

Board Meeting Highlights

The June 8, 2017 Board of Governors' meeting was held at our Barrie Campus.

The board received a number of reports, including:

- Health and Safety Report
- Legislation Compliance Report
- Access and Privacy Report
- Annual Reports from the Advancement, Finance and Audit and Nominations Committees
- Enrolment Management Reports

Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- The 2017-18 Business Plan
- The 2016-17 Annual Report
- Appointment of Board Committee Chairs for 2017-18
- Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2017

2017-18 Business Plan

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development requires each college to prepare a business plan each fiscal year consistent with the vision and directions established in the college's strategic plan and reflective of the commitments outlined in our Strategic Mandate Agreement. The business plan allows each college to plan its operations for the fiscal year within the framework outlined in their respective strategic plans and identifies operational outcomes the college expects to achieve in the identified year. The business plan identifies key priorities and initiatives from Georgian's strategic plan as well as the Strategic Mandate Agreement and the academic plan that will be pursued during 2017-18. The business plan, along with the budget, must be submitted to the ministry by June 30 and posted on the college website.

2016-17 Annual Report

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development requires each college to prepare an annual report each fiscal year that assesses the college's achievement of the operational outcomes established in the business plan for the year and includes the audited financial statements. A key purpose of the annual report is accountability to the government as well as to the public. Georgian has prepared its report in accordance with the ministry's operating procedure, which was revised in September 2010 and prescribes requirements for the colleges' annual reports. The annual report must be submitted to the ministry by July 31 and posted on the college website. Both the annual report and business plan will be submitted to the ministry by June 30, at which time links to the documents will be posted on the Board of Governors [Reports](#) web page.

Anishnaabe Education and Training Circle Annual Report (AETC)

The Board of Governors was provided with an update on (AETC) activities, which included: The annual Pow Wow which attracts approximately 3,000 people to Georgian. A series of Indigenous knowledge-sharing workshops and events were organized. This supports the *Enhanced Indigenization* commitment in the 2017-21 strategic plan. AETC is partnering with Lakehead University to create a pathway between Georgian's Anishnaabemowin program and Lakehead's Native Language Instructors' program. The Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) Introduction to Carpentry Project is delivered on BFN to 12 Ontario Works students. This involves two eight-week programs providing theory and hands-on experience. A dual credit course (Ojibway Language and Culture), is offered at the Midland Campus. This course targets Indigenous students. AETC has worked closely with community members to organize information sessions and hands-on workshops that highlight opportunities at Georgian. AETC is also collaborating with the Métis Nation of Ontario and industry partners.

AETC will continue with quarterly meetings, which have been instrumental in setting the direction and the priorities for the Indigenous Studies department. They continue to support the attraction, retention and graduation of students of Indigenous ancestry.