

## **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, March 4, 2010.** 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 the March 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

1. The Finance and Investment Committee submitted a report which discussed the amendments to the Trust & Endowment Management Policy and the Use of Excess Borrowing Policy \*\*. The revised policies can be found at: <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=20> and <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=170>
2. The following Professors were ratified as external Adjunct Professors:
  - Dr. David Gauthier, Department of Geology, January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013
  - Dr. Iain Davidson-Hunt, Faculty of Forestry & the Forest Environment, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014
  - Dr. Gordon Putz , Faculty of Forestry & the Forest Environment, retroactive to July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013

The following Professor was ratified as internal Adjunct Professor:

- Dr. Michel Beaulieu, Department of Philosophy, retroactive to January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013
3. The Board's meeting schedule for 2010/11 was approved and can be viewed at <http://board.lakeheadu.ca/>.
  4. Professor R. Isotalo was appointed Chair of Curriculum, Years III and IV, Faculty of Business Administration, for the three year period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

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**Items for Information at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

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

Research and Innovation Week (February 20-26) was a great success. From a kick-off event in the Intercity Shopping Centre on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> to the graduate student awards ceremony event on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, there were lectures, films, posters, and panel presentations by researchers and graduate students as well as a presentation by the President of NSERC, Suzanne Fortier.

A major research partner of Lakehead University, the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute (TBRI) received over \$6M in operating funds from the provincial government. The University has an agreement in principle with TBRI to jointly recruit up to eight research chairs.

An international recruitment trip to Chile, which was to occur this month, has been postponed due to the recent earthquake that severely damaged infrastructure in the country. Dr. Hayes was to explore potential liaisons with Chilean universities with the Chile Mission organized by AUCC, CBIE and ACCC, in concert with the federal government.

The Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment is preparing a name change to Natural Resources Management with considerable concomitant curricular revision. This is part of the Faculty's response to declining enrolment. Senate will act on the name change proposal at its next meeting.

RFPs for the residence and cafeteria at the Orillia Campus are currently being solicited. Construction is expected to get underway early this summer for completion in time for fall 2011.

A water line break on the roof of Kenora House resulted in the flooding of offices in that building. Some of these offices were being used by faculty from the Braun Building relocated because of the fire. They have been moved again to the Conference Services Centre in Residence. Everyone hopes their next move is to a reconstructed wing of the Braun Building.

Both the Federal and Provincial Budgets are to be released this month. In fact, the Federal Budget is being announced at the time of this Board meeting. There are unlikely to be any surprises in the budgets as both levels of government are struggling with substantially increased debt loads. The good news is that there is acknowledgment that post-secondary education and especially research and innovation fostered by the university sector are essential to the future well-being of Ontario and Canada. So while it will be difficult for government to provide

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- much in the way of new funding, there is recognition that the sector needs to be protected against any funding cuts.
2. The Operations Committee submitted a report which provided an update on the Braun Building restoration, the Orillia Campus, Port Arthur Collegiate Institute (PACI) facility, the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse sewer line, and Human Resources. The Operations Committee also submitted a Health & Safety Report. \*\*
  3. The Student Liaison Committee's report provided an overview on the following presentations: residence and security issues on campus, housing issues for students in Orillia, and student health and counseling services. The report also provided an update from the LUSU Executive.\*\*
  4. The Advancement Committee submitted a report which dealt with the appointment of the new Chair, Cameron Clark, an update regarding a mining and exploration fund development sub-committee, the Orillia campaign, Alumni Relations report, and an update from the President. \*\*
  5. The Alumni Association's report dealt with student engagement in Thunder Bay and Orillia, Toronto Rock Lacrosse event, the Alumni Awards dinner, and the 27<sup>th</sup> Golf Scholarship Classic which is scheduled for August 10, 2010 at Whitewater Golf Club.
  6. The Board Executive Committee submitted documents which dealt with the Lakehead University operating account cashflow 2009/10 and the Faculty Employment Equity Policy. \*\*
  7. The Lakehead University Student Union submitted a report that summarized the election results (President - Mike Snodden, VP Student Issues – Neva Bassingwaite, and VP Finance – Chris Valiant). The report also discussed the draft five year strategic plan and the Haiti Relief Fund.\*\*
  8. The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre submitted summaries from its January and February 2010 meetings. \*\*
  9. Dr. Jane Taylor was appointed as the Acting Director of the School of Kinesiology for the term January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010.
  10. The Board of Governors' meeting which was scheduled for June 17, 2010 has been rescheduled to June 4, 2010 (in Orillia) at 3:00 p.m. to coincide with the Orillia Convocation.