



BOARD GOVERNANCE

Board Governance G11

POLICY

The Regional Colleges Act provides for the establishment of the Regional College whose mandate is to provide educational services or programs within our geographic area.

The Board's responsibility is to represent the individuals and communities of the Southeast College region. The Board must be accessible to the community and function primarily through the development and communication of Board policy, which clearly defines the means to achieve the College's vision, goals and objectives.

The Board will conduct and manage the business and affairs of the College in accordance with the Regional Colleges Act. The Board's specific contributions are unique to its trusteeship role and necessary for proper governance and management.

The Board will govern with an emphasis on:

1. Outward vision rather than internal preoccupation;
2. Encouragement of diversity of viewpoints;
3. Strategic leadership rather than administrative detail;
4. Clear distinction of Board and CEO roles;
5. Collective rather than individual decisions;
6. Future rather than past or present focus; and
7. Pro-actively rather than re-actively.

The Board is responsible for excellence in governing. It will:

1. Cultivate a sense of group responsibility and mutual respect;
2. Be the initiator of Board policy, not just a reactor to staff initiatives;
3. Use the expertise of individual governors to enhance the Board's ability to make informed decisions.

The Board shall have a strong working relationship with the President and Chief Executive Officer and shall, though the Chief Executive Officer acknowledge, recognize and meet the needs for service provision.

The Board shall not be involved directly in the day-to-day operations of the College.

PROCEDURES

1. The Board shall be accountable to the general public through an annual reporting process to the communities served and to the Provincial Government through annual reports and business plans.
2. The Board shall develop systematic structures and procedures for monitoring and evaluating the College goals and objectives.
3. The Board shall, on an annual basis, assess the President and Chief Executive Officer.
4. The Board shall monitor its activities on an ongoing basis, and formally assess its own progress and performance annually.