

Board Meeting Highlights

The Dec. 12, 2019, Board of Governors' meeting was held in Barrie.

The board received a number of reports, including:

- Ancillary Fee – Student Choice Initiative Update
- Program Advisory Committee Appointments
- Technology projects boost teaching and learning in the classroom
- Enrolment Update
- Mid-year Business Plan Update

Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- Investment Performance Procedure
- Tuition and Program Fees
- Program Approval – Mechatronics Program
- Investment Performance Report
- Approval of 2019/20 Interim Year-end forecast Submission
- Ancillary Fee Schedule Approval

Tuition and Program Fees

In January 2019, the Provincial Government announced the new Tuition and Ancillary Fees Reporting and Operating Procedure for 2019-20 and 2020-21 which included a two- year reduction of 10% for all Domestic Tuition. This Government Policy announcement did not affect the college's ability to increase International Tuition or deregulated tuition. The college reduced the domestic tuition in 2019-20 by 10% in accordance with the Provincial Government's policy direction.

The International Department, in consultation with Finance and the Office of the Registrar, initiated a review of Ontario college tuition rates for International students. As a result, it is recommended that there be a 3% increase in international tuition rates for the majority of programs. Given the financial challenges faced by our International students and the college's desire to diversify the student population, 1% of this increase (\$125/semester or approximately \$400,000) will go towards new scholarships and financial supports for international students.

Technology projects boost teaching and learning in the classroom

Technology within the learning environment continues to be a priority, and Georgian's Technology Enabled Learning Committee (TELEC) makes recommendations for enhancements and changes to academic technologies at the college. Under the committee's direction and consultation with faculty, each year, a number of academic-focused IT projects that support teaching and learning are launched and either fully implemented, or implemented as a pilot for future college-wide consideration. This committee assesses the implementation of existing projects, monitor the pilot projects, while also exploring new technologies to support teaching and learning.

Mid-year Business Plan Update

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities requires every college to prepare a business plan each fiscal year consistent with the vision and commitments established in the college's strategic plan and reflective of the directions outlined in the college's Strategic Mandate Agreement. The business plan allows each college to plan its operations for the fiscal year within the framework outlined in its strategic plan and identifies operational outcomes the college expects to achieve in the identified year. The Ministry uses the information provided in college business plans to advise and inform government planning and policy-making. Georgian's 2019-20 Business Plan, approved by the Board of Governors and

submitted to the Ministry in June 2019, identifies the initiatives from the college's strategic plan which will be pursued over the year.

The Mid-Year Review Report, which is for internal information only and is neither mandated by nor submitted to the Ministry, reflects the progress made against the commitments in the 2019-20 Business Plan and mirrors the format the college uses for its Annual Report to the Ministry at year-end. The detailed report describes the current status of each of the yearly initiatives while the one page summary captures this information in condensed form.

The college's 2019-20 Annual Report, which reflects the outcomes of the commitments made in the 2019-20 Business Plan, will be submitted to the Board for approval by June 2020 and delivered to the Ministry by July 31, 2020.

The college will draft the 2020-21 Business Plan and submit a draft to the Board for input prior to the final draft being submitted to the Board in June for approval. Following Board approval, the 2020-21 Business Plan will be submitted to the Ministry by June 30, 2020.