Board Meeting Highlights

The Sept. 24, 2020 Board of Governors’ meeting was held via Webex.

The board received a number of reports, including:

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Motions were passed by the board to approve:

- 2020-21 Business Plan
- 2019-20 Annual Report
- Re-appointment of external auditors
- New program approval: Construction Techniques – Skilled Trades

2020-21 Business Plan

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities requires colleges to prepare a business plan each fiscal year, outlining operations within the framework of their respective strategic plans and identifying outcomes they expect to achieve. Georgian’s business plan identifies key priorities and initiatives from our strategic plan, Strategic Mandate Agreement and our academic plan that we will pursue during 2020-21.

2019-20 Annual Report

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities requires colleges to prepare an annual report each fiscal year that assesses whether the institutions achieved their operational outcomes established in the business plan for the year and includes audited financial statements. A key purpose of the annual report is accountability to the government as well as to the public.

New program approval: Construction Techniques – Skilled Trades

The board approved a new program, Construction Techniques – Skilled Trades. This program will allow students to develop fundamental skills and experience in a variety of trades within the construction industry. It will help them make informed career decisions when choosing a skilled trade or apprenticeship program. Learning is primarily hands-on, and focuses on practical knowledge through theory and shop work. The proposed launch date is fall 2021 at the Muskoka Campus. This program fits within our Strategic Mandate Agreement as the program’s areas of strength are skilled trades, innovation, economic development and community engagement.

Welcome new board members

The board welcomed five new board members. They include external Governors Steven Lowe from Owen Sound and Mary-Anne Willsie from Orillia. New internal governors include Madison Roy, student representative; Suzie Addison-Toor, administration representative, and Mark Dorsey, academic representative.