

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING #535

Public session highlights

Sept. 26, 2024

The Board of Governors of Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology held a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, in-person at the Barrie Campus and online using Microsoft Teams.

Guests in attendance:

Nicole Nakitto Kwagala, Georgian College Students' Association (GCSA) President - Owen Sound; Mitch LaChance, GCSA President -Orillia; Dikshant Thukral, GCSA President -Barrie.

Introduction of new student leaders

The Chair introduced the new student presidents who joined the meeting virtually. The students remained in the meeting for introductions and to watch a student video.

Student presidents:

Owen Sound Campus: Nicole Nakitto Kwagala

Orillia Campus: Mitch LaChance

Barrie Campus: Dikshant Thukral

Shannon Hynes, VP External Relations and Enrolment, introduced a video from the Being MORE student resilience series. This video profiled each of the new student presidents and showcased how student leadership is an enriching part of the learning experience.

Strategic enrolment management

Shannon Hynes, VP External Relations and Enrolment, gave a presentation on strategic enrolment management.

Update from the president

Kevin Weaver, President and CEO, provided an update on activity around the college including:

- Ministry updates: Cabinet shuffle moved Minister Dunlop to Education. The new Minister of Colleges and Universities is Nolan Quinn.
- Looking forward to an *Evening with the President* event on Tuesday, Oct. 8 to launch the college's latest impact report.
- Enrolment update: tracking well and above target for domestic students, under target for international students largely due to uncertainty caused by recent government announcements.

The president took a moment to welcome new governors to their first meeting and thank returning governors for their ongoing commitment.

Consent agenda

Items that are thought to be routine in nature or not expected to be contentious are put in the consent agenda for approval as a whole. Governors may pull any items that they would like to discuss out of the agenda before approval and if there are no requests to remove an item, the consent agenda business is moved for approval by the board.

A number of reports were presented to the board for approval:

- Previous meeting minutes
- Program advisory committee appointments
- Program advisory committee annual report
- Enrolment management update
- Health and safety report
- Access and privacy report
- Legislative compliance report
- Equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging report

Strategic Mandate Agreement

David Johnson, VP Finance and Corporate Services, advised that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities uses Strategic Mandate Agreements (SMA) as a key accountability tool where each cycle is iterative and provides an opportunity to focus on government priorities and establish various operational aspects of the agreement. He shared recent activities related to the SMA and next steps.

Spotlight article: Becky Thivierge

The Chair advised that the article on our student governor was included in the meeting package for information only. He thanked Becky for her contributions to the Georgian community not only as a student but in her employment and extracurricular roles as well.