

Board Meeting Highlights

The Sept. 27, 2018 Board of Governors' meeting was held at our Barrie Campus.

Welcome incoming board members

The board welcomed internal governor, Eric Jerome, IT Systems Administrator, who will represent our support staff employees as well as a new external governor, Margot Ballagh, lawyer and former vice chairperson and administrative law judge for the Social Security Tribunal of Canada. Margot is from the Barrie area. Our new board chair is Don Gordon who is in his sixth year on the board and lives in the Midland area.

Introduction of new student presidents

The board had the opportunity to meet and welcome our new student presidents: Scott Mason from Orillia and Jonah Brandridge from Barrie. Helen Fan from the Owen Sound Campus was unable to attend the board meeting, however, the board extended a warm welcome to Helen as well.

The board received a number of reports, including:

- Health and Safety Report
- Access and Privacy Report
- Ten Day Enrolment Count
- Legislation Compliance Report
- Program Advisory Annual Report

Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- The 2019-20 Budget Development Process
- Tuition and Ancillary Fees
- Re-appointment of External Auditors

2019-20 Budget Development Process

College staff members began work on the development of the next fiscal year's budget early in the fall. The Finance and Audit Committee and the board are provided with regular updates on this process. Board approval of the annual budget is required.

The college will continue to monitor its fiscal risks and opportunities and put in place plans, where appropriate, to mitigate the risks and/or leverage opportunities. With the change in government, there is uncertainty with regard to the fiscal and policy agenda and how it will impact colleges during 2018-19 and in subsequent years. The planning process will continue with a second round of budget meetings in early 2019 to review the 2018-19 forecast and finalize the draft 2019-20 budget.

Construction update: – Advanced Technology Centre (ATC)

The ATC remains on budget; the college received occupancy of the new building at the end of August; student learning commenced on the first and second floors of the new building in September. The third floor is progressing well; the official building opening is Nov. 15.

Tuition fees

The board reviewed the domestic, international tuition fees as well as the ancillary fees; this included a comparison of Georgian's fees with six other colleges. To move forward with operationalizing the academic year for 2019-20, domestic, international tuition fees as well as ancillary fee schedules were approved as presented.