Board Meeting Highlights

The Sept. 30, 2021, Board of Governors' meeting was a hybrid meeting held in person at the Barrie Campus in room M134 and via Microsoft Teams.

The board received a number of reports, including:

• Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Update • Strategic Mandate Agreement 3 – Report Back • Program Advisory Committee Annual Report • Update on Nursing Agree • COVID-19 Update	• Enrolment Management Update • Health and Safety Report • Access and Privacy Report • Legislation Compliance Report • Program Advisory Committee Appointments

Motions were passed by the board to approve:
- 2021-22 Business Plan
- Budget Development Process
- New programs:
    - Artificial Intelligence Leadership and Management
    - Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology

Introduce and welcome new student presidents
The board welcomed the three Georgian College Students' Association presidents: Ashley Schlorff, Owen Sound; Koray Ozkan, Orillia; and Ishaan Sachdev, Barrie.

Presentation on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Greg McGregor and Pat Whittington provided the board with a presentation on Truth and Reconciliation at Georgian that outlined our past, present and future. Future initiatives include enhanced curriculum development and faculty training, additional Indigenous representation across the college and increased cross-departmental partnerships for greater reciprocity.

Welcome new governors
The board welcomed seven new board members. They include external governors Kimberley Greenwood from Barrie; Steve Loftus from Barrie; Joanne McPhail from Barrie; Carolyn Garvey from Barrie; and Don Gordon from Midland. New internal governors include Tirth Patel, student representative; and Jake Chevrier, support staff representative.

New program approval
The board approved two new programs. **1. Artificial Intelligence Leadership and Management**. This program provides students with the necessary background to become business leaders in artificial intelligence. Students will explore the links between Blockchain technology, the internet and impact on artificial intelligence to become leaders that can sustain a rapidly ever-changing business world. **2. Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology.** The program is designed to help financial services and business professionals, entrepreneurs, government officials and public administrators better understand the technical underpinnings of Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Technology, how it will likely interact with existing monetary and financial systems, and what opportunities exist for innovation in cryptocurrency systems.

2021-22 Annual Business Plan

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities requires colleges to prepare a business plan each fiscal year, outlining operations within the framework of their respective strategic plans and identifying outcomes they expect to achieve. Georgian's business plan identifies key priorities and initiatives from our strategic plan, Strategic Mandate Agreement and our academic plan that we will pursue during 2021-22.