

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING #536**Public session highlights****Oct. 24, 2024****Areas of strength and differentiation: Changemaking, innovation and sustainability**

Suzie Addison-Toor, Vice President of Student Success, and Dr. Yael Katz, Vice President, Academic, gave a presentation on changemaking, innovation and sustainability at the college.

Update from the president

The president provided an update on activity around the college, including:

- *Evening with the President*: welcomed more than 150 guests on Oct. 8 to celebrate Georgian's accomplishments and impact and to participate in student experiences.
- Wrapped up fall convocation ceremonies with more than 1,500 students crossing the stage at Gateway Entertainment Centre at Casino Rama in Orillia. He thanked governors Steve Loftus and Steve Lowe for delivering the proclamation on behalf of the Board of Governors.
- Launch of the Schulich Builders program: 10 students received scholarships.
- Collective bargaining: The current contract expired at the end of September. The OPSEU Bargaining Team representing faculty (full-time and partial-load, counsellors and librarians) requested a conciliator and a strike vote. The vote was 79% in favour of a strike mandate. One more conciliation vote is scheduled for Oct. 28 and we're hopeful there will be a successful resolution so there's no disruption for our students.

The president took a moment to thank governors for their active participation over the last day and half dedicated to strategic planning and cybersecurity training.

Consent agenda

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

- Previous meeting minutes
- Program advisory committee appointments
- Sexual violence annual report

Spotlight article: Courtney Duthie

The Chair advised that the article on our support staff representative was included in the meeting package for information only. He thanked Courtney for sharing her story.