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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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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' Meeting held on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** Agendas and Minutes for all Board meetings can be found at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/>.

### **Action Taken at November 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

1. At the November 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Standing Committees' 2008/09 Action Plans were approved (Audit & Risk Management, Compensation, Finance & Investment, Governance, Nominating, NOSM, Operations, Senate Liaison, and University Advancement). The Action Plans can be viewed on the Board of Governors' Website at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/committee.php>.
2. The Finance & Investment Committee recommended a revision to the Trust and Endowment Management Policy, section "Spending or Pay-out". The spending or "pay-out" rate for each endowment was revised to no greater than two (2) percent from no greater than five (5) percent, noting that the change in rate reflects the current conditions in the investment market. The approved Policy can be view at <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=20>.
3. The Board approved the addition of the Vice-President (University Advancement) as a non-voting member of the Finance & Investment Committee.
4. The Board approved revisions to the Fellow Award Criteria. The criteria can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/wp/?pg=17>.
5. The following Board members were approved as representatives on the Presidential Search Committee: Mr. Colin Bruce, Ms. Vonnie Cheng, Mr. Kurt Dahl, Mr. Gil Labine, and Ms. Maria Phipps. The Board also approved Mr. Michael Pawlowski as the Vice-President representative.
6. The Board approved Mr. Cam Clark, Mr. Bill Covello, Chair, PACI Law School Campaign, and Mr. Paul Weber, Chair, Orillia Campaign, as voting members of the University Advancement Committee.
7. The Board approved the following as Adjunct Professors for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012:
  - Mr. Kevin Cleghorn, Department of Political Science;
  - Dr. Michael Campbell, Department of Chemistry;

- Dr. Monica Vermani, Department of Psychology;
- Dr. Diane Walker, School of Social Work;
- Dr. Laura Curiel, Department of Electrical Engineering; and
- Dr. Samuel Pichardo, Department of Electrical Engineering.

### **Items for Information at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting:**

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

#### ***Visits***

Minister Milloy (Training, Colleges and Universities) and President Genest (Council of Ontario Universities) visited the Thunder Bay Campus during the past month. We discussed issues of importance to Lakehead University and provided tours of the campus. Genest met with the Vice Presidents.

#### ***Research***

Lakehead University demonstrated substantial growth in research funding over the past 5 years and according to Research Infosource Inc., the 107% increase gave it third place in the undergraduate category and fifth place overall in Canada. The University moved to 30<sup>th</sup> from 33<sup>rd</sup> position among the top 50 Canadian research universities.

Dr. Aicheng Chen has been awarded the Fred Beamish Award by the Canadian Society for Chemistry. The Beamish Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate innovation in analytical chemistry research that has significant potential for practical applications.

Dr. Peter Hollings, Department of Geology, received the William Harvey Gross Award from The Geological Association of Canada last June and as a consequence, in October was named as "Citizen of Exceptional Achievement" by the City of Thunder Bay.

Dr. Rui Wang was senior author of an article published in the prestigious journal *Science* on the role of hydrogen sulphide in regulatory blood pressure by relaxing blood vessels.

#### ***Orillia***

Brian Jeffs has been hired as Assistant Vice-President Administration and Finance stationed in Orillia. He is working on the Orillia Strategic Plan with Campus Dean Kim Fedderson which will include a revision of the Orillia Campus business plan.

Geothermal drilling has been completed on the permanent campus site to assess the potential of this source for heating and cooling of the Phase I building. Test results were very good.

#### ***Credit Rating***

Moody's analysis of the University's credit rating left it unchanged at A1.

***Chair Re-appointment***

Dr. Ethel Gardner has been appointed for a second term, January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2011, as the Chair of Aboriginal Education.

2. The Alumni Association submitted a report, which spoke alumni outreach, lost alumni initiative, student engagement, and future direction of the Alumni Association. \*\*
3. The Lakehead University Student Union submitted a written report which included a report on the Day of Action - November 7<sup>th</sup>, students for sustainability tour, presidential superbowl and the creation of a varsity pass. \*\*
4. Mr. Gil Labine, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Board Representative, submitted a written report which summarized the TBRHSC Board Meeting which took place on October 1, 2008. \*\*