

## Report on the September 29, 2022 Board of Governors Meeting

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**Members:** Brandon Rhéal Amyot; Robert Arnone; Peter Caldwell; Dr. Claudine Cousins; Ann Dumyn; Dr. Don Kerr; Angela Maltese (Chair); Brian McKinnon; Dr. Moira McPherson; Pauline Mickelson; Ross Murray; Michael Nitz; Anna Sampson; Mark Smith; Cathy Tuckwell; Maria Vasanelli; Wendy Walberg; Debra Woods  
**Incoming Board Members In Attendance:** Thomas Keohoe; Rachael Paquette

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The Board of Governors held its Annual General Meeting on September 29, 2022 on the Thunder Bay Campus. In accordance with the Board of Governors Bylaws, Article 7.2, video conferencing was also available for Governors participating remotely.

### OPEN MEETING

The following items of business were dealt with during the open meeting:

#### **Presidential Search Committee Chair Recommendation**

The Board approved the following motion:

- Whereas Maria Vasanelli has been elected as the Chair of the Board of Governors effective at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting; and  
Whereas the Presidential Search Process indicates that the Chair of the PSC is the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board;  
Be it resolved that Maria Vasanelli be appointed as the PSC Chair effective at the close of the 2022 Annual Meeting.

#### **Strategic Plan Year End Implementation Report (Year Four)**

Administration provided a report presentation that included the "Report Card" for the Strategic Plan metrics that are reported to the Board in June each year, background data that was used to assess the metric scoring on the "Report Card", including baseline data, targets, and actuals, providing the Board insight into the data tracked by the Executive Team.

#### **Sexual and Gender Based Violence Adjudication Panel Pool Appointments**

The Board approved the following motion:

- MOVED that the following individuals be appointed to the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Adjudication Panel Pool commencing at the close of this annual meeting, through to the close of the annual meeting in 2023 pursuant to paragraph 11.5 of the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Response Policy:
  1. Buset, Hope (returning)

2. CHAPMAN, Frances (returning)
3. CLIFFORD, Lorne (returning)
4. LADE, Timothy (new)
5. McQUEEN, Karen (new)
6. MURPHY, Jodie (returning)
7. PRISCIAC, Theresa (new)
8. ROUSSEL, Yvonne (returning)
9. SHIELDS, Victoria (new)

### **Judicial Panel Appointment Recommendations**

The Board approved the following motions:

- MOVED that the following faculty members of the University be appointed to the Judicial Panel for the terms indicated:
  - Dr. Kristin Burnett for the term commencing at the close of the September 29, 2022 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2025. (renewal)
  - Dr. Tamara Varney for the term commencing at the close of the September 29, 2022 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2025. (renewal)
  - Dr. Joan Chambers for the term commencing at the close of the September 29, 2022 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2025. (new)
  - Dr. Karen McQueen for the term commencing immediately to December 31, 2022. (new)
- MOVED that the following full-time students of the University be appointed to the Judicial Panel for a term commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2022 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2023:
  - Tristan Bhola (new)
  - Elena Kusaka (new)
  - Rebecca Murray (new)
  - Josia Prince (new)
  - James Ruddy (new)
  - Simran Talpade (new)
  - Saranya Ram Mohan Vyrelil (new)

Updates, Reports and Presentations Received:

- Presidential Search - Ardyce Kouri, from Leaders International, attended the meeting to provide a verbal update. A written update was also circulated with the meeting materials.
- President's Report:
  - September 2022 Online President's Report
  - Annual Report on Student Appeals
  - Report on Appointments
- Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report (including the September 15, 2022 meeting) - The following recommendations were brought forward and approved by the Board:
  - Appointment of Auditors:
    - MOVED to appoint BDO Canada LLP as auditors of the University for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

- Research Ethics Board Annual Report and Letter of Compliance:
  - MOVED to accept the Research Ethics Board Annual Report and Letter of Compliance.
- The Policy Framework for Research Ethics Involving Humans at Lakehead University:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendment to the review period for the Policy Framework for Research Ethics Involving Humans at Lakehead University.
- Approval of the 2021-22 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and the Independent Auditors' Report:
  - MOVED to approve the 2021-22 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and accept the Independent Auditor's Report attached thereto.
  
- External Relations Committee Annual Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting) - The following recommendation was brought forward and approved by the Board:
  - Fellow of the University Guidelines and Procedures:
    - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Fellow of the University Guidelines and Procedures.
  
- Finance and Operations Committee Annual Report (including the September 15, 2022 meeting) - The following recommendations were brought forward and approved by the Board:
  - Investment Resolution:
    - WHEREAS Article 6, Paragraph 6.3 of the Board Bylaws indicated that the investments of the University shall be managed by such University Officers, Signing Officers, or agents of the University as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board;
 

MOVED that the President and the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) shall be authorized to manage the investments of the University and to purchase, transfer, exchange, sell or otherwise dispose of or turn to account or realize upon securities, in accordance with the policies established by the Board on the recommendations of the Board Finance and Operations Committee, such as the Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines for Trust and Endowment Funds Policy, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Committee, and the laws and statutes of the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, effective at the close of the annual meeting on September 29, 2022 until the close of the annual meeting in 2023. During the absence of:

      - either the President or the Vice-President (Administration and Finance), any one of the University's signing officers shall be authorized as the second signature; and
      - both the President and the Vice-President (Administration and Finance), any two of the signing officers shall be authorized to perform the aforementioned activities,

effective at the close of the annual meeting on September 29, 2022 until the close of the annual meeting in 2023.
  
- Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines for Trust and Endowment Funds:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines for Trust and Endowment Funds.

- Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines for Restricted Internal Funds:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Statement of Investment Policies and Guidelines for Restricted Internal Funds.
- Responsible Investment Policy:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Responsible Investment Policy.
- Trust Account Management Policy:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Trust Account Management Policy.
- Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan (SIPP):
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the SIPP.
- Human Rights Policy:
  - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Harassment and Discrimination Policy and Procedures, including renaming it to the Human Rights Policy, with an effective date of November 1, 2022.
- Governance and Nominating Committee Annual Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting) - The following recommendations were brought forward and approved by the Board:
  - Board Nominations Process:
    - MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Board Nominations Process.
  - External Re-appointments:
    - MOVED that the Board re-elects Maria Vasanelli for a two year term, commencing at the close of the 2022 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting.
    - MOVED that the Board re-appoints Brandon Amyot as the Student Member on the Board for a term commencing at the close of the 2022 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2023 annual meeting.
  - Officer Appointment Recommendation:
    - WHEREAS Barbara Eccles has resigned as Board Secretary effective September 11, 2022;  
MOVED to approve that Yvonne Roussel be appointed as Secretary of the Lakehead University Board of Governors for a term commencing immediately through to the end of her appointment as the Interim University Secretary.
  - Board Appointment and Election Recommendations:
    - MOVED to elect Thomas Kehoe as an External Board Member for a three year term commencing at the close of the 2022 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2025 annual meeting.
    - MOVED to elect Rachael Paquette as an External Board Member for a three year term commencing at the close of the 2022 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2025 annual meeting.
    - MOVED to appoint Karen Boz as the Alumni Association Member on the Board for a two year term commencing at the close of the 2022 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting.

- New Board Member Standing Committee Appointment Recommendations:
  - MOVED that the following 2022-2023 Board Standing Committee appointments be approved:
    - Learning and Liaison Committee: Karen Boz, Thomas Kehoe, and Rachael Paquette
    - External Relations Committee: Thomas Kehoe, Karen Boz
    - Governance and Nominating Committee: Rachael Paquette
- Learning and Liaison Committee Annual Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting) - The following recommendations were brought forward and approved by the Board:
  - Board Fall Retreat Date:
    - MOVED to approve holding the Board fall retreat on October 21, 2022.
  - Association of Governing Boards (AGB) 2022-23 Membership Renewal:
    - MOVED to approve the renewal of the AGB Membership for the 2022-23 term.

#### Informational Items Received:

- Written Resolution: Appointment of Dean of the Faculty of Natural Resources Management (adopted electronically by the Board of Governors on July 19, 2022)
- Senate Report (of the September 19, 2022 meeting) - It was noted that during the September 19 Senate meeting, questions regarding the Board's use of in camera sessions arose. The Board Chair reported that the Board is making a conscious effort to address this, and will continue to do so.
- 2022-23 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule (Public Meetings)

## **IN CAMERA SESSION**

An in camera session was held to discuss items of personnel, legal, or real estate nature, and other sensitive or confidential matters. The following items of business were dealt with in camera:

- Executive Committee In Camera Report (of the special meetings held on July 6 and 21, 2022)
- Audit and Risk Committee In Camera Annual Report (including the September 15, 2022 meeting)
- External Relations Committee In Camera Annual Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting)
- Finance and Operations Committee In Camera Annual Report (including the September 15, 2022 meeting)
- Governance and Nominating Committee In Camera Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting)
- Learning and Liaison Committee In Camera Annual Report (including the September 14, 2022 meeting)
- Chair's Report
- President's Report

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is on November 24, 2022 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (EST), Orillia Campus.