
BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING #14-269
Friday March 28, 2014 at 4:00pm
Senate Chambers (UC1001)

MINUTES

Present	Mr. C. Clark (Chair)	Mr. D. Heroux
	Mr. M. Walberg	Mr. G. Labine
	Mr. D. Bacsa	Ms. A. Maltese
	Mr. C. Bruce	Mr. R. Perrier
	Mr. P. Capon	Ms. F. Picherack
	Mr. A. Crooks	Mr. B. Stevenson
	Dr. C. Gottardo	Mr. D. Tamblyn
	Mr. B. Waite	
	Ms. K. Roche (Secretary)	
	Ms. Y. Roussel (Board Governance Officer)	
Others Present	Ms. R. Blais	Ms. M. Phipps
	Ms. D. Comuzzi	Ms. K. Pozihun
	Ms. B. Eccles	Ms. C. Ridley
	Mr. I. Kaufman	Mr. L. Stuesser
	Mr. S. Murdoch-Gibson	
Regrets	Mr. B. McKinnon	Mr. E. Zakrewski
	Mr. W. Keeler	

The Chair of the Board introduced the new LGIC Board member, Angela Maltese. The Chair also congratulated Mr. R. Perrier on his new position at Lakehead University and Mr. C. Bruce on his retirement.

1. Guest Speaker- Dean Lee Stuesser, Dean of Law

Dean Lee Stuesser spoke on experiential learning, the Integrated Practice Curriculum (IPC), which is being implemented in Lakehead University's Faculty of Law. He explained that through this program students have the opportunity to experience every step of the process in a law case, taking a folder through the entire process. In the third year students are split into two groups where half the class completes their studies at the law school and the other half completes a placement. The next term, their roles are reversed. It was emphasized that this program will work well at Lakehead University because the Law School is small and placements can be thoroughly monitored to ensure proper protocol is being followed.

A key feature of Lakehead's law program is that when students graduate they

receive a Juris Doctor (J.D.) and are eligible to write the Bar the following month.

It was noted that Lakehead University is the only university in North America that is providing the Integrated Practice Curriculum to their law students.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Chair reviewed the sections of the By-laws that pertain to the consent agenda and reminded members that items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed.

MOVED (D. Heroux/M. Walberg) that the agenda be approved with the following amendment – between Item #2 and Item #3, add; Delegation – Mr. Ian Kaufman, Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) President.

CARRIED

The Chair introduced Mr. Ian Kaufman.

DELEGATION – Mr. Ian Kaufman, LUSU President – Open Letter to the President, Dr. Brian Stevenson

Mr. Kaufman noted that that he would review the letter with the Board but that he did not expect answers at this time. He noted that LUSU has been invited to meet with Senior Administration next Tuesday to discuss the letter.

Mr. Kaufman read the five recommendations made by LUSU. He then read a sample of responses from students endorsing the letter and supporting lower tuition. He noted that previously students' objections to rising tuition have been unproductive, recognizing there is little the university can do with the current provincial funding model, which is why LUSU decided to take a different approach this year and put forward recommendations.

3. Need for In Camera Items to be Declared

The Chair reminded members that items arising that need in-camera attention should be declared point of discovery.

No additional In Camera items were declared.

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time in the meeting.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting held on January 31, 2014.

MOVED (R. Perrier/B. Waite) that the minutes of the Board of Governors' Meeting held on January 31, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Board Executive Committee meeting held on February 26, 2014

The Board of Governors' Executive Committee met on February 26, 2014 and on behalf of the Board rescinded the motion to change the Board meeting from May 2nd to April 25, 2014.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes (not on the Agenda elsewhere)

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

8. Chair's Report

Mr. Clark noted that although he has been very busy, the Prospectors and Developers Annual Convention (PDAC) event, deserves special recognition. It was noted that this convention, representing the mines and mineral sector, had 25,000 delegates. A team from Lakehead University attended PDAC and were provided many opportunities to promote the University at this event.

9. President's Report

Dr. Stevenson summarized the President's Report. The report is available for viewing on the Board of Governors' website:

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/sg/secretariat/board-governors/board-minutes/archive/docs/2014/node/18113>

Highlights included:

- Met with MTCU to discuss the Education Program cuts.

- Second draft of Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA)
- Food services contract awarded to Aramark with different terms – food from other caterers will be eligible to be served on campus, an after hours Subway will be opened, and significant renovations will be made to the student cafeteria.

9.1 Strategic Planning Objectives

The Strategic Planning Objectives Report was distributed at the meeting.

Dr. Stevenson highlighted some items of this report:

- One-Stop-Shop for student services
- Telepresence roll-out and beta testing
- Officially inaugurated the Presidents' Advisory Council on economic development for Simcoe County

10. Consent Agenda

10.1 Board Learning & Research Committee Report

This report was distributed to Board members with the meeting materials.

10.2 Board External Relations Committee Report

This report was distributed to Board members with the meeting materials.

10.3 Board Finance & Operations Committee Report

This report was distributed to Board members with the meeting materials.

10.4 Board Governance & Nomination Committee Report

This report was distributed to Board members with the meeting materials.

10.5 Ratification of Adjunct Professors

- Dr. Pedram Fatehi as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.
- Dr. Tarlok Singh Sahota as an External Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.
- Dr. David Cooke as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Geology for the term July 1st, 2014 through June 30th, 2018.
- Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Anthropology for the term July 1st, 2014 through June 30th, 2018.
- Dr. Jag Mohan as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Civil Engineering for the term July 1st, 2014 through June 30th, 2018.

10.6 Appointment of Chairs/Directors

- Dr. Kam Yu, Chair of the Department of Economics, for a 1 year term, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.
- Dr. Teresa Socha, Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Studies in the Faculty of Education, for a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.
- Dr. Maurice Benson, Chair of the Department of Computer Science, for a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.
- Professor Roland Martin, Chair of the Department of Visual Arts, for a 1 year term, effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- Dr. Douglas Ivison, Chair of the Department of English, for a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.
- Dr. Yanglin Gong, Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, for a 3 year term, effective July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

10.7 Ratification of Professional Associate

- Mr. Douglas Yahn as Professional Associate to the Department of Anthropology for the term July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

MOVED (C. Bruce/D. Heroux) that the Consent Agenda be approved.
CARRIED

Motions Arising out of Committee Reports

11. Board Finance & Operations Committee

Mr. Heroux provided some highlights from the Finance and Operations Committee Report that was distributed with the meeting materials. The report summarized the proposed increases in tuition. Mr. Heroux noted that we are in the second year of a four-year funding model.

- 11.1 MOVED (D. Heroux/D. Tamblyn) that the Board of Governors approves the proposed tuition fees for 2014/15.

The Board noted that LUSU had presented to the Board earlier in this meeting and asked for consideration of five recommendations.

The Board discussed at length, the intentions of the letter from LUSU. Board members came to a consensus that the deputation from LUSU was not precisely what it had been in other years. Rather than asking the Board not to increase tuition this year, LUSU had asked the Board to convince them that the money was well spent and to find ways to possibly prevent tuition increases in the future. It was noted that transparency appears to be the issue. The cost of audits could be substantive and therefore ways to address transparency in the long term could be addressed.

The Chair called the question.
CARRIED

The Chair noted that a similar scenario plays out year after year since tuition increases every year. There is a need for the Board to address the students' concerns.

MOVED (A. Maltese/M. Walberg) that Administration engage in dialogue with LUSU to address the 5 points raised in the Letter to the President introduced by Mr. Ian Kaufman in his deputation to the Board earlier in this meeting.

CARRIED

12. Board Governance & Nominating Committee

12.1 MOVED (B. Waite/C. Bruce) that the revisions to By-law Article 6; *Elections, Appointment, and Terms of Board Members* be approved, as circulated with the Board meeting materials.

CARRIED

Other Business

13. Board Meeting June 6, 2014

MOVED (C. Bruce/M. Walberg) that the scheduled time to commence the June 6, 2014 Board meeting be changed from 4 pm to 2 pm.

CARRIED

Other Reports and Information Items

The following reports were distributed with the meeting materials for information only.

14. Report of the Board of Governors' Representative to Senate

15. Report of the Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council

16. NOSM Report – March 2014

17. Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointment

Ms. Angie Maltese has been appointed by Order in Council 246/2014 as a member of the Board of Governors of Lakehead University for a term effective February 12, 2014 through December 2, 2014.

In Camera Meeting

18. MOVED (R. Perrier/G. Labine) that the Board of Governors move to an in-camera meeting to discuss:

- Pending LGIC Appointment
- Annual Review of President
- Update on the Reappointment of the President – plan

CARRIED

The Board returned from its In-camera meeting.

19. Motions from the In-camera Meeting

MOVED (C. Bruce/D. Heroux) that Murray Walberg be appointed as the Chair of the Board for a 2-year term to commence immediately after the Board's Annual Meeting in 2014 through the Board's Annual Meeting in 2016.

CARRIED

The Chair noted that a motion was passed in-camera to appoint Bruce Waite to continue on the Board as an elected member until the Board's 2014 Annual Meeting or until his LGIC approval is received.

As well, a motion was passed in-camera to approve the Annual Presidential Review Policy.

ADJOURN

MOVED (M. Walberg/B. Waite) that the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Mr. Cameron Clark, Chair

Ms, Karen Roche, Secretary