



BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

MINUTES

Date:	June 6, 2024
Time:	9:00am - 3:00pm (ET)
Locations:	Thunder Bay Campus: Governance Conference Room (UC 2001) Orillia Campus: Room OA 2015 Zoom Meeting

Board of Governors Members in Attendance: Rajni Agarwal; Brandon Amyot; *Karen Boz; Peter Caldwell; *Dr. Claudine Cousins; David Elliott; *Thomas Kehoe; Dr. Don Kerr; Sunil Kumar; *Michael Nitz; Dr. Gillian Siddall; *Anna Sampson; Mark Smith; *Brent Sylvester; Cathy Tuckwell (Vice-Chair); Maria Vasanelli (Chair)

Regrets: Robert Arnone; Pauline Mickelson; Rachael Paquette; Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President (Academic); Hugh Briggs - Director, Physical Plant; Michael den Haan - Vice-President, External Relations; Alexandra Korinowsky - Associate Vice-President, Communications; Jason Lisi - Secretary; Marcie Morrison - Recording Secretary; Dr. Heather Murchison - Strategic Advisor to the President and Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis); Michael Nicin - Executive Director, Government Relations; Kathy Pozihun - Vice-President, Administration and Finance; Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Principal, Orillia Campus; Rosanna Scaffeo - Chief of Staff, Office of the President; *Emma Westover - Associate Vice-President, Financial Services

Invited Guests in Attendance: Andrew Wilson, Rachel Portinga, Shadiya Aidid, Walid Chahal - Lakehead University Socialist Club Deputation

In Camera Session

MOVED (P. Caldwell) to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal or real estate nature, or any other item of sensitive or confidential nature, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present.

CARRIED

At 9:07am, the Board adjourned to a brief in camera meeting. The Secretary, Recording Secretary and members of the President's Executive Team were invited to remain for the in camera session.

The in camera session adjourned at 9:15am.

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the Indigenous territories of Thunder Bay and Orillia.

The open Board meeting was called to order at 9:17am.

Item	Presenter(s)
1. Approval of Agenda MOVED (C. Tuckwell) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED	Maria Vasanelli
2. Need for In Camera Items to be Declared Members were reminded that items arising that need in camera attention should be declared at the point of discovery.	Maria Vasanelli
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.	Maria Vasanelli
4. Code of Conduct at Meetings Members were reminded of the Board approved Code of Conduct in place to promote a positive environment.	Maria Vasanelli
5. Deputation - A Resolution to Divest from Organizations Enabling the Genocide in Gaza (Co-signatories: Lakehead Socialist Club, Disrupt, Climate Justice Thunder Bay, LU Solidarity with Palestine) The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Deputation Policy (for information) b. Deputation Request c. Deputation Presentation The next steps for the Board of Governors recommended by the group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disclosure of all investments held by Lakehead University 2. Divestment from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. businesses, companies, banks, and corporations profiteering from the genocide in Gaza 	Andrew Wilson, Rachel Portinga, Shadiya Aidid, Walid Chahal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. those that produce and support militarization, the arms trade, emerging military <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. security/surveillance technologies, and nuclear weapons. 4. Public statement from Lakehead University supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. academic freedom of faculty and student’s right to speak freely about Palestine. b. an immediate and permanent ceasefire c. an end to Israel’s blockade of Gaza d. an end to the sale of Canadian arms & military technology to Israel 5. in consultation with the university community, develop a policy for reviewing future 6. investments that seeks student, faculty, and staff input <p>The Board plans to review these recommendations.</p>	
6.	<p>Chair’s Report</p> <p>The Board Chair addressed the importance of collaboration and partnerships in achieving future achievements.</p>	Maria Vasanelli
7.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The President’s June 2024 Report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	Dr. Gillian Siddall
8.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>Supporting documentation for the items listed in the Consent Agenda were circulated in advance of the meeting. Prior to approving the Consent Agenda, Board members had the opportunity to request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as a separate item on the agenda under Items for Discussion from Committee Reports or elsewhere on this agenda, to allow for discussion or debate.</p> <p>MOVED (P. Caldwell) that the Consent Agenda be approved. CARRIED</p>	Maria Vasanelli
	<p>8-C1. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>MOVED that the minutes of the April 26, 2024 meeting be approved. CARRIED</p>	

	8-C2.	Executive Committee Report (of the May 9, 2024 meeting)
	8-C3.	President’s Report on Appointments
	8-C4.	Audit and Risk Committee Report (of the May 9, 2024 meeting)
	8-C5.	External Relations Committee Report (of the May 8, 2024 meeting)
	8-C6.	Finance and Operations Committee Report (of the May 13, 2024 meeting)
	8-C7.	<p>Governance and Nominating Committee Report (of the May 14, 2024 meeting)</p> <p>a. 2023-24 Board Meeting Schedule Amendments</p> <p>i. MOVED that the Board approves the following amendments to the 2023-24 Board meeting schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Move October 10, 2024 Board meeting to October 9, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm (ET) ● Move October 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to October 9, 2024, 1:00pm-3:00pm(ET) ● Move October 11, 2024 Board Fall Retreat to October 10, 2024, Time TBD <p>CARRIED</p> <p>b. Recommendations for Term Renewals (External Members)</p> <p>i. MOVED that the Board re-elects Maria Vasanelli for a 3 year term, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting. CARRIED</p> <p>ii. MOVED that the Board re-elects Robert Arnone for a 3 year term, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting. CARRIED</p>

		<p>c. 2024-25 Board Appointment Process Summary</p> <p>d. Committee Chair Recommendations</p> <p>i. MOVED that the the following list of proposed Committee Chairs be approved and that the term for each be one year, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2025 Annual Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BEC - Cathy Tuckwell o BARC - Sunil Kumar o BERC - Michael Nitz o BFOC - Robert Arnone o BGNC - Mark Smith o BLLC - Maria Vasanelli (Chair) and Claudine Cousins (Vice-Chair) <p>CARRIED</p> <p>e. Recommendations to External Organizations (Senate, Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council, and Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan)</p> <p>i. MOVED that Mark Smith be appointed to the Senate, to serve as the Board Member on the Senate for a one year term. CARRIED</p> <p>ii. MOVED that Thomas Kehoe be appointed to the OIEC, as the Board Member on the OIEC for a one year term. CARRIED</p> <p>iii. MOVED that Cathy Tuckwell and Ann Dumyn be appointed to the Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan for one year, commencing at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2024 through to the close of the Annual Meeting in 2025. (NOTE: The second Board representative on the Pension Board is not required to be a member of the Board.) CARRIED</p>
8-C8.		<p>Learning and Liaison Committee Report (of the May 8, 2024 meeting)</p> <p>a. Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) Board Membership Renewal</p> <p>i. Membership Renewal Invoice</p> <p>ii. ICD Membership Brochure</p>

		<p>MOVED to recommend that the Board of Governors approves renewing the ICD Board membership that expires on May 31, 2024. CARRIED</p>
	8-C9.	<p>Other Informational Items</p> <p>a. Senate Report (of the April 18, 2023 meeting) b. Senate Report (of the May 13, 2023 meeting)</p>
9.	<p>Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <p>a. Pension Investment Fund Annual Report b. Pension Investment Fund Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>The Administration provided context and answered questions related to some of the information that was provided.</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board Audit and Risk Committee has been delegated by the Board to review and recommend to the Board approval of the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund audited statements; and</p> <p>WHEREAS this matter requires attention prior to the the next scheduled Board Audit and Risk Committee meeting scheduled on September 12, 2024;</p> <p>MOVED (C. Tuckwell) that the Board of Governors approves the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund financial statements, as circulated. CARRIED</p>	<p>Emma Westover</p>
10.	<p>Strategic Plan - June Report on Implementation (Year 6)</p> <p>Administration provided a progress report on implementation of the Strategic Plan, year 6. Highlights from the presentation that was circulated in advance of the meeting included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● context - year 6 interim report 2 ● overview of the five themes of the Strategic Plan ● overview of the annual reporting cycle ● report on the following metrics: 	<p>Dr. Gillian Siddall, Dr. Heather Murchison</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Metric 2, target achieved: Achieve 100% participation rate of senior year students in experiential learning ○ Metric 6, target trending in right direction/progress impacted by CV-19: Increase in post-doctoral fellows ○ Metric 7, target trending in right direction/progress impacted by CV-19: Increase the number of Research Chairs to 25 ○ Metric 10, target trending in the right direction: Indigenous student enrolment at both baccalaureate and graduate levels will increase ○ Metric 11, target achieved: The number of Indigenous faculty members and staff will increase ○ Metric 15, target achieved: Increase participation in Achievement Program and Nijii Mentorship Program ○ Metric 16, target achieved: Increase enrolment of under-represented student groups in specific programs ○ Metric 18, target achieved: Increase in number of work integrated learning opportunities across disciplines ● 2018-2025 Strategic Plan Report Card (update May 10, 2024) ● Strategic Plan Year 6 infographic slide highlighting major milestones, and new activities and initiatives that have been implemented ● 2025-2030 Strategic Plan timeline and engagement overview <p>During and following the presentation, the Administration answered questions and provided clarification related to some of the information that was provided.</p>	
11.	<p>In Camera Session and Lunch Break</p> <p>MOVED (C. Tuckwell) to adjourn to an in camera session to discuss items of a personnel, legal or real estate nature, or any other item of sensitive or confidential nature, and that only members of and others approved by the Board may be present.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>At 10:55am, the Board adjourned to an in camera session. The Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chief of Staff, and members of the President’s Executive Team were invited to remain for the in camera session.</p>	<p>Maria Vasanelli</p>

	<p>The Chief of Staff and members of the President’s Executive Team left during the in camera session.</p> <p>The Board returned to open meeting at 3:39pm.</p>	
11.1	<p>In Camera Items to be Reported in the Minutes of the Open Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual Presidential Assessment: <p>In accordance with the Annual Presidential Assessment: Policy and Procedures, the Board reviewed and approved the 2023-2025 President’s goals and objectives statement.</p> ● Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Past Chair Election Results: <p>In accordance with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair Election Procedures, an election was held in camera. The following election results were reported in camera:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board Chair: Cathy Tuckwell - commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting to the close of the Annual Meeting in 2026 ○ Board Vice-Chair: Mark Smith - commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting to the close of Annual Meeting in 2026 ○ Board Past-Chair: Maria Vasanelli commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting and ending at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2026. ● President’s Report on Promotion to Full Professor: <p>Exercising the authority delegated by the Board of Governors, the President and Vice-Chancellor, granted promotion to full professor, to the following individuals, effective July 1, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Douglas Hayes, Department of English ○ Dr. Charles Levkoe, Department of Health Sciences ○ Dr. Claudio Pousa, Faculty of Business Administration ○ Dr. David Richards, Faculty of Business Administration ○ Dr. Matthew Tocheri, Department of Anthropology 	Jason Lisi

12.	Other Business There was no other business.	Maria Vasanelli
The meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.		

Maria Vasanelli, Chair

Jason Lisi, Secretary