

Board Meeting Highlights

The March 28, 2019 Board of Governors' meeting was held at the Barrie Campus.

The board received a number of reports, including:

- 2019-20 Budget Approval
- Enrolment Update Report
- Domestic and International Tuition Fees for 2019-20
- Emergency and Risk Management Report
- Sexual Violence Update Report

Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- 2019-20 Budget Approval
- Domestic and International Tuition Fees for 2019-20

Enrolment Update Report

The Enrolment Summary report compares full-time postsecondary registrations at March 1, 2019 against the approved plan for the winter semester 2018-19.

Winter enrolment compared to the plan

Domestic enrolment

- Semester 1 enrolment was 922 which is -96 students short of the plan of 1,018
- Overall registrations are 7,206, which is short of the plan of 7,387 or -181 students
- Total registrations for the fiscal year missed plan by -1.59% or -280 students
- International enrolment
 - Semester 1 enrolment was 618, which exceeded the plan of 605 by 13 students
 - Overall registrations are 2,692, which exceeded the plan of 2,449 by 243 students
 - Total registrations for the fiscal year exceeded plan by 6.51% or 443 students
- University Partnership enrolment
 - Overall registrations were 526, which exceeded the plan of 515 by 11 students
 - Total registrations for the fiscal year exceeded plan by 2.39% or 28 students

Full-time enrolment history

- Domestic enrolment declined -5.1% when compared to last year or -469 students
- International enrolment rose 46.5% when compared to last year or 1,149 students
- Overall college enrolment has increased by 5.9% when compared to last year or 680 students
- Excluding Laurentian, overall college degree and UPC enrolment has increased by 0.01% when compared to last year or 8 students

Domestic and International Tuition Fees for 2019-20

The Board of Governors previously approved domestic and international fee increases at its September and October 2018 meeting. The college had proposed a 3% increase to its domestic tuition rates governed by the provincial government.

Since the board approval, the provincial government announced a reduction of 10% for all domestic tuition. However, the government policy announcement does not affect the college's ability to increase international tuition fees or deregulated programs.

The board approved a 3% increase for international tuition fees at the September board meeting and an additional 2% at its board meeting in October 2018. These increases aligned Georgian more closely with comparable colleges.

International tuition fees

It has been noted that Georgian has challenges diversifying its international student population as many other colleges provide international scholarships. In order to support its diversification strategy, Georgian is proposing a 1% increase in international tuition. These funds will be utilized to target scholarships for students from countries that Georgian plans to grow.

This 1% increase will equate to approximately \$125/semester. Based on the current enrolment plan, it will provide the college with approximately \$500,000 to support international student scholarships.

Domestic tuition fees

The Automotive Business School of Canada (ABSC) Board of Directors recommended the college increase its tuition fees for the Automotive Dealership Management program (AUDM), a deregulated program that is not governed by the government's tuition fee policy. It is the ABSC board's view that the lower tuition charged by the college undervalues the program.

In September, the college had recommended a 4% increase in the tuition fees for AUDM, which was approved by the Board of Governors. However, given the request of the ABSC, the college is recommending an additional increase of 11%. This increase will equate to approximately \$178/course. Based on the current projected offerings of this program, this will provide the college with approximately \$125,000. These funds will be utilized for strategic investments supporting ABSC.

The college recommended that the Board of Governors approve an additional 1% increase in international tuition fees and an additional 11% increase in AUDM.