

Board Meeting Highlights

April 1, 2016

At the March 31 Board of Governors' meeting held at the Orillia Campus, a presentation on Career Success Services provided the Board with an overview of the services available for students and alumni to support their career success.

Kirk Sarfo, incoming student representative for the 2016-2017 year, was introduced to the Board of Governors. Kirk is a student in the Police Studies degree program at the Orillia Campus and the current VP Athletics on the Orillia GCSA Executive. He is also a member of the Georgian rugby team.

Elizabeth Beamish, new Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors, was introduced to the Board. Elizabeth joined the college in 2008 and brings over 20 years of experience supporting senior administration. Her knowledge in policy and governance will be a tremendous asset in her role supporting the Board of Governors.

The Board received the following reports:

- Program Advisory Committee Appointments
- Board Dashboard Report
- Colleges Ontario Government Update
- Board Committee Reports: Policy and By-Law Committee and Strategic Planning Ad-Hoc Committee

An update was provided with regards to 2015-16 year end. The college targeted to have a \$3 million surplus; however, with the pressures that have emerged during the year, we expect to end the year with a small surplus.

An update was provided with regards to the 2016-17 budget development process. The Finance and Audit Committee met on March 21 to vet and discuss the budget principles in detail. The college continues to work through a budget that will balance the need for strategic investments while finding efficiencies within the college.

The budget will be discussed in detail at the April 19 Finance and Audit committee meeting. This will be followed by small Board briefings and final Board approval on April 28.

The Board of Governors were joined by Orillia community members and Past Board Chairs from the Orillia area for dinner. Vice President Lisa Banks provided guests with an update on college priorities. Those in attendance included Orillia Mayor Steve Clarke; Orillia City Councillors Mason Ainsworth, Ralph Cipolla and Ted Emond; Past Board Chairs Eric Broger, Charlotte Wallis and Gwen Strachan.