

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' Meeting held on Thursday, February 26, 2009. 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 the February 26th Board Meeting:

1. The Finance and Investment Committee submitted a report which summarized Proposed Tuition Fees for 2009/10 and Proposed Miscellaneous Fees for 2009/10. In accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy for Publicly Assisted Universities issued by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in April 2006 the first year tuition fees for most undergrad programs is being increased by 4.5% and the tuition fees for continuing years in these programs is being increased by 4%. The tuition fees for most Graduate programs is being increased by 4% except for the first three terms in Master of Public Health, the twelve month program fee for Master of Science in Management and the Master of Management. The Finance & Investment Committee discussed the impact of tuition fee increases on students and the budgetary impact that would occur in the absence of tuition fee increases. The Schedule of Proposed Miscellaneous Fees for 2009/10 was approved and all increases are within the guidelines permitted by MTCU. **
2. Ms. Judy Flett was approved as a Board of Governors' Representative to Senate.
3. The Semi-Annual Report on Occupational Health and Safety was accepted.**
4. The following Chair appointments were approved effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012:
 - Dr. S. Kissin, Department of Geology;
 - Dr. N. Luckai, Department of Forest Conservation; and
 - Dr. U. Runesson, Department of Forest Management.

5. The following 12 Board members were appointed to the Electoral Board for the election of a Chancellor: Slim Babay, Colin Bruce, Vonnie Cheng, Kurt Dahl, James Dennison, Kirk Dudtschak, Len Hoey, Gil Labine, Darlene Palmer, Frances Picherack, Lynne Sevean, and Bruce Waite.
6. The application for formal centre status for the Centre for Research on Safe Driving (CCRS) was ratified. **
7. The following were ratified as Adjunct Professors:
 - Dr. O. Rubel, Department of Physics, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013;
 - Dr. J. McLaughlin, Department of Biology, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013; and
 - Dr. Jessica Whitley, Faculty of Education, effective retroactive to July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.
8. Dr. William Hettenhausen was ratified as a Professional Associate for the Master of Public Health Program effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.
9. The 2009/10 Board of Governors' meeting schedule was approved. The schedule can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/wp/?pg=22>.

The Annual Board meeting scheduled for October 8, 2009 has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m to coincide with Lakehead Celebrates which has been moved to September 16, 2009.

Items for Information at the February 26th Board Meeting:

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

Orillia Campus

The land transfer from the City of Orillia to Lakehead University has been completed. City Council has decided to build a twin pad hockey facility, soccer fields, tennis courts and a track adjacent to the Orillia Campus site. Negotiations are underway regarding a possible contract with a residence and food provider as a result of an RFP process.

MTCU

The University has received its permanent graduate allotment of 541 Masters and 65 PhD FTEs. As we are almost at the PhD figure already we will be looking at the provision that might allow transfer of almost 5% of the Masters' allocation to the PhD category.

Courtyard Group has submitted its capital planning review and recommendations to the Ministry. It includes both short term investment to capitalize on immediate infrastructure funding available from the federal budget and matching provincial funds as well as longer term initiatives to meet deferred maintenance and growth requirements (primarily GTA).

Research and Innovation Week

This week represents Lakehead's fourth annual Research and Innovation celebrations. Nine success stories featuring our faculty highlighted the events. Dr. Chad Gaffield, President of SSHRC gave a keynote address.

Emergency Warning System

Sirens have been placed on the Thunder Bay Campus to provide sound and voice messages in case of an emergency. The system will be tested and become operational this spring.

COU

Dr. Hayes will attend a dinner meeting in Ottawa with University representatives and federal government deputy ministers who are acting as university champions. Neil Yeates of INAC is Lakehead's champion. The intent of this relationship is to foster support for and understanding of the universities in government and assist government in finding university graduates to replace retiring civil servants.

Canada Research Chairs

As a result of increased Tri-Council funding over the past three years, Lakehead University has been awarded a Tier 1 NSERC and a Tier 1 SSHRC Canada Research Chair.

UMD

The University of Minnesota – Duluth has agreed to forge a collaborative agreement with Lakehead that would formalize a research relationship between the two universities.

2. The Operations Committee Report provided an update on the Braun Building fire, Orillia Campus, Fieldhouse pool, special maintenance activities and Human Resources. **
3. The Senate Liaison Committee submitted a written report which outlined a presentation that the Chair of the Committee gave to Senate.**
4. The Student Liaison Committee submitted a report which highlighted two presentations which took place at a Committee meeting and an update regarding the review of the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures. **
5. The University Advancement Committee provided a report which dealt with a six-month action plan, alumni participation, and current lost alumni.

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6. The Alumni Association submitted a report which provided an update on the Alumni Honour Awards and Outstanding Young Alumni Award, recruitment, student engagement, finance and governance, chapters and outreach, and technology and communications. **
 7. The Lakehead University Student Union submitted a report which spoke to the relationship between the Student Union's membership on both campuses of the University, the Canadian Federation Task Force on Campus Racism that is coming to Lakehead University at the end of March, the second stage of its sustainable membership campaign, LUSU's winter carnival, Pride in the North, funding for post-secondary education for Aboriginal students, and the proposed tuition fee increase. **
 8. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Board submitted a written report which dealt with the TBRSC Foundation, President's Report, Chief of Staff Report, Patient Care Services Report, and Regional Cancer & Diagnostic Services Report. **