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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for Board Governance Development for all members of the Board of Governors, and for the Board as a whole. The policy will set out the important aspects of the Board's governance development strategy in terms of orientation, board governance education, and professional development activities.

PRINCIPLES

The Board of Governors (Board) believes in the importance of Board members being current and knowledgeable of governance, college, and educational issues. The Board Governance Development Policy is based upon the following principles:

1. The Board believes it is essential that members be afforded the opportunity to continue to learn and build upon their knowledge and governance skills to enable them to be effective in their roles.
2. Board development is a dynamic process which strives to be proactive in educating Board members about their roles and responsibilities in areas such as ethical board governance, governance models, fiduciary responsibilities, and other governance issues.
3. Effective board governance development contributes to the excellence and positive contributions of current and future members of the Board.

POLICY

The Board is committed to the highest standards of governance and leadership of the organization, and therefore support a proactive and dynamic approach to Board Governance Development. The Boards' Governance Development strategy will focus on enhancing Governors effectiveness as members of the Board as a means to ensure that the business and affairs of the colleges are conducted in accordance with the Regional Colleges Act and Regulations.

In order to improve their effectiveness, and to demonstrate their commitment to the principles of lifelong learning and excellence, Board members will engage in relevant developmental activities including board orientation, board development training, workshops and conferences, and other professional development activities

The Colleges' Board governance development strategy is an ongoing process occurring within the board meetings, during board retreats, and through individual development opportunities.

DEFINITIONS

Board - shall mean the appointed Board of Governors of each College.

LEGISLATIVE AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT REFERENCES

- The Regional Colleges Act and Regulations

LINKS TO OTHER RELATED POLICIES, DOCUMENTS AND WEBSITES