

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, November 12th, 2009. Agendas and Minutes for all Board meetings can be found at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/>.

Action Taken at November 12th Board Meeting:

1. At the November 12th Board Meeting, Standing Committees' 2009/10 Action Plans were approved (Audit & Risk Management, Compensation, Finance & Investment, Governance, Nominating, NOSM, Operations, Senate Liaison, and Student Liaison). The Action Plans can be viewed on the Board of Governors' Website at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/committee.php>.
2. The Finance and Investment Committee reviewed the Operating Budget Guidelines and recommended that the ultimate goal is to ensure that the total expenditures of the University do not exceed the anticipated revenues. The Board of Governors approved the 2010/1 Operating Budget Guidelines. The Operating Budget Guidelines and the 2010/11 Operating Budget Preparation Cycle can be viewed on the Board of Governors' Website at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/wp/?pg=42>.
3. The Board approved revisions to the Governance Committee Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/committee.php?show=mand&cid=3&>.
4. The Board approved the proposed Strategic Plan 2010-2013. The draft Strategic Plan can be viewed at http://communications.lakeheadu.ca/strat_plan.php.
5. The Board approved three (3) students for the Judicial Panel for the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures.
6. The Board approved the changes to the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures. The revised policy can be viewed at <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>.

7. The Board approved the following as Adjunct Professors for the term July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013:

- Dr. Eleanor Boyle, Master of Public Health Program
- Dr. Sophie Soklaridis, Master of Public Health Program
- Dr. Carlo Ammendolia, Master of Public Health Program
- Dr. Susan Forbes, School of Kinesiology
- Dr. Philip Allingham, Department of English
- Dr. Sylvia Osborn, Department of Computer Science
- Dr. Maria Grazia Viola, Department of Mathematical Science
- Dr. Christopher Phenix, Department of Chemistry

The Board approved the following as an Adjunct Professors for the term November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2013:

- Dr. J. Randolph Valentine, Faculty of Education

8. The Board approved Dr. Sharon Stone as Chair of the Department of Sociology effective immediately to June 30, 2012.

Items for Information at the November 12th Board Meeting:

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

Enrolment

It now appears that enrolment will be slightly above projections at both campuses. Recruiting efforts continue to ramp up for next year and part of that included a new display unit for the Ontario Universities' Fair that was well received by prospective students and their families. The free tuition for students with 95% high school averages will continue for 2010 entry.

International

Lakehead was visited by a contingent from Shenyang University in northeastern China. There appear to be strong rationales for developing a meaningful working relationship with this particular institution.

Research

Dr. Aichen Chen (Professor of Chemistry and Canada Research Chair in Material and Environmental Chemistry) won the W. Lash Miller Award from the Canadian Section of the Electrochemical Society. The award, given every two years, recognizes excellence in publications and/or technical contributions in the fields of electrochemical science and technology and/or solid state science and technology.

Dr. Robert Jickling (Education) has received the Outstanding Contributions to Research in Environmental Education Award from the North American Association for Environmental Education recognizing his commitment to environmental education research through activities that contribute to theory and practice, that report research findings, and that promote research in the area.

Dr. Rui Wang received \$750,000 (US) from the American Foundation of Asthma to study the role of hydrogen sulfide in the pathogenesis of asthma.

The 2009 joint workshop for research exchange between the University of Minnesota at Duluth (UMD) and Lakehead University was held in Duluth October 14. LU researchers visited UMDS and explored research collaboration opportunities there.

Construction

Work is progressing well on the rehabilitation of the burned out wing of the Braun Building, the sewer line from the Sanders Field House to Golf Links Road, the new telecommunications system, upgrades to classrooms and laboratories and the academic building in Orillia.

Other

The University has started training on the Customer Service Standard of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The on-line training module was developed by Queen's University and all employees will have completed training by January 2010.

Academic Program reviews are being undertaken this Fall in Mathematical Sciences and Music. Languages, Women's Studies, Psychology, Biology and Gerontology will be reviewed early next year.

The Fall Preview Day for grade 12 students was held in Orillia on November 7 and will be held in Thunder Bay on December 4.

2. The Lakehead University Student Union submitted a written report which included an update on the following: election of the new VP Finance, International Day of Action for Climate Change, and Board of Directors- now a fully functioning student union**
3. 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 7, 2009. **
4. Dr. Strasser, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, submitted a report which included an update from the Board of Directors, as well as provided highlights on the NOSM Strategic Plan, Academic Council, the Integrated Clinical Learning Retreat in Elliot Lake and the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships.
5. At the October 14th, 2009 Board Executive Meeting, the Committee ratified the agreement of the Canadian Office and Professional Employee's Union (COPE), Local #96.