

Board Meeting Highlights

The Sept. 29, 2022 Board of Governors’ meeting was held in person in the Community Room, H Building, at the Barrie Campus.

The board received a number of reports, including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Program Advisory Committee Appointments• Program Advisory Committee Annual Report• Enrolment Management Update• Health and Safety Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access and Privacy Report• Legislation Compliance Report• Equity Diversity and Inclusion Update |
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Introduction of new student leaders

The board welcomed the three elected Georgian College Students’ Association presidents: Madison Lindsay, Owen Sound; Sarah Ortiz, Orillia; and Ishaan Sachdeva, Barrie.

Welcome new Governors

The board welcomed two new members. They include external governor Heather Bullock and student representative Karthika Jyotheendran. A third member will be welcomed to the board in October.

Indigenous strategy

Employees from Indigenous Services presented the new Indigenous strategy. The strategy is grounded in the work of the last 30 years and includes the following vision:

- Georgian College will be a *college of choice* for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and other students of Indigenous ancestry.
- Indigenous students will *thrive academically and personally* throughout their education journey at Georgian College.
- Georgian College campuses will be sites of *transformative change* for individuals where staff, faculty, and students are empowered to support work related to decolonization, reconciliation, and Indigenization.

Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings

Each year, program areas meet with their PACs to discuss industry-specific changes and trends. Georgian is fortunate to have over 600 PAC members and 74 PAC committees that contribute to the ongoing success of our programs.

In order to ensure input from PAC members reflects the current strategic and academic direction of the college, a menu of questions related to Georgian’s strategic priorities was developed for discussion by PAC members during meetings. Prior to each meeting, a question from the menu was selected by the PAC Chair or program area designate for discussion. Key points were captured in the minutes to be reviewed by the program area and shared more broadly with college administrators. A summary of the discussion from each question was included in the board meeting material for governors to review.

Equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging (EDI&B)

The Centre for EDI&B continues to support Georgian's college-wide commitments and considerable work has been accomplished. The director met with students and employees across the college individually and through participation on multiple campus committees to continue the work on assessing the current state of inclusion at Georgian.

The centre has been developing and promoting multiple professional development and awareness raising activities including establishing a partnership with the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion. This partnership allows all employees and students access to an extensive library of resources and free monthly webinars. Additionally, an initial cohort of learners completed the first module of the Cultures of Belonging course and multiple sessions of Safer Spaces training were delivered. Celebratory events were organized for Black History Month, Pride and Emancipation Day.

Health and Safety

Georgian College's Health and Safety program has met all legislative requirements for the reporting period. All workplace inspections have been completed as required and training completion statistics remain at a steady and acceptable level.

Legislation compliance

The Compliance with Legislation/Government Accountability Directives report is provided to the Board of Governors in January, June and September. This report is intended to keep the board informed of any risks regarding compliance issues and potential liabilities resulting from these. The college is in compliance with the Legislation, Regulation, Government Policies and Directives, Board Policies and By-Laws.