

Report of the Senator on the Board of Governors
Senate Meeting #5-2015, May 14, 2015

Board of Governors Meeting #15-276 was held in the Senate Chambers on Thursday, May 7, 2015.

The meeting began with Board Chair Murray Walberg introducing Alexis Sharp, this year's Poulin Award recipient. The Board joined Murray in congratulating Alexis on her many achievements and this prestigious award.

At its April 7, 2015 meeting, the Board Executive Committee passed two motions regarding tuition fees on behalf of the Board of Governors. The first motion was to approve the proposed tuition fees for 2015/16 as contained in the Finance and Operations Committee Report. The second motion instructed Administration to start discussions immediately with LUSU around the 2016/17 tuition framework, reporting back to the Board Executive Committee in the fall term 2015.

The Chair reported that the President's Annual Review is underway. The Chair and the Executive Committee met with the President, and the Board was invited to provide feedback. The review is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. On behalf of the President, Barb Eccles made a presentation on the highlights and challenges of implementation of the 2014/15 Institutional Strategic Objectives. Board approved the appointment of Chairs and Directors, the ratification of Adjunct Professors and several Board committee reports.

Vice-President Kathy Pozihun was invited to present the 2015/16 Operating Budget to the Board on behalf of the Board Finance and Operations Committee. The Board approved the 2015/16 Operating Budget as presented, as well as the 2015/16 Ancillary Budget.

Following the Board meeting the Board of Governors was invited to join the President's Advisory Council on Economic Development (PACED) for lunch in the Faculty Lounge. PACED is a volunteer council of community leaders appointed to advise the President on how the university can best contribute to the economic development of Northwestern Ontario. As part of their mandate, the Council is interested in implementing milestones that could be used to measure Lakehead's success in contributing to regional economic development. They might ask the Board of Governors at a future date to adopt these milestones as an amendment to the Strategic Plan. There is also a PACED for Simcoe County and they will meet with the Board of Governors in Orillia in June.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator on the Board of Governors for Lakehead University