

Board Meeting Highlights

Dec. 3, 2015

At the Dec. 3, 2015 Board of Governors meeting held at the Barrie Campus, a presentation on Research, Innovation and Scholarship at Georgian College provided the Board with an overview of applied research in the college system and outlined opportunities available to colleges. Georgian's vision for research, innovation and scholarship was outlined for the Board as well as a summary of proposals, projects and staff, faculty and student involvement.

The Board received the following reports:

- Program Advisory Committee Appointments
- Enrolment Interim Report
- Strategic Mandate Agreement Report Back
- Mid-Year Business Plan Update
- Board Scorecard
- Board Committee Reports: Strategic Planning and Policies and By-laws Committee

Motions were passed by the Board to approve the financial statements and auditors for Industrial Research and Development Institute (IRDI) Technologies Inc., investment performance report and procedure as well as a number of procurements and vendors of record. The new two-year diploma program for Biotechnology Technician-Health was approved and pending Ministry approval will commence in the fall of 2017.

The Board discussed strategic planning and the next steps in the process for the new year. An update was provided on the recent work of the Anishnaabe Education and Training Circle regarding community engagement and partnership opportunities.

The Board of Governors' Awards of Distinction were discussed and revised criteria and new nomination forms were approved by the Board. The forms were updated on the Board website and the deadline for submissions is Feb. 12, 2016. A video promoting the Board Awards to staff was shared with the Board and will be included in the communication roll out for the Board Awards starting this month.

The recent Colleges Ontario Higher Education Summit held in November in Toronto was discussed. The governors attended sessions on governance and workshops on a variety of topics relevant to all colleges and heard some excellent keynote speakers, including Rick Hansen. The summit also provided an opportunity to meet with governors from colleges across the province, exchange ideas and best practices. The Board also joined outstanding Georgian graduates who were nominated for the Premier's Awards at a gala honouring all nominees. The six Georgian nominees are profiled in the current issue of Georgian View magazine.