

# Board Meeting Highlights

The Sept. 26, 2019 Board of Governors' meeting was held at the Barrie Campus.

## **The board received a number of reports, including:**

- Health and Safety Report
- Access and Privacy Report
- Legislation Compliance Report
- Business Case Review
- Enrolment Update
- Management of Opioids at Georgian College

## **Motions were passed by the board to approve:**

- 2020-21 Budget Development Process
- Re-appointment of External Auditors

## **Indigenization**

In an effort to leverage the experiences and expertise of board members toward meeting the strategic objectives of the college, and in the lead up to the development of Georgian's next strategic plan, time has been scheduled during board meetings for discussion on various strategic issues. This month, the board had a discussion on Indigenization successes and opportunities. This included ongoing research and development, curriculum design and development, Indigenous resources and institutional framework.

## **2020-21 Budget Development Process**

The Senior Leadership Team has reviewed the initial 2020-21 budget assumptions. These will continue to be refined throughout the budget planning cycle based on the fiscal risks and opportunities that emerge. With the continued flat-lining/decline in domestic enrolment, the college has to focus on the diversification of revenue. The college will continue to develop strategies to mitigate the risks and/or leverage the opportunities that emerge. Changes implemented by the provincial government in 2019-20 (e.g. tuition reduction, student choice initiative, OSAP reform) will continue to impact all colleges as we move into the 2020-21 budget cycle.

## **Re-appointment of External Auditors**

The Board of Governors must appoint the external auditors in accordance with the motion passed when the auditors were appointed in 2015. As the contract has been in place for four years, of its awarded five maximum years, a yearly re-appointment is required in adherence to the one-year extension clause for the final year. A motion was passed to re-appoint BDO LLP for one year, for the provision of Financial Auditing Services to the Board of Governors commencing Oct. 1, 2019.

## **Program Advisory Committee Annual Report**

Program Advisory Committees (PACs) play a major role in ensuring that Georgian's program offerings are current and of the highest quality in order to prepare its students for career and life success. The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities requires that each college program, or related program cluster, receives continual input from industry professionals through a PAC. PAC members use their knowledge of the industry to share emerging trends in their sectors, establish meaningful connections for Georgian students and advise on the knowledge and skills that graduates will need in order to be successful in their chosen fields. Once per year, the Chairs of Georgian's PACs are asked to submit a report.