



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	November 26, 2020
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am - 1:00pm
<b>Join Remotely via Zoom:</b>	<p>Zoom Meeting Link: <a href="https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96792388308">https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96792388308</a> Meeting ID: 967 9238 8308</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For technical support phone 1-866-652-8657 or email <a href="mailto:multimed@lakeheadu.ca">multimed@lakeheadu.ca</a></li><li>• To test ahead of time visit <a href="https://zoom.us/test">https://zoom.us/test</a></li><li>• Please remember to mute yourself when possible</li></ul>
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**Board of Governors Members in Attendance:** Brandon Rhéal Amyot; Robert Arnone; Claudine Cousins; Dr. Christine Ann Dumyn; Gottardo; Angela Maltese (Chair); Brian McKinnon; Michael Nitz; Dr. Moira McPherson; Ross Murray; Anna Sampson; Mark Smith; Cathy Tuckwell; Maria Vasanelli; Debra Woods  
**Regrets:** Murray Waboose; Wendy Walberg

**Administrative Resources in Attendance:** Barbara Eccles (Secretary) - General Counsel & University Secretary; Marcie Morrison (Recorder) - Assistant University Secretary; Yvonne Roussel - Associate University Secretary

**Invited Guests in Attendance:**

Lakehead University Student Union Executive Team - Prabhjot Singh Ahuja; Sukraj Singh Grewel; Rachel Murray; Amla Sandur  
Jacob Kearey-Moreland (2019-20 Lloyd Dennis Recipient)  
Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University)  
Rita Blais - Associate Vice-President, Financial Services (Lakehead University)  
Ann Brandt - Interim Vice-President, External Relations (Lakehead University)  
Dr. Andrew P. Dean - Vice-President, Research and Innovation (Lakehead University)  
Toby Goodfellow - Chief of Staff, Office of the President (Lakehead University)  
Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Principal, Orillia Campus (Lakehead University)  
Dr. Heather Murchison - Vice-Provost, Institutional Planning and Analysis (Lakehead University)  
Kathy Pozihun - Vice-President, Administration and Finance (Lakehead University)

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:08am.

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the Indigenous territories of Thunder Bay and Orillia.

	Item	Presenter(s)
1.	Approval of Agenda  MOVED (C. Tuckwell) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED	Angela Maltese
2.	Need for In Camera Items to be Declared  Members were reminded that items arising that need in camera attention should be declared at the point of discovery.	Angela Maltese
3.	Declaration of Conflict of Interest  Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.	Angela Maltese
4.	Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) Deputation Request - Tuition Fees and Costs  In accordance with the Board of Governors Deputation Policy, the Board Chair approved the deputation request from LUSU. The Chair welcomed the LUSU executive team in attendance and reminded Board members and guests of the Deputation Policy guidelines.  The purpose of the deputation was to show the impact of rising tuition, fees and inaccessible services for which students are making payments for.  The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:	Rachel Murray, Prabhjot Singh Ahuja, Sukraj Singh Grewel, Amla Sandur

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputation Request</li> <li>• Deputations by Appointment at Open Board Meetings of the Lakehead University Board of Governors</li> <li>• Letter to Lakehead</li> <li>• Presentation</li> </ul> <p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• student concerns</li> <li>• impacts on students</li> <li>• international student fees</li> <li>• proposed solutions</li> </ul> <p>LUSU is committed to working towards positive changes in partnership with Lakehead University with the ultimate goal of providing more affordable and accessible education for all.</p> <p>Discussion ensued following the presentation. The LUSU executive team agreed to circulate the results of the survey that they conducted in which 643 Lakehead students participated.</p>	
5.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus.</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>	Angela Maltese
6.	<p>Board of Governors 2020-21 Annual Workplan</p> <p>Due to the confidential nature of certain workplan items, the Boards 2020-21 workplan will be presented for approval during the in camera session.</p>	Angela Maltese
7.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair's written report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. The report highlighted recent events that the Chair attended on behalf of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all new Board members.</p>	Angela Maltese

8.	President's Report	Dr. Moira McPherson
	The November 2020 President's Report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and is available on the Lakehead website at <a href="http://www.lakeheadu.ca">www.lakeheadu.ca</a> .	
8a.	Report on Appointments	
	The President's report on Chair and Adjunct appointments, dated November 26, 2020, was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.	
9.	Executive Committee Report	Angela Maltese
	The Board Executive Committee discussed items of business that were sensitive or confidential in nature during its last meeting. The approved minutes of the November 18, 2020 Board Executive Committee meeting were circulated to the Board of Governors for information with the in camera meeting materials.	
10.	Audit and Risk Committee Report	Brian McKinnon
	A report of the November 5, 2020 Audit and Risk Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.	
11.	External Relations Committee Report	Ann Dumyn
	A report of the November 4, 2020 External Relations Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.	
12.	Finance and Operations Committee Report	Cathy Tuckwell
	A report of the November 5, 2020 Finance and Operations Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.	
13.	Governance and Nominating Committee Report	Maria Vasanelli
	A report of the November 11, 2020 Governance and Nominating Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.	

13a.	<p>Terms of Reference Amendments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference - Draft</li> </ul> <p>The proposed amendments to the Governance and Nominating Committee Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>MOVED (M. Vasanelli) that the proposed amendments to the Governance and Nominating Committee's Terms of Reference be approved. CARRIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External Relations Committee Terms of Reference - Draft</li> </ul> <p>The proposed amendments to the External Relations Committee Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>MOVED (M. Vasanelli) that the proposed amendments to the External Relations Committee's Terms of Reference be approved. CARRIED</p>	Maria Vasanelli
13b.	<p>Annual Report on Policies and Five Year Policy Review Plan Overview</p> <p>The presentation was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>intention of Policy Review Framework and the process for modifying policies or suggesting new policies to fill policy gaps</li> <li>five year policy review plan to ensure that all university policies are brought up to date, including the President's Executive Team policies, Board policies and Senate policies,</li> <li>launch of new policy website</li> <li>Policy Governance Framework requirement for annual update to the Board on status of policies</li> </ul>	Barbara Eccles, Yvonne Roussel

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board's policies overdue in 2018 = 32%, reduced to 27% in 2020</li> <li>breakdown of the Board five year policy review plan</li> </ul>	
	13c.	<p>Notice of Expiring Terms - for information</p> <p>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. These names shall be recorded in the official minutes of that Board meeting (Bylaws: Article 7).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wendy Walberg (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021) - eligible for two additional three year terms</li> <li>Robert Arnone (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021) - eligible for two additional three year terms</li> <li>Brandon Rhéal Amyot (Term: October 1, 2020-AGM 2021) - eligible for two additional one year terms</li> <li>Murray Waboose (Term: October 1, 2020-AGM 2021) - eligible for two additional one year terms</li> <li>Dr. Christine Gottardo (Term: September 27, 2018-AGM 2021) - eligible of one additional three year term</li> </ul>	Maria Vasanelli
	14.	<p>Learning and Liaison Committee Report</p> <p>A report of the November 4, 2020 Learning and Liaison Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
	14a.	<p>Policy Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjunct Professor Policy</li> </ul> <p><i>For information: The Senate approved additional amendments to the Adjunct Professor policy on September 14, 2020.</i></p> <p>The proposed amendments to the Adjunct Professor Policy were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>MOVED (C. Tuckwell) that the proposed amendments to the Adjunct Professor policy be</p>	Barbara Eccles

		<p>approved. Discussion ensued with regards to incorporating gender-neutral pronouns in all University policies in the future. CARRIED</p>	
15.	Other Reports for Information		
	15a.	<p>Northern Ontario School of Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Routes</li> <li>• NOSM's Response to COVID-19</li> <li>• News and Information about NOSM</li> <li>• NOSM Board Meeting (September 30)</li> </ul>	
	15b.	<p>Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council</p> <p>A report of the September 28, 2020 Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council meeting was circulated with the meeting materials.</p>	
	15c.	<p>Senate</p> <p>A report of the October 26, 2020 Senate meeting was circulated with the meeting materials.</p>	
16.	<p>In Camera Session</p> <p>MOVED (B. Amyot) to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal, or real estate nature, and other sensitive or confidential matters, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present. CARRIED</p> <p>Dr. David Barnett, Rita Blais, Ann Brandt, Dr. Andrew Dean, Barbara Eccles, Toby Goodfellow, Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans, Marcie Morrison, Dr. Heather Murchison, Kathy Pozihun and Yvonne Roussel were invited to remain for the in camera meeting.</p> <p>The Board returned to the open meeting at 12:53pm.</p>		
	16a.	<p>Arising from the In Camera Session</p> <p>Responsible Investing at Lakehead University</p> <p>The following statement was made by the the Chair of the Board of Governors:</p>	

	<p><i>“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></p> <p><i>I am very proud of the Board of Governors for making this decision.</i></p> <p><i>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></p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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.”</i></p>	
17.	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting: February 5, 2020, 9:00am - 1:00pm</li> </ul>	
18.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	<p>Angela Maltese</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:58pm.</p>		