

# Board Meeting Highlights

The April 29, 2021, Board of Governors' meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Committee Minutes</li><li>• Finance and Audit Committee Minutes</li><li>• Public-Private Partnership Update</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Advisory Committee Appointments</li><li>• Board Scorecard</li><li>• COVID-19 Update</li></ul>
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**Motions were passed by the board to approve:**

- New Program Approvals
- Allocation of Government COVID Funding
- Appointment of Committee Chairs

**New Program Approvals**

**The board approved three new programs**

**1. Mental Health – Interprofessional Practice**

Proposed launch is fall 2022 at the Barrie Campus and will be delivered via HyFlex (offered in person and online simultaneously). This program offers a practice-and-evidence-based credential with a particular focus on the bio-medical and other determinants of health, geared toward professionals in health care working on interprofessional teams. The program is ideal for health-care providers who are interested/required in enhancing existing foundational knowledge in caring for their client population from an integrated mental health, addictions and physical health perspective.

**2. Gerontology and Palliative Care Interprofessional Practice**

Proposed launch is fall 2022 at the Barrie and Orangeville campuses and will be a hybrid delivery (a combination of in person and online). This program is geared toward internationally educated nurses holding a bachelor's degree in nursing from their home country. This specialized program will focus on gerontologic and palliative care nursing and will incorporate theory and one clinical placement in a senior and/or palliative care setting. The program is ideal for nurses who are interested in enhancing existing foundational knowledge in caring for the elderly and patients with life-limiting conditions and who have already completed Georgian's Complex Care Nursing for Internationally Educated Nurses program.

**3. Automotive Aftermarket Management**

Proposed launch is fall 2022 at the Barrie Campus and will be delivered online/hybrid. The Automotive Aftermarket Management program will continue to raise the profile of the Automotive Business School of Canada (ABSC) as a serious centre for education and training excellence. It aligns well with Georgian's strategic agenda by offering a quality driven program that offers relevant curriculum for in-demand jobs utilizing our strong community and industry partners to guide its development. It also offers an opportunity for people already employed in the automotive aftermarket and ABSC graduates to advance their knowledge and opportunities for careers in the automotive aftermarket industry.

### **Allocation of government COVID-19 funding**

On March 19, the Ontario Government announced \$106.4 million for postsecondary institutions as a result of the impacts of the pandemic and COVID-19 on revenues and expenses. Georgian has been allocated \$7,054,4000 of the \$106.4 million. The college will be required to report back on the use of funds and outcomes achieved in the fall of 2021.

The college has assessed how the funds can be utilized to mitigate the fiscal risks presented in both the 2020-21 and the 2021-22 budget year. The eligible period for expenditures to be considered is from July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Eligible expenses include added costs to support in-person classes, online/remote learning and additional student supports. Institutions are also required to explore voluntary exit programs for staff and faculty.

Based on an assessment of the expenses and the need to include a contingency in the 2021-22 budget to deal with emerging financial risks, the college is recommending \$3.05 million be allocated to 2020-21 and \$4 million be allocated to 2021-22. The college's allocation methodology has been discussed with BDO, the college auditors, and no concerns have been identified.

### **Election of officers**

The Board of Governors held an election to determine the Board Chair and Vice Chairs for the period commencing Sept. 1, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2022. The following board members were elected to the positions noted:

- **Chair - Marilynn Booth**
- **Vice Chair - Lyn McLeod**
- **Vice Chair - Ali Khonsari**