

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 Thursday, September 17, 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 September 17th Annual Board Meeting:

1. The Audit Committee brought forward the 2008/09 Financial Statements which were approved. ** The re-appointment of BDO Dunwoody as the University auditor for the 2009/10 fiscal year was also approved.
2. The Nominating Committee recommended the following appointments:

Appointment of New Board Members:

Mr. Tyler Halverson	2009-10	LUSU Undergraduate Rep.
Ms. Margaret Ryan	2009-10	LUSU Undergraduate Rep.
Mr. Chris Fernyc	2009-12	Elected Rep.
Dr. Gordon Hayman	2009 -12	Senate Rep.
Dr. Christine Gottardo	2009-11	Senate Rep.

Re-appointment of Board Members:

Mr. Slim Babay	2009-10	LUSU Graduate Rep. (renominated)
Mr. Don Campbell	2009 -10	Elected Rep (renominated)
Mr. Kirk Dudtschak	2009 -12	Elected Rep. (renominated)
Mr. Kurt Dahl	2009 -12	Union Staff Rep. (renominated)
Mr. Brian McKinnon	Dec 1, 09- Nov 30, 10	City of Thunder Bay Rep. (renominated)

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 2009/10 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>.

3. Ms. Judy Flett was appointed as the representative of the Board of Governors to the Aboriginal Management Council for a one-year period, effective immediately to the 2010 Annual Meeting.
4. Mr. Chris Fernyc was appointed as the representative of the Board of Governors to the Lakehead University Professional Plan Pension Board for a term commencing September 17, 2009 to June 30, 2012.
5. The following were approved as faculty appointments to the Judicial Panel for the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures: Graham Borradaile, Gautam Das, Ron Davis, Todd Dufresne, Sonja Grover, Bill Montelpare, David Tranter, and Beatrice Vernier-Larochette.
6. The following were approved as student appointments to the Judicial Panel for the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures: Jeff Luo, Jay, Stapleton, Massarah Dawood, and Richard Hewitt.
7. Ms. Vonnie Cheng and Mr. Len Hoey, Board members, were elected to the Board of Governors' Nominating Committee.
8. 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 2010.

Items for Information at the October 17th Board Meeting:

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

Enrolment

Preliminary data suggest we are going to meet the Orillia and budget target figures. The only concern is another potential decline in graduate student numbers which jeopardizes our Masters' graduate target number.

Orientation

Faculty and student orientations on the Thunder Bay and Orillia Campuses were enthusiastically embraced.

International

Lakehead University has two visiting faculty – Raj Dhankar from the University of Delhi is in the Faculty of Business Administration, and Autii Hakkinen from the University of Helsinki is the latest Finnish Chair.

Dr. Hayes is visiting Thunder Bay's sister city, Seinajoki, Finland with a delegation from the city. She will reconnect with some of our affiliated Finnish universities and meet with Lakehead alumni in Helsinki.

Research

The University has received \$391,820 from FedNor's Community Adjustment Fund to hire 3 technicians in soils, biorefining and material science as well as an individual to develop and market these areas.

Drs. Chen and Leitch from the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment received \$435,550 in funding from NOHFC's Emerging Technology Program to help develop a partnership with FPInnovations – Forintek Division.

Orillia

On September 4, Minister Clement of Industry Canada announced \$13M in funding (Knowledge and Infrastructure Program) for the academic building. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 11.

Temporary facilities have been secured to accommodate the enrolment increase: 5 new classrooms constructed in leased space at 12/14 Colborne Street E.; new office suites for faculty and administrative staff leased at 17 Colborne Street E.

Work has started on the development of two new programs for 2010: the HBASc-Interdisciplinary Students (Criminology) and the HBASc in Environmental Sustainability.

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 & Risk Management 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. Mr. Dave Grad, LUSU President, submitted a report which contained updates on the following: orientation, November 5th Day of Action Campaign, and Lakehead Homecoming. **
7. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Board submitted a summary from its June 3, 2009 Board of Directors' Meetings. **
8. Dr. Strasser, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, submitted the Northern Passages Newsletter. **
9. The President submitted a report dealing with 2008/09 student appeals under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures and the Senate Academic Appeals. **