

# Lakehead University Board Operating Principles

## **Board of Governors Standing Committees are arranged according to the following general principles and procedures:**

All operations of the Board of Governors and its related committees are carried out in a culture of respect, integrity, accountability, good faith, due diligence, sound governance, risk management, and sustainability on behalf of the University.

Committees shall operate to reinforce the wholeness of the Board of Governors as a diverse collective, which speaks with a single voice.

The purview of Committees is primarily based on the organizational needs of: The Board of Governors, Lakehead University, the Lakehead University Act, Bylaws and alignment with its Strategic Plan; as approved by the Board of Governors.

Committees are organized to assist and advise the Board in conducting its work effectively and efficiently. Committees will ordinarily assist the Board of Governors by reviewing, monitoring and recommending policies, Bylaw changes, policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

Apart from the Executive Committee, meetings of which may be called to make decisions in contingent circumstances between regularly scheduled Board meetings, Committees do not speak or act for the Board, except when formally given such authority for specific and/or time-limited purposes.

Committees will review matters requiring consideration by the Board of Governors under the Lakehead *University Act* and will recommend approval by the Board as consent items or as items for discussion.

Committee deliberations with regard to Transparency, Confidentiality, and Non-disclosure; and Conflict of Interest proceed in compliance with relevant Bylaws.

The Committee structure and operations will enhance the accountability of the President to the Board of Governors by ensuring that Committees do not exercise authority over staff and that no staff other than the President (ex-officio) are members of Board committees.