

Board Meeting Highlights

The March 30, 2023, Board of Governors’ meeting was held in person the Community Room, H building, at the Barrie Campus and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The board received a number of reports, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Advisory Committee Appointments• Enrolment Management Update• Emergency Risk Management Report• 2023-24 Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023-24 Business Plan• Program Approval: Medical Laboratory Technician• Program Approval: Business Agriculture |
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Presentation: Student video

The board meeting opened with [an inspiring video of Balaji Dhananjay](#) (AJ). AJ demonstrated incredible resiliency while applying for his co-op placement. The process to get a berth (co-op) on a ship is significantly more complex for an international student than a domestic student, and he never gave up!

Emergency risk management update

Campus Safety Services (CSS) is responsible for safety and emergency related college-wide policies and procedures, response to safety and emergencies, as well as emergency risk management. Focused efforts are on prevention, training and emergency response by conforming to industry standards and best practices.

Since the last reporting period, the college has responsibly segued to a more conventional return to on-campus activities by introducing or returning to employee flex work scheduling; a mixture of online and on-campus classes; a full return to varsity and other sporting athletic teams’ activities; full food services; and a return to full and in-person student services. The college has also lifted travel restrictions for college-sanctioned purposes, including travel abroad (students and employees); overseas recruitment efforts; and attendance at conferences, in-person training and other symposiums or gatherings.

More recently, CSS distributed a brief survey to department managers to help establish a new baseline of preparedness in the event the college experiences a future interruption to on-campus activities. The data from the survey will assist in creating a road map to success if, and when, the college experiences a critical emergency requiring the activation of its emergency plan followed by business continuity strategies.

2023-24 Budget

The college presented a surplus budget for 2023-24, which the board of governors approved.

The Ontario Government tabled its budget on March 23, 2023. Any impacts to the budget will be reviewed and considered as appropriate.

2023-24 Business Plan

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities requires all colleges to prepare a business plan each fiscal year consistent with the vision and directions established in the college's strategic plan. Georgian's *2023-24 Business Plan* reflects the operationalization of the first year of the college's *Strategic Plan (2022-24)*.

The board of governors approved the plan as presented.

Program approvals

The board of governors approved the Medical Laboratory Technician and Business Agriculture programs as presented.