

# Report on the October 1, 2021 Board of Governors Meeting

**Members:** Brandon Rhéal Amyot; Robert Arnone; Peter Caldwell; Claudine Cousins; Ann Dumyn; Dr. Christine Gottardo; Angela Maltese (Chair); Brian McKinnon; Michael Nitz; Dr. Moira McPherson; Ross Murray; Anna Sampson; Mark Smith; Cathy Tuckwell; Maria Vasanelli; Wendy Walberg; Debra Woods

The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions prevented the Board of Governors from meeting in person on the Thunder Bay campus on October 1, 2021 for its scheduled meeting. In accordance with the Board of Governors Bylaws, Article 14, the Board held a video conference meeting on October 1, 2021.

## **OPEN MEETING**

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

### **Previous Minutes**

The June 4, 2021 minutes were approved.

# **Lakehead University's Chancellor**

Chancellor Lyn McLeod attended the meeting. On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked and acknowledged Chancellor McLeod's contributions.

The following updates, reports and presentations were provided:

- President's October 2021 Online Report
  - o In addition, the President announced the signing of a MOU agreement with Lakehead and Open Text, and spoke of the positive opportunities this partnership will bring for Lakehead students.
- President's Report on Appointments
- Annual Report on Student Appeals 2020-21
- 2019-23 Strategic Plan Year End Implementation Report (Year 3)
- Audit and Risk Committee Annual Open Report
  - Approval of the 2020-21 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and the Independent Auditors' Report
  - o Appointment of Auditors
  - o Research Ethics Board (REB) Annual Report and Letter of Compliance
- External Relations Committee Annual Open Report
- Finance and Operations Committee Annual Open Report
  - o Approval of Investment Resolution
- Governance and Nominating Committee Annual Open Report

- Board Learning and Liaison Committee Annual Open Report
  - o Approval of Association of Governing Boards Membership Renewal
- Senate Report (of the September 20, 2021 meeting)
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine Online Report Dean's Report & Strategic Plan Status,
   Fall 2021

The following motions were adopted during the open meeting:

- MOVED to approve the 2020-21 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and accept the Independent Auditor's Report attached thereto.
- MOVED to appoint BDO Canada LLP as auditors of the University for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
- MOVED to accept the Research Ethics Board Annual Report and Letter of Compliance.
- 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 October 1, 2021 until the close of the annual meeting in 2022. 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 October 1, 2021 until the close of the annual meeting in 2022.
- MOVED to approve that the AGB Membership be renewed.

# 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:

# **Incoming Chancellor Introduction**

The President, who served as Chair of the University's Chancellor Electoral Board, welcomed and introduced Lakehead's next chancellor, Dr. Rita Shelton Deverell.

The following in camera updates, reports and presentations were provided:

- Approval of the June 4 and August 31, 2021 in camera minutes
- Board Executive Committee Minutes/Report (of the August 23 and September 9, 2021 meetings)
- External Relations Committee Annual IN CAMERA Report
- Learning and Liaison Committee Annual IN CAMERA Report
- Finance and Operations Committee Annual IN CAMERA Report
  - Integrated Planning and Budgeting Update

- Audit and Risk Committee Annual IN CAMERA Report
- Governance and Nominating Committee Annual IN CAMERA Report
  - Appointment of Officers
  - External Appointments
  - Approval of Recommendations from Other Organizations
  - Approval of Recommendations to External Organizations
  - o Approval of Committee Chairs and Committee Membership Recommendations
  - o Board of Governors Bylaw Revisions Notice of Motion
  - Approval of Judicial Panel Appointment Recommendations
- Chair's Report
- President's Report

### In Camera Items Received for Information

- Board of Governors Final Workplan Report (for the 2020-21 term)
- 2021-22 Meeting Schedule

The following motions were adopted during the in camera session, and announced when the Board returned to its open meeting:

- MOVED that the following individuals be appointed as Officers of the Lakehead University
  Board of Governors for a one year term, commencing at the close of the 2021 annual meeting,
  through to the close of the 2022 annual meeting:
  - Chair Angela Maltese (elected)
  - Vice-Chair Ann Dumyn (elected)
  - Past Chair Ross Murray (normally appointed)
  - President Dr. Moira McPherson (appointed)
  - Secretary Barbara Eccles (appointed)
- MOVED that the Board re-elect Wendy Walberg for a three year term, commencing at the close
  of the 2021 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting.
- MOVED that the Board re-elect Robert Arnone for a three year term, commencing at the close of the 2021 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting.
- MOVED to approve that Brandon Rhéal Amyot be re-appointed as the Student Member on the Board of Governors for a one year term, commencing at the close of the 2021 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2022 annual meeting.
- MOVED to approve that Dr. Don Kerr be appointed as the Senate Member on the Board of Governors for a three year term, commencing at the close of the 2021 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting.
- MOVED to approve that Maria Vasanelli be recommended as the Board Member on the Senate for a one year term, commencing immediately to June 30, 2022.
- MOVED to approve that Ann Dumyn be appointed as the Board Member on the OIEC for a one year term, commencing immediately to June 30, 2022.
- MOVED to approve that the Lakehead University Vice-President of Administration and Finance and the Associate Vice-President of Human Resources be appointed to the Lakehead University Employee Pension Plan Advisory Committee for one year, commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2021 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2022.

- MOVED to approve that Cathy Tuckwell and Peter Caldwell be appointed to the Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan for one year, commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2021 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2022.
- MOVED that the Standing Committee membership recommendations be approved as
  presented and that the term for each member listed be for one year, commencing at the close of
  the 2021 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2022 annual meeting. (Committee Chairs
  and Committee Membership appointments are posted on the Lakehead University website)
- MOVED that the following faculty members of the University be appointed to the Judicial Panel for the terms indicated:
  - 1. Dr. Susan Scott for the term commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2021 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2024 (renewal)
  - 2. Dr. Gerald Walton for the term commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2021 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2024 (renewal)
  - 3. Dr. Paolo Sanzo for the term commencing immediately through to the close of the annual meeting in 2022 (new)
  - 4. Dr. Joan Chambers for the term commencing January 1, 2022 through to June 30, 2022 (new)
- MOVED that the following full-time students of the University be appointed to the Judicial Panel for one year, commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2021 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2022:
  - 1. Natasha Magyar (new)
  - 2. Manoj Shanake Dissanayake Mudiyanselage (new)
  - 3. Aman Jaswal (new)
  - 4. Taylor O'Brien (new)
  - 5. Vishnu Avinash Nair (new)
  - 6. Petri Bailey (new)
  - 7. Clifford Mushquash (renewal)

The Secretary also reported the following for Information:

- NOTICE OF MOTION: The following motion will be presented to the Board during a future regular meeting: MOVED that the attached revised Board of Governors Bylaws be approved effective immediately.
- Written Resolution Adopted by the Board of Governors on July 5, 2021:
   WHEREAS the President has recommended a candidate for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Behavioural Sciences;
  - MOVED that Dr. Mirella Stronik be appointed as the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences for a five year term, commencing August 1, 2021, and any one Board or University Signing Officer be and is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all agreements, notices, consents, acknowledgements, certificates, and other instruments and do all such acts and things as such Officer may consider necessary, desirable or useful for the purpose of giving effect to the foregoing.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is on November 25, 2021 from 9:00am - 1:00pm (EDT).