

Report on the October 12, 2023 Board of Governors Annual Meeting

Members: *Rajni Agarwal; Brandon Rhéal Amyot; Robert Arnone; Karen Boz; Peter Caldwell; Dr. Claudine Cousins; Ann Dumyn; Thomas Kehoe; Dr. Don Kerr; Pauline Mickelson; Michael Nitz; Racheal Paquette; Anna Sampson; Dr. Gillian Siddall; Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Mark Smith; Brent Sylvester; Cathy Tuckwell (Vice-Chair); Maria Vasanelli (Chair)*

The Board of Governors Annual Meeting was held on October 12, 2023 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:

Updates, Reports and Presentations Received

- Chair's Report
 - Board Executive Committee Annual Report
- President's Report:
 - October 2023 Online President's Report
 - Annual Report on Student Appeals
 - Report on Appointments
- Audit and Risk Committee
 - Annual Report
 - Approval of the 2022-23 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and the Independent Auditors' Report
 - MOVED to approve the 2022-23 Financial Statements of Lakehead University and accept the Independent Auditor's Report, as circulated. CARRIED
 - Research Ethics Board Annual Report and Letters of Compliance
 - MOVED to accept the Research Ethics Board Annual Report and Letters of Compliance. CARRIED
 - Appointment of Auditors
 - MOVED to appoint BDO Canada LLP as auditors of the University for the 2023-24 fiscal year. CARRIED
- External Relations Committee
 - Annual Report

- Finance and Operations Committee
 - Annual Report
 - 2023-24 Operating Budget Presentation
 - WHEREAS on July 18, 2002, the Board of Governors adopted a resolution instructing the Administration to manage the University's finances and resources such that beginning in fiscal 2004 only balanced budgets are brought forward to the Board of Governors for approval and that no deficit occur as a result of over expenditures;
BE IT RESOLVED that the balanced budget resolution be temporarily rescinded for the 2023-24 fiscal year; and
 - THAT a provisional \$5.284M operating budget deficit for 2023-24 be approved while work continues concurrently with the development of an action plan that mitigates the University's structural deficit and ongoing advocacy with government. CARRIED
 - 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 October 12, 2023 until the close of the annual meeting in 2024. 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 12, 2023 until the close of the annual meeting in 2024. CARRIED
- Governance and Nominating Committee
 - Annual Report
 - Board Bylaw Amendments
 - MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Board Bylaws be approved, as circulated. CARRIED
 - Board Officer Recommendation
 - MOVED to approve that Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor, Lakehead University, be appointed Officer to the Lakehead University Board of

- Governors for the term commencing July 1, 2023 to the close of the her term as President and Vice-Chancellor of Lakehead University. CARRIED
- Committee Chairs and Committee Membership Recommendations
 - MOVED to approve the proposed Committee Chairs list, as circulated, and that the term for each Committee Chair be one year, commencing at the close of the 2023 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting. CARRIED
 - MOVED to approve the proposed Committee membership lists, as circulated, and that the term for each member listed be one year, commencing at the close of the 2023 annual meeting, through to the close of the 2024 annual meeting. CARRIED
 - External Board Member Recommendation
 - MOVED to approve that Sunil Kumar be elected as an External Board Member for a three year term commencing at the close of the October 12, 2023 Annual Meeting through to the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting. CARRIED
 - Recommendations to External Organizations
 - MOVED that Mark Smith be recommended for appointment to the Senate, to serve as the Board Member on the Senate for a one year term. CARRIED
 - MOVED that Thomas Kehoe be recommended for appointment to the OIEC, as the Board Member on the OIEC for a one year term. CARRIED
 - MOVED that Cathy Tuckwell and Ann Dumyn be recommended for appointments to the Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan for one year, commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2023 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2024. *(NOTE: The second Board representative on the Pension Board is not required to be a member of the Board.)* CARRIED
 - Board Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Annual Report
 - The Board's composition currently exceeds the commitments outlined in the Government of Canada's 50-30 Challenge. The results of this year's survey reflect 59% gender parity and 59% significant representation of equity-deserving groups.
 - 2023-24 Board Meeting Schedule Amendments
 - MOVED that the Board of Governors 2023-24 meeting schedule be amended as follows:
 - Add: April 3, 2024, 9am-10:30am (ET), BERC Meeting
 - Add: April 3, 2024, 11am-12:30pm (ET), BLLC Meeting
 - Add: April 3, 2024, 3pm-5pm (ET), BGNC Meeting
 - Add: April 4 2024, 9am-12:30pm (ET), BFOC Meeting
 - Add: April 4, 2024, 1pm-2:30pm (ET), BARC Meeting
 - Add: April 4, 2024, 3pm-5pm (ET), BEC Meeting
 - Move: May 9, 2024, 9am-12:30pm (ET) BFOC meeting to May 13, 2024, 9am-12:30pm (ET)
 - Move: June 7, 2024 Orillia Board meeting to June 6, 2024, 9am-1pm CARRIED
 - Policy Review: Board Members Seeking Employment with Lakehead University

- MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Board Members Seeking Employment with Lakehead University policy be approved, as circulated. CARRIED
 - Policy Review: Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University at Meetings
 - MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University at Meetings be approved, as circulated. CARRIED
 - Learning and Liaison Committee
 - Annual Report
 - Canadian University Boards Association (CUBA) Membership Renewal
 - MOVED that the CUBA Board membership for 2023-24 be renewed. CARRIED
 - Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Membership Renewal
 - MOVED that the AGB Board membership for 2023-24 be renewed.
 - CARRIED
 - Judicial Panel Appointment Recommendations
 - 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 2023 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2024:
 - Monyo Matthew (new)
 - Jo Moore (new)
 - Griffin Carr (new)
 - Amanda Pacholczak (new)
 - Magdy Alanani (new)
 - Nicholas Damer (new) CARRIED
 - MOVED that the following faculty members of the University be appointed to the Judicial Panel for the terms indicated:
 - Dr. Mariette Brennan for the term commencing at the close of the October 12, 2023 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2026. (renewal)
 - Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery for the term commencing at the close of the October 12, 2023 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2026. (new)
 - Dr. Peter Brink for the term commencing at the close of the October 12, 2023 Board Annual meeting to the close of the Board Annual meeting in 2026. (new) CARRIED
 - Strategic Plan Year End Implementation Report (Year 5)

Informational Items Received

- Approved Written Resolution: Appointment of Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities (Dr. Glenda Bonifacio)
- Senate Report (of the September 18, 2023 meeting)
- 2023-24 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:

- Audit and Risk Committee
 - Annual Report
- External Relations Committee
 - Annual Report
- Finance and Operations Committee
 - Annual Report
- Governance and Nominating Committee
 - Annual Report
- President's Report

Items to be Reported in the Open Meeting

- Approval of Tenure Application - Dr. Glenda Bonifacio, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Decanal Reappointments:
 - Dean of Education - The Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Wayne Melville, as Dean, Faculty of Education, for a 5 year term commencing July 1, 2025.
 - Dean of Graduate Studies - The Board approved the reappointment of Dr. Chander Shahi, as Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies for a 5 year term commencing July 1, 2025.
- 2025-2030 Strategic Plan Development Approach - The Board approved the proposed Strategic Plan development approach, as presented, by Administration.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is on November 30, 2023 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (ET).