

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, April 16, 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 April 16th Board Meeting:

1. Ms. Vonnie Cheng was approved as a Board of Governors' Representative to Senate.
2. The following were ratified as Adjunct Professors effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013:
 - Dr. Mitchell Taylor, Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies, Department of Geography;
 - Dr. Fernando Preto, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering;
 - Dr. Jinsheng Wang, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Chemical Engineering;
 - Dr. Alireza Somarin, Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies, Department of Geology;
 - Dr. Tribeni Sharma, Faculty of Engineering, Civil Engineering Department;
 - Dr. Myint Win Bo, Faculty of Engineering, Civil Engineering Department;
 - Dr. Robert Dekker, Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies, Department of Biology (Internal Adjunct Professor);
 - Dr. Jaro Kotalik, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of Philosophy (Internal Adjunct Professor); and
 - Dr. Geoffrey Hudson, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Department of History (Internal Adjunct Professor).
3. The following Chair appointments were approved effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012:
 - Dr. Adam Van Tuyl, Department of Mathematical Sciences; and
 - Dr. Kamil Zaniewski, Department of Geography.

Items for Information at the April 16th Board Meeting:

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

Steel Bridge Competition

A team of civil engineering students won the Mid-west Regional of the Steel Bridge Building Contest. They will go to the finals in Las Vegas next month.

SSHRC

Lakehead researchers garnered 8 standard research grants and 9 strategic grants from SSHRC for a total of \$2.37M (including \$1M for a CURA grant for aging research received by Mary Lou Kelley of CERAH).

Knowledge Infrastructure Projects

Four projects have been submitted to the federal government for potential infrastructure funding – Braun Building demolition and reconstruction, Orillia Campus, NORD21, and a deferred maintenance package that would allow refurbishment of laboratory and classroom space plus replacement of the VOIP system.

Honorary Degrees

Honorary Degrees will be awarded to Richard Stallman and John Evans at the Thunder Bay Convocations and to Gwynne Dyer at the Orillia Convocation.

Collaborative Nursing

A revised formal agreement on the Collaborative Nursing Program with Confederation College has been signed and is being implemented.

Chancellor

Advertisements requesting nominations for the Chancellor's position will be going out within a week. Deadline for submission of nominations is May 11.

2. The Operations Committee Report provided an update on the Braun Building fire, Orillia Campus, Fieldhouse pool, deferred maintenance, and Human Resources. **
3. The Student Liaison Committee submitted a report which highlighted presentations which took place at Committee meetings and provided an update on distance learning. **
4. The University Advancement Committee submitted a report which dealt with recruiting efforts, launch of a Planned Giving Program, creation of Annual Giving Clubs, and lost alumni.
5. The Alumni Association submitted a report which dealt with the upcoming Alumni Recognition Dinner, GTA Chapter Kickoff Event, Golf Scholarship Classic, student and alumni engagement, and lost alumni. **

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6. The Lakehead University Student Union submitted a report which announced the election of David Grad, President, and Trevor Cava, VP Student Issues for the 2009-10 year. The report also spoke to the creation of a graduate student committee and a graduate student commissioner. The committee through the work of the commissioner will advocate for graduate students and graduate student issues both within LUSU and Lakehead University itself. The report also provided an update regarding the Canadian Federation of Students.**
 7. Dr. Strasser, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, submitted a report detailing action taken at the March 18, 2009 NOSM Board of Directors' Meeting, and NOSM's first graduate/residency celebration. **
 8. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Board submitted a report which provided an update on action taken, as well as information items submitted, at the TBRHSC February 4, 2009 Board of Directors' Meeting. **