

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is committed to the principle of accountability to the students, faculty and staff of Lakehead University and to the public, which is served by the University. It is the intent of the Board to demonstrate this commitment by conducting its public business at meetings and then distributing the action taken.

Board of Governors' Annual Meeting held on Friday, October 17, 2008. Agendas and Minutes for all Board meetings can be found at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/>.

**** Reports are available from Ms. Patti Merriman, Secretary of the Board of Governors, 343-8614 or patti.merriman@lakeheadu.ca**

Action Taken at October 17th Annual Board Meeting:

1. The Board approved a new policy – Capital Debt Policy. It can be viewed at <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=205>.
2. The Governance Committee recommended to the Board for approval a number of By-Law changes. **
3. The Audit Committee brought forward the 2007/08 Financial Statements which were approved. ** The re-appointment of BDO Dunwoody as the University auditor for the 2008/09 fiscal year was also approved.
4. The Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments:

Appointment of New Board Members:

Mr. Slim Babay	2008-09	LUSU Graduate Rep.
Ms. Vonnie Cheng	2008-10	Alumni Association Rep.
Dr. Gillian Siddall	2008-11	Senate Rep.
Dr. Ethel Gardner	2008-09	Senate Rep.
Mr. Ewan Downie	2008-11	Elected Rep.
Mr. Anthony LeBlanc	2008-11	Elected Rep.
Ms. Darlene Palmer	2008-11	Elected Rep.
Ms. Frances Picherack	2008-11	Elected Rep.

Re-appointment of Board Members:

Mr. Alex Boulet	2008-09	LUSU Undergraduate Rep.
Mr. Andy Crooks	2008-11	Elected Rep.
Mr. David Heroux	2008-11	Elected Rep.
Mr. Peter Holt-Hindle	2008-09	LUSU Undergraduate Rep.
Mr. Lynne Sevean	2008-11	Non-Union Staff Rep.

Appointment of Officers:

Mr. Kevin Cleghorn	Chair
Mr. Don Campbell	Past-Chair
Mr. Colin Bruce	Vice-Chair
Dr. Fred Gilbert	President
Ms. Patti Merriman	Secretary

The Nominating Committee also recommended the 2008/09 membership of the Executive Committee and the Standing Committees. All of the above appointments were approved and can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/committee.php>.

5. Dr. Judith Leggatt was appointed as the representative of the Board of Governors to the Aboriginal Management Council for a one-year period, effective immediately to the 2009 Annual Meeting.
6. The following were approved as faculty appointments to the Judicial Panel for the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures: Graham Borradaile, Anne Clarke, Ron Davis, Todd Dufresne, Sonja Grover, Bill Montelpare, Birbal Singh, and David Tranter.
7. The following were approved as student appointments to the Judicial Panel for the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures: Danielle D'Aleo, Brent Kelso, Renee Roy, Shane Esarik, Angela Morelli, Edward Paddock, Brent Moyer.
8. Ms. Ann Dumyn and Ms. Maria Phipps, Board members, were elected to the Board of Governors' Nominating Committee.
9. The following annual Investment Resolution was approved: that the President and the Vice-President (Administration & 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 Finance and Investment Committee, 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. During the absence of either the President or the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) any one of the signing officers shall be authorized as the second signature. During the absence of both the President and the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) any two of the signing officers shall be authorized to perform the aforementioned activities until the Annual Meeting in 2009.
10. The Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2009 was changed to Thursday, October 8, 2009 to coincide with Lakehead Celebrates which is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2009.
11. The Board ratified Dr. Sylvie Landry as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics retroactive to July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012.

Items for Information at the October 17th Board Meeting:

1. The President's Report consisted of the following:

Deans' Searches

Searches are underway for Deans of the Faculties of Social Sciences and Humanities, Health and Behavioural Sciences, and Graduate Studies.

Enrolment/Recruitment

Enrolment is down slightly from last year by about 100 students. Orillia student numbers are at almost 450 while graduate student numbers have declined by about 100.

Recruitment efforts are underway with the Ontario Universities Fair recently completed with over 100,000 visitors, high school registrations and the new "I will think for myself" campaign.

Orillia Campus

The land transfer of City of Orillia property for the permanent campus has Orillia City Council approval and should see title transfer occur soon as no OMB appeals were filed. Geothermal test holes are being drilled on site to determine the capacity for this energy conservation technology.

The award winning architectural firm of Moriyama and Teshima has been contracted to design the first campus building.

Law School

There continues to be efforts to ensure that the proposal for a Faculty of Law is reviewed at the national level. University Advancement has established a community PACI/Law School Task Force.

PACI

Lakehead University and the Lakehead School Board finalized transfer of PACI to the University. Work is underway to upgrade the facility and it is expected that classes will be held there in September 2009.

Strategic Plan 2010-2013

The strategic planning process is well underway with completion of a review draft expected by the end of the year.

Biorefining Research Initiative (BRI)

The BRI was launched officially on October 6. Dr. Robert Dekker has been recruited as director and joins the other Ontario Research Chair, Dr. Wensheng Quin, who already has an active research program underway. A SHARCNET/MMRC Biorefining Chair has also been recruited and Dr. Wely Floriano will join us in 2009.

FedNor approved equipment funding of \$0.5M for the BRI on September 4.

NORD21

The CFI proposal for NORD21 was submitted on October 5 and University representatives will meet with the review panel this December.

Entrance Scholarships

Lakehead University announced free tuition scholarships for students entering from high school with a GPA of 95% or higher beginning September 2009. This initiative to attract high quality students received national and international attention.

Toronto Advancement Efforts

The University has opened an advancement office in Toronto to reach out to southern Ontario's 16,000 alums. A GTA alumni chapter has been launched as well.

Braun Building Fire

The fire in the east wing of the Braun Building last July resulted in almost \$7M damages. The University has submitted a capital planning request to MTCU to replace the entire building and incorporate an Aboriginal/International Centre in the new facility.

Upgrades to Facilities

The one-time capital funding envelopes received from MTCU are being used to upgrade building envelopes, refurbish laboratories in the Tamblyn Centennial Building, replace steps and entranceways for safety purposes and move forward with a gravity-fed sewer line for the Athletics Complex.

2. The following Committees brought forward Annual Reports which included summaries of events for the year and can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/committee.php>: Audit Committee, Finance and Investment Committee, Governance Committee, Nominating Committee, NOSM Committee Operations Committee, Senate Liaison Committee, Student Liaison Committee, and University Advancement Committee.
3. The Semi-Annual Report on Occupational Health and Safety was submitted for information. **
4. The Annual Report of the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund was submitted for information. **
5. Mr. Tim Pile, Aboriginal Management Council (AMC) Representative, submitted on behalf of AMC an Annual Report. **
6. Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President (Research) submitted a Research report which contained 2007-08 research initiatives and research funding for 2003-2008. **
7. Mr. Richard Longtin, LUSU President, submitted a report which contained updates on the following: languages exchange, Federal election, student lounges, the new Study, and upcoming events. **

8. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Board submitted a summary from its September 11, 2008 Board of Directors' Meetings.**
9. Dr. Strasser, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, submitted a report detailing NOSM highlights and achievements, MD Program Accreditation, graduation ceremonies and special events. **
10. The President submitted a report dealing with 2007/08 student appeals under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures and the Senate Academic Appeals.**