

Board Meeting Highlights

Sept. 29, 2016

The Sept. 29, 2016 Board of Governors' meeting was held in the new MED Centre at our Owen Sound Campus.

The Board received the following reports:

- Health and Safety Quarterly Report
- Annual Program Advisory Committee Reports
- 10-day Enrolment Count and Enrolment Report
- Access and Privacy Quarterly Report
- Legislation Compliance Quarterly Report
- Board Scorecard

Motions were passed by the Board to approve:

- The 2016-17 Budget Development Process
- Appointment of the Foundation Board

Welcome to new board members

The board welcomed three new members: Lyn McLeod, Alliston, former Ontario MPP and party leader; Marilyn Booth, Wasaga Beach, Dean, University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies; and Kirk Sarfo, Orillia, student, Honours Bachelor of Human Services – Police Studies program.

International update

Last fall, the international enrolment at audit date was 375 new students. This fall, as of the Day 1 count there were 561 new international postsecondary students and 1,095 international students across all years of registration. Additionally, this fall we welcomed 162 new English for Academic Purposes (EAP) students. In total, Georgian now hosts students from 65 countries including: The Cayman Islands, Macedonia, Belgium, Curacao, Croatia, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Malaysia. This year the diversification strategy continues with 10 additional countries including: Armenia, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Macao, Philippines, Switzerland, Thailand, and Uganda.

Funding formula review

The government is conducting a review of the college funding model. Formal consultations were held with the college sector. The information obtained through the consultations will inform decisions on a renewed design for a college funding model in the coming months.

A task force was commissioned by the Committee of Presidents to provide proposed strategic direction to guide colleges in their discussions with the government about the funding formula. The task force identified that colleges should have three goals for their discussion with government: 1. Institutional sustainability, 2. Greater flexibility, including greater operating flexibility and 3. Improved revenues.

The task force noted that colleges are seeking a balanced package of changes that will provide sustainable funding for all colleges, including those facing large enrolment declines, those whose enrolments will be fairly stable, and those that plan to grow. All colleges face the challenge of finding revenues to meet rising costs.