamless as possible. Having philanthropy highlighted throughout our web pages is a significant step in anchoring our message of the importance of donors to the College and its students: http://artsandscience.usask.ca/give/
- Graduate Photos Go Online — The College has joined a campus-wide initiative to scan graduation photos, in an effort to preserve them and make them available online. The initiative will launch this spring with 11 departments in the College of Arts and Science. More college departments are set to follow in the coming months
- 2018 Alumni of Influence — Our 9th biennial celebration honored 11 of our very distinguished and diverse alumni. While celebrating the remarkable achievements of these individuals, the AOI awards also signal to today's students that they are part of a vibrant and accomplished college and that they, too, can go on to do amazing things with their Arts and Science degree. In addition to attending the gala, several recipients were able to spend time with groups of students from their home departments. The college achieved its highest number of nominations, highest recipient participation, and the highest attendee numbers for the gala: http://artsandscience.usask.ca/alumni/

## PLANNING

After a very productive year of planning engagement activities in which over a hundred college stakeholders participated, in **April the College submitted its draft Plan to 2025** to the Provost and the Vice-Provost Institutional Planning and Assessment, and the ASSU, college faculty and staff received the plan via email. The process of achieving endorsement for this draft plan involved working closely with the Committee of Department Heads, the Expanded Dean's Executive Committee, the College Planning Advisory Committee, and holding a Special Meeting of Faculty Council in March, which was informed and instructed by a sequence of consultations. We identified our **top college-specific priorities**: Put Students First: Recruitment, Retention, Development, Experience, Success; Inspire Excellence and Increase Diversity and Equity in Faculty and Staff; Inspire and Foster Excellence in Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work; Implement New Curricula. We indicated our **top priorities for aligning with the University Plan 2025**: Join University to embolden partnerships in strategic developments and outreach opportunities; Sustain, coordinate, expand environmental programming; Expand and re-envision Northern programming strategy; Increase internships and experiential learning; Enable and enhance a culture of philanthropy and lifelong learning.

Over the spring and summer months, we will consult with regional colleges, and launch our first-ever college plan website. With IPA, we will choose metrics to judge progress toward the goals and to articulate the achievements by which the success of the plan will be measured. Each member of the Dean's Executive Committee will create summaries of their portfolios, with accompanying targets. We are planning to invite a discussion with external Indigenous community leaders, and ask for advice about the plan. At the request of Faculty Council, I will be pleased to present the final draft of the College Plan to 2025 at our October 4 meeting.