



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

Date:	February 8, 2024
Time:	9:30am - 12:00pm (ET)
Locations:	Thunder Bay Campus: Senate Chambers (UC1001) Orillia Campus: Room OA3041 connected to the Senate Chambers) Remotely: via Zoom

**Joined remotely*

Board of Governors Members in Attendance: Rajni Agarwal; Brandon Amyot; Karen Boz; Peter Caldwell; *Dr. Claudine Cousins; David Elliott; *Thomas Kehoe; Dr. Don Kerr; Sunil Kumar; *Pauline Mickelson; Michael Nitz; Dr. Gillian Siddall; Anna Sampson; Mark Smith; *Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Brent Sylvester; Cathy Tuckwell (Vice-Chair); Maria Vasanelli (Chair)

Regrets: Robert Arnone; Rachael Paquette

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Dr. Andrew P. Dean - Vice-President, Research and Innovation; *Toby Goodfellow - Chief of Staff, Office of the President; *Michael den Haan - Vice-President, External Relations; Dr. Heather Murchison - Strategic Advisor to the President and Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis); Kathy Pozihun - Vice-President, Administration and Finance; Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Principal, Orillia Campus; Marcie Morrison - Interim Board Secretary; Trudy McKinnon (Recording Secretary) - Assistant University Secretary; Rosanna Scaffeo - Chief of Staff, Office of the President

The meeting was called to order at 9:38am.

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

Item	Presenter(s)
Welcome and Introduction of New Board Member:	
The Board Chair introduced and welcomed Lieutenant Governor and Council Member David Elliott who was appointed to the Board for a term commencing December 8, 2024 through to December 8, 2026.	
1. Approval of Agenda MOVED (C. Tuckwell) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED	Maria Vasanelli

2.	<p>Need for In Camera Items to be Declared</p> <p>Members were reminded that items arising that need in camera attention should be declared at the point of discovery.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
3.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <p>Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
4.	<p>Code of Conduct at Meetings</p> <p>Members were reminded of the Board approved Code of Conduct in place to promote a positive environment.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
5.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair discussed the recent government announcement regarding a two-year cap on International students visas, and the possible ramifications on Lakehead University.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
6.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's February online report to the Board was circulated in advance of the meeting and was posted on the Lakehead website.</p> <p>In addition, the President expanded on the recent government announcement regarding the cap on International students visas and provided a verbal update on the Blue-Ribbon Panel Report, including an overview of the Canadian of Ontario Universities advocacy efforts.</p>	Dr. Gillian Siddall
7.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>Supporting documentation for the items listed in the Consent Agenda were circulated in advance of the meeting. Prior to approving the Consent Agenda, Board members had the opportunity to request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as a separate item on the agenda under Items for Discussion from Committee Reports or elsewhere on this agenda, to allow for discussion or debate.</p> <p>It was requested that the following items be moved from the Consent Agenda to the regular agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7-C6: Finance and Operations Committee Report ● 7-C7: Governance and Nominating Committee Report 	Maria Vasanelli

	<p>MOVED (M. Smith) that the Consent Agenda be approved, as amended. CARRIED as amended</p>
7-C1.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>MOVED that the minutes of the November 30, 2023 meeting be approved. CARRIED</p>
7-C2.	<p>Executive Committee Report (of the February 1, 2024 meeting)</p>
7-C3.	<p>President's Report on Appointments</p>
7-C4.	<p>Audit and Risk Committee Report (of the February 1, 2024 meeting)</p>
7-C5.	<p>External Relations Committee Report (of the January 31, 2024 meeting)</p>
7-C6.	<p>Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the February 1, 2024 meeting) This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.</p>
7-C7.	<p>Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the January 31, 2024 meeting) This item was removed from the Consent Agenda.</p>
7-C8.	<p>Learning and Liaison Committee Report (of the January 31, 2024 meeting)</p>
7-C9.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>a. Judicial Panel Faculty Appointment Recommendation (to fill vacancy created due to panel member sabbatical)</p> <p>MOVED that Dr. Tanya Kaefer be appointed to the Judicial Panel for a term commencing January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. CARRIED</p>
7-C10.	<p>Other Informational Items</p> <p>a. Research and Innovation Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Goods&Co. Event ii. Dan Riskin: How to Thrive in the Brave New World of AI iii. Research & Innovation Awards of Excellence Gala <p>b. Approved Resolution Without a Meeting - Pension Plan for Professional Staff of Lakehead University (LUF) Amendment 2023-3 and 2023-4</p> <p>c. Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report (of the December 4, 2023 meeting)</p>

		d. Senate Report (of the January 15, 2024 meeting)	
		<p>Item for Discussion from the Consent Agenda</p> <p>Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the February 1, 2024 meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Annual Report on Carbon Intensity of Portfolio - It was requested that this report be removed from the February 1, 2024 Finance and Operations Committee Report, noting that BFOC plans to bring a more fulsome report to the Board. There were no objections to this request. <p>Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the January 31, 2024 meeting)</p> <p>a. Committee Assignment for New Board Member</p> <p>MOVED (P. Caldwell) that the Board appointed David Elliott to the following Board Standing Committee, commending immediately, for the remainder of the 2023-24 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Learning and Liaison Committee <p>CARRIED</p> <p>b. Board Officer Appointment Recommendation (Interim Board Secretary)</p> <p>WHEREAS Yvonne Roussel has resigned as Board Secretary effective January 1, 2022;</p> <p>MOVED (P. Caldwell) that the Board appoint Marcie Morrison as Interim Secretary of the Lakehead University Board of Governors for a term commencing immediately through to the end of her assumed duties of the Acting University Secretary.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>c. 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maria Vasanelli (Term: September 29, 2022-AGM 2024), eligible for 4 more years	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robert Arnone (Term: October 1, 2021-AGM 2024), eligible for 3 more years ● Peter Caldwell (Term: May 1, 2021(partial)-AGM 2024), eligible for 6 more years +one year for the partial year served ● Brandon Amyot (Term: October 12, 2023-AGM 2024), 4 year term limit reached, no longer eligible ● Don Kerr (Senate to determine member for new term) (Term: October 1, 2021-AGM 2024), eligible for 3 more years ● Karen Boz (Term: September 29, 2022-AGM 2024), eligible for 4 more years <p>d. Board Bylaw Amendments</p> <p>In accordance with the Board Bylaws, Notice of Motion was provided at the November 30, 2023 Board meeting. The proposed amendments to the Bylaws were circulated in advance of the meeting. The Governance and Nominating Committee Chair provided context and rationale for the proposed amendments.</p> <p>i. Proposed Amendments (Article 10)</p> <p>MOVED (P. Caldwell) that the Board approves the proposed Bylaw amendments to Article 10, as circulated, and to permit the University Secretariat to post the Board meeting materials publicly in advance of each Board meeting, at the Board’s discretion. CARRIED</p> <p>ii. Proposed Amendments (Articles 8)</p> <p>MOVED (P. Caldwell) that the Board approves the proposed Bylaw amendment to Article 8, as circulated. CARRIED</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>First Progress Report on Strategic Plan Year 6</p> <p>An overview of the report that was circulated in advance of the meeting was provided. Some highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● overview of annual reporting cycle ● "Report Card" for the Strategic Plan metrics that are reported to the Board in January/February each year 	<p>Dr. Gillian Siddall, Dr. Heather Murchison</p>

	<p>During and following the presentation, the Administration answered questions and provided clarification related to the information within the report.</p>	
9.	<p>In Camera Session</p> <p>The Board adjourned for a break at 11:00am.</p> <p>Business resumed at 11:13am.</p> <p>MOVED (B. Sylvester) to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal or real estate nature, or any other item of sensitive or confidential nature, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>At 11:13am, the Board adjourned to an in camera session. Marcie Morrison, Trudy McKinnon, and members of the President’s Executive Team were invited to remain for a portion of the in camera session.</p> <p>The Board returned to the open meeting.</p>	<p>Maria Vasanelli</p>
9.1	<p>In Camera Items to be Reported in the Minutes of the Open Meeting</p> <p>President’s Report on Renewal and Tenure/Simultaneous Promotion to Associate Professor:</p> <p>Exercising the authority delegated by the Board of Governors, the President and Vice-Chancellor, granted Renewal and Tenure and Simultaneous Promotion to Associate Professor, to the following individuals, effective July 1, 2024:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Renewal of Probationary Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Joan Braun, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law ○ Dr. Mirit Grabarski, Faculty of Business Administration ○ Dr. Benjamin Maiangwa, Department of Political Science ○ Dr. Sarah Olutola, Department of English ○ Dr. Gary Pluim, Faculty of Education ○ Dr. Alison Thompson, School of Nursing ○ Dr. Libo Xu, Department of Economics 	<p>Marcie Morrison</p>

		<p>Renewal, Tenure and simultaneous promotion to Associate Professor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Leigh Potvin, School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism <p>Renewal and Tenure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Adam Algar, Department of Biology <p>Tenure and Simultaneous Promotion to Associate Professor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Thangarajah Akilan, Department of Software Engineering ○ Dr. Thiago Alves de Oliveira, Department of Computer Science 	
10.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>		<p>Maria Vasanelli</p>
<p>Return to the In Camera Session:</p> <p>MOVED (D. Kerr) to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal or real estate nature, or any other item of sensitive or confidential nature, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present. CARRIED</p> <p>The Secretariat staff and members of the President's Executive Team left the meeting.</p> <p>At 12:03pm, Board members only adjourned to an in camera session.</p> <p>The Board returned to the open meeting at 12:31pm and the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>The next Board of Governors meeting is March 22, 2024, from 9:00am - 1:00pm (ET).</p>			

 Maria Vasanelli, Chair

 Marcie Morrison, Interim Board Secretary