

## **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, June 18, 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](mailto:patti.merriman@lakeheadu.ca)**

### **Action Taken at June 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

1. The Finance and Investment Committee reported on the following items:

**2009/10 Updated Budget** - The 2008/09 Updated Budget projects an operating deficit of \$1.557 million compared to the budgeted deficit of \$2.920 million. This decrease in deficit is due primarily to the unanticipated flow of government grants. The projected accumulated surplus at April 30, 2009 is \$3.311 million; \$1.051 million was withheld from the April 30, 2008 carry forward of unexpended budgets and is now included in the \$3.311 million surplus. \*\*

**Approval of Proposed Operating Budget for 2009/10** - The 2009/10 Operating budget is presented showing a deficit of \$3.311 million which is offset by using the accumulated surpluses from previous years which balances the 2009/10 budget. This \$3.311 million represents a structural deficit which carries forward into 2010/11 and will need to be addressed as Lakehead University plans for 2010/11. The budget is based upon revenues related to enrolment of 6,500 Full Time students; 700 of these students are expected to be at the Orillia campus. Student applications, as well as the number of confirmed students, indicate that budgeted enrolment is realistic. The total revenue for the year is estimated to be \$95.289 million and the total expenditures are estimated to be \$98.600 million. \*\*

2. The Board elected Mr. Cam Clark to finish the term of an elected member. Mr. Clark's term is effective from June 18, 2009 to the Annual Meeting of 2011.
3. Ms. Helen Cromarty and Dr. Neil McLeod were reappointed to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Board of Directors for a three-year term, effective September 2009 to September 2012.

4. The Senate Liaison Committee brought forward a proposed action plan for improved communications between Senate and the Board of Governors. A number of items from the action plan were referred to the Governance Committee for further discussion. \*\*
5. The Board of Governors approved the following Chair and Director appointments:
  - Dr. Rachid Benlamri, Chair of the Department of Software Engineering, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012;
  - Dr. Joey Farrell, Director of the School of Kinesiology, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012; and
  - Dr. Gordon Hayman, Chair of the Department of Psychology (reappointment), effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.
6. The Board of Governors approved the following for promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2009:
  - Dr. A. Carastathis, Music
  - Dr. C. Gottardo, Chemistry
  - Dr. A. Dean, Mathematical Sciences
  - Dr. P. Hollings, Geology
  - Dr. R. Jickling, Education
  - Dr. A. Tayebi, Electrical Engineering
7. The Board of Governors approved the following for tenure, effective July 1, 2009:
  - Dr. G. Pyle, Biology
  - Dr. L. Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
8. The Board of Governors approved that Dr. Philip Hicks be appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies for a 5 year term, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.
9. The Board of Governors did not take action to approve the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan. The Board agreed to review the proposed Strategic Plan at the Board of Governors' September meeting and at that time the Board would review any input from the Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **Items for Information at the June 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

1. The Operations Committee submitted a report, highlighting key matters discussed at the last meeting including the Braun Building fire, Orillia campus, Fieldhouse pool, deferred maintenance/construction activities, strategic campus infrastructure program and a Human Resources update.\*\*
2. The Advancement Committee submitted a report which included a report on fundraising results for 2008/09, Orillia campus campaign, alumni engagement, and an update on lost alumni.\*\*

3. The Alumni Association submitted a report, which provided updates on the GTA Chapter Kickoff event, Golf Scholarship Classic, alumni recognition dinner, student and alumni engagement, and the new alumni website. \*\*
4. The Lakehead University Student Union provided a report which updated members on the activities in the LUSU office, along with activities which will be taking place during the 2009/10 year. \*\*
5. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Board submitted a written report which included an update from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation; Volunteer Association; President; Chief of Staff, Medicine, Cardiology, Mental Health, Maternal/Child Services; ER, Critical Care, Trauma and Surgery; Regional Cancer and Diagnostic Services; Information Services; Communications; Quality and Risk Management; and Human Resources. \*\*
6. Dr. Strasser, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, submitted a report which included highlights from NOSM's May Retreat and an update on the Canadian Residency Matching Service. \*\*