

Board of Governors Academic Representative Report

OPSEU Local 653 GMM; May 13, 2022

I have attended the Board of Governors meeting as the faculty representative. I believe that I bring the perspective of the faculty, as I know it, to the table.

It is noteworthy that I am not seen as a Faculty Union representative but as a member of the faculty and therefore a member of the union.

There are times when I declare conflict of interest and remove myself from the meeting. Examples of these would include updates on academic bargaining, and the president's performance evaluation.

Topics of Interest from meeting # 460

1. The board executive will change in September with Carly Stringer as the new chair.
2. Dr. Edris Madadian gave a presentation on Applied Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.
Vision: To be a centre for innovation solutions through research and development and a regional partner in developing creative entrepreneurs.
Goal: To define diversified projects to invigorate our brand
3. Research Themes – Renewable Energy Systems include Biomass, Geothermal, Solar and Wind. All four campuses will be involved but not in all areas. Ex. Timmins – Biomass, solar and wind. Moosonee – Biomass, solar
4. Aaron Klooster discussed Welding Fabrication Ontario College certificate program. This one-year program allows graduates to enter the workforce at the end of one year instead of two. The two-year program remains in place for those that wish to take it. Employers and students are welcoming of this additional option.
5. The contract for the creation of 4 Indigenous sculptures, one to be placed at each campus was approved. Tyler Fauvelle is the artist chosen to complete the sculptures.
6. The college is financially sound and is reporting a surplus again this year.
7. Strategic plan measurement – projected target of 2.5% annual increase in all areas: 1. Indigenous Education and Empowerment, 2. Innovative Approaches to access, 3. Invigorating Northern experiences

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Academic Representative – Northern College Board of Governors

Board of Governors Statement of Purpose

Northern College Board of Governors is responsible to govern effectively:

To ensure Northern College is successfully managed

To achieve northern College's mission; and

To remain responsive to community need and emerging opportunity.

The Board of Governors is accountable to student, employees, employers, Indigenous Peoples and the communities Northern College Serves.

The Board of Governors is also accountable to the citizens of Ontario, as the college is publicly funded.