

Report on the November 26, 2020 Board of Governors Meeting

Members: *Brandon Rhéal Amyot; Robert Arnone; 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; Murray Waboose; Wendy Walberg; Debra Woods*

The COVID-19 pandemic restrictions prevented the Board of Governors from meeting in person on the Thunder Bay campus on November 26, 2020 for its scheduled meeting. In accordance with the Board of Governors Bylaws, Article 14, the Board held a video conference meeting on November 26, 2020.

Open Meeting

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

Lloyd Dennis Award - The Board recognized the 2020 Lloyd Dennis Award recipient, Jacob Kearey-Moreland who was in attendance.

Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) Deputation Request: Tuition Fees and Costs - The LUSU executive team gave a deputation to show the impact of rising tuition, fees and inaccessible services for which students are making payments for.

Previous Minutes - The October 1, 2020 minutes were approved.

Terms of Reference Review - The Board approved the proposed amendments to the External Relations Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference.

Notice of Expiring Terms - Once a year, the Board shall be advised in writing by the Secretary of the names of those members whose terms expire during the current year (Bylaws: Article 7):

- Wendy Walberg (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021)
- Robert Arnone (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021)
- Brandon Rhéal Amyot (Term: October 1, 2020-AGM 2021)
- Murray Waboose (Term: October 1, 2020-AGM 2021)
- Dr. Christine Gottardo (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021)

Policy Review - The Board approved the proposed amendments to the Adjunct Professor Policy. The Senate approved amendments to the Adjunct Professor policy on September 14, 2020.

The following updates, reports and presentations were provided:

- Chair's Report
- President's November 2020 Online Report
- President's Report on Appointments
- Audit and Risk Committee Report (of the November 5, 2020 meeting)
- External Relations Committee Report (of the November 4, 2020 meeting)
- Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the November 5, 2020 meeting)
- Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the November 11, 2020 meeting)
- Learning and Liaison Committee Report (of the November 4, 2020 meeting)
- Annual Report on Policies and Five Year Policy Review Plan Overview
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine Reports
 - Northern Routes
 - NOSM's Response to COVID-19
 - News and Information about NOSM
 - NOSM Board Meeting (September 30)
- Senate Report (of the October 26, 2020 meeting)
- Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report (of the September 28, 2020 meeting)

The following motions were adopted during the open meeting:

- MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Governance and Nominating Committee's Terms of Reference be approved.
- MOVED that the proposed amendments to the External Relations Committee's Terms of Reference be approved.
- MOVED that the proposed amendments to the Adjunct Professor policy be approved.

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:

- Approval of the October 1, 2020 in camera minutes
- November 18, 2020 Board Executive Committee Minutes/Report
- Approval of the Board's 2020-21 Workplan
- Audit and Risk Committee In Camera Report (of the November 5, 2020 meeting)
- External Relations Committee In Camera Report (of the November 4, 2020 meeting)
- Finance and Operations Committee In Camera Report (of the November 5, 2020 meeting)
- Governance and Nominating Committee In Camera Report (of the November 11, 2020 meeting)
- Learning and Liaison Committee In Camera Report (of the November 4, 2020 meeting)
- Approval of Chancellor Electoral Board Appointments
- Chair's Report
- President's Report

Arising from the In Camera Session

Responsible Investing at Lakehead University - The following statement was made by the the Chair of the Board of Governors during the open meeting:

“During the in camera portion of today’s meeting, we, Lakehead University’s Board of Governors, approved a motion that Lakehead University will work towards total divestment of its fossil fuel holdings by the end of the University’s current Strategic Plan in 2023.

I am very proud of the Board of Governors for making this decision.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank our students who have shown leadership and commitment in addressing this global issue.

I would also like to thank the University’s Administration for the countless hours they have spent preparing analyses and reporting to the Board on this important matter, so that the Board could make an informed decision. This was truly a collaborative effort.

This is a momentous decision. But the work to achieve this goal will take time. The process of divestment will proceed in a manner that is consistent with the Board of Governor’s fiduciary and legal responsibilities. It is a complex matter, but one that we are committed to.”

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is on February 5, 2021, from 9:00am-1:00pm.