

Board Meeting Highlights

The Dec. 16, 2021, Board of Governors' meeting was a virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams.

The board received a number of reports, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule for Budget Approval• Enrolment Update• Mid-Year Business Plan Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment Performance Report• International Update• Tuition and Program Fee Schedule |
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A number of motions, including the following, were passed by the board to approve:

- Ancillary Fees Schedule Approval
- Lease Downtown Barrie – 5 Ross St.
- Tuition and Program Fee Schedule
- Revised and refreshed 2022-24 Strategic Plan Framework
- The 2021-22 interim year-end projection of a balanced budget based on the information available as of Nov. 30, 2021

2022-24 Strategic Plan Framework

The Board of Governors is accountable for the strategic plan, which anchors the college's Accountability Framework and establishes the college's vision and forward-looking direction. Georgian's 2016-21 plan is essentially complete. Numerous consultations have occurred with the board as well as college-wide with students, faculty and staff to gather input for the 2022-24 Strategic Plan Framework. A revised framework, reflecting governors' feedback, was circulated following the October Board Retreat and board members were invited to review and comment. The Senior Leadership Team completed additional work to incorporate the board's feedback and to confirm success outcomes for each commitment in the plan. Staff will develop a two-year operational plan based on board approval of the 2022-24 Strategic Plan.

Approval of 2021-22 Interim Year-End Forecast submission

The current Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) Governance and Accountability Operating Procedure regarding business plans directs colleges to submit a board approved interim year-end projection based on Nov. 30 financial balances by Jan. 14, 2022. Based on the information available as of Nov. 30, 2021, the college is recommending the Board of Governors approve the 2021-22 interim year-end projection of a balanced budget.

Lease – Downtown Barrie, 5 Ross St.

The college requires the Board of Governors' authorization to extend the current five-year lease for the Arch and Helen Brown Design and Digital Arts Centre, located at 5 Ross St. in downtown Barrie. The current space is custom designed for the design and visual art programs, 16,698 square feet. The lease commenced Aug. 1, 2017, with an end day of July 31, 2022. Georgian has the right to renew the lease for one additional five-year term. The college is in the process of finalizing its 2022-23 enrolment planning and has been assessing its space requirements as part of this process. Based on past use rates and anticipated enrolment trends, this space will continue to be required.

Sexual Violence Annual Report

The MCU has mandated that all postsecondary institutions report on the incidence of sexual violence at their institution on an annual basis. The board received a report that covers September 2020 to August 2021 and is the fourth annual report compiled by the college. The college is asked to report on the following:

1. The number of times supports, services and accommodation relating to sexual violence are requested and obtained by students enrolled at the college, and information about the supports, services and accommodation.
2. Any initiatives and programs established by the college to promote awareness of the supports and services available to students.
3. The number of incidents and complaints of sexual violence reported by students, and information about such incidents and complaints.
4. The implementation and effectiveness of the policy.

The total number of formal complaints/reports of sexual violence between September 2020 and August 2021 was 10 as compared to 11 last year and 25 during the 2018-19 reporting year. Sexual violence is defined by the ministry as: “Any sexual act or act targeting a person’s sexuality, gender identity or gender expression, whether the act is physical or psychological in nature, that is committed, threatened or attempted against a person without the person’s consent, and includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, indecent exposure, voyeurism and sexual exploitation.” Of the 10 reported incidences, one of the formal complaints/reports was of sexual assault. This case was resolved via interim measures and accommodations for the survivor.

Digital Innovation Strategy

The Board of Governors passed motions at its June 2021 meeting to approve the fiscal strategy to operationalize the three-year Digital Innovation Strategy. There are 14 projects included on the plan for 2021-22. One project has been initiated but given staff workloads it will not be operationalized until next fiscal year. The 13 remaining projects are on time and within the allocated budget allocated.

The college anticipates publishing the Request for Proposal for the Integrated Service Management initiative in the winter semester with the contract to be awarded in March/April 2022 and a project launch following the board approval.