

## **Report from Senate Representatives on the Board of Governor's – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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Board of Governors Meeting – April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The issue of student tuition was covered at this Board of Governors meeting that did receive a lot of media attention. Every year the Board of Governors decides what the tuition will be for the following academic year. On this matter and pending a review of the Board's policy on conflicts of interest, the Board of Governors passed a motion to suspend the Board's Conflict of Interest By-law as it relates to student participation in discussions and voting on tuition fees in order to allow the Student Governors to participate in the discussion on tuition and to allow the Student Governors to vote on the tuition fees at this meeting of the Board.

One of the most important agenda items was the policy on Deputation by appointment at Open Board Meetings of the Lakehead University Board of Governors. This policy provides for students, faculty, staff or the public to make a deputation to the Board of Governors. The purpose of the deputation by appointment is for the Board to provide the opportunity for individuals and organizations in its internal and external communities to express their interests on specific matters in a timely and orderly way directly to the Board. It is important for this process to be open and transparent as the board moves away from being a representational board.

Another important agenda item was the approval of the Policy Framework for Research Ethics Involving Humans at Lakehead University and the Research Ethics Board Terms of Reference. These items follow on the transition with the transfer of the Lakehead University Research Ethics Board from the Senate to the Board of Governors.

Many positions of adjuncts, directors and chairs of department were also approved.

There was a presentation to the Board of Governors by Andrea Huillery, Director of Admissions and Recruiting, on the topic of recruitment to Lakehead University.

In addition to the Board of Governors meeting the Senate Liaison Committee met and discussed events such as the Board – Senate Social and programs like the Board – Senate Partnership program. To date this program has set up 14 partnership meetings between a member of Senate and a member of the Board of Governors. All partners believe the program should continue. Some of the meetings have been extremely productive resulting in continued meetings and communications. In some of the meetings, the partners have

transferred information that has been very useful to each party and has continued with the exchange of ideas and information. However the greatest challenge for many of the partnerships has been the ability to schedule meeting times with Senators and Board members being so busy.

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