

# Board Meeting Highlights

The April 25, 2019 Board of Governors' meeting was held at the Barrie Campus.

## The board received a number of reports, including:

- Council Deputations
- Program Advisory Committees
- Ancillary Fees

## Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- Appointment of Committee Chairs

## Presentations to the board

**Kristy Alford:** A second-year Community Integration Through Co-operative Education (CICE) student at the Barrie Campus gave a presentation on her trip to Dubai to train for and compete in the Special Olympics World Games. Kristy received a gold medal in mini javelin, a silver medal in the 100m run and her relay team earned a gold medal in the 4 X 100 relay.

**Linda Franklin, President and CEO Colleges Ontario:** Linda presented on the realities of 2019: Where we are and where are we going? Linda highlighted possible changes for the college sector and our students. Linda noted that colleges have a critical leadership role in the new skills-based, fast-evolving economy.

## Ancillary fees

In January, the Ontario Government announced it was introducing a Student Choice Initiative through which students would have the choice to opt-out of fees that were not deemed to be essential by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Ongoing discussions with the ministry resulted in refinements to the government's policy framework.

In addition to the ancillary fee procedure, colleges are expected to provide an opt-out option up front for students and it must be online. Fees must be itemized individually for maximum transparency. The college engaged with the Georgian College Students' Association (GCSA) in discussions regarding the fee structure and which fees could be included in the essential fee categories and which fees would be opted out for the fall of 2019. The itemized fees and their descriptions will be posted on line for all students to review. The online opt-out option is in the development stages and will be available in August 2019 for fall registration.

The college will continue to work with GCSA representatives to ensure students have access to non-essential services, such as clubs and social activities, to continue to engage students with on campus activities.

## Election of officers

The Board of Governors held an election to determine the Board Chair and Vice-Chairs for the period commencing Sept. 1, 2019 to Aug. 31, 2020. The following board members were elected to the positions noted:

- **Brian Davenport – Chair**
- **Paul Larche – Vice Chair**
- **Marilynn Booth – Vice Chair**