

Report of the Senator on the Board of Governors

Senate Meeting #2-2015, February 23, 2015

Board of Governors Meeting #15-274 was held in the Senate Chambers on January 30, 2015. In his Chair's Report, Murray Walberg informed the Board that a 5% reduction in the Board's budget was planned so that the Board could demonstrate leadership in the current budget process. He also expressed his desire to see Lakehead University listed as a top employer in Canada. The board passed several motions, including a motion to approve changes to the university Travel and Expense Policy. These changes include a provision for electronic submission in addition to increases in allowable amounts for some expenses. The board moved to an In-camera meeting to discuss several issues and then resumed its regular meeting to pass motions arising out of the In-camera meeting. These motions included approval of a new Endowment Management Policy and Account Trust Management Policy to replace the former Trust Endowment Policy. The final item of business was approval of a Board Resolution regarding the delegation of authorities to the President. This resolution reaffirms past and current practices at Lakehead that are not formally recorded elsewhere, including the President's power and authority to appoint, promote, discipline and terminate the appointment of all heads of all faculties and schools, the teaching staff of the University, the senior administrative officers of the University (with the exception of vice-presidents and deans) and all other officers and employees "as deemed necessary and convenient for the purposes of the University." These powers and authority rest with the Board in the case of deans and vice-presidents.

On January 31 the Board held its annual retreat on campus. A full agenda was put together by the senior administration and included presentations by vice-presidents and others on topics involving budgeting and efficiencies as well as maximizing sources of revenue. Sheldon Levy, President of Ryerson University, was invited as guest speaker and spoke to the board about innovation, leadership and challenges facing Ontario universities.

The Board is planning a Board/Senate Social on February 24 at the Outpost mezzanine for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and good relations between Board and Senate. All Senators were invited and asked to RSVP by February 13.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator on the Board of Governors for Lakehead University