



Northeast Community College Board Policy Manual

Governance Process Policy Policy Number: GP - 01

Governing Style

The Board will govern with the authority granted and duties defined in Nebraska Revised Statutes §§85-1501 to 85-1540 and §§85-917 to 85-966, with an emphasis on outward vision, commitment to obtaining Ownership input, encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, strategic leadership, clear distinction of Board and staff roles, collective decision-making, and a proactive, future focus.

1. The Board will cultivate a sense of group responsibility. The Board, not the President, will be responsible for excellence in governing. The Board will initiate policy, not merely react to President initiatives. The Board will use the expertise of individual Board members, Board committees and the President to enhance the ability of the Board as a body to make policy, rather than to substitute their individual judgements for the group's values.
2. The Board will direct, control and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of broad written policies reflecting the Owners' values and perspectives. The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term results to be produced for beneficiaries outside the organization, not on the administrative means of attaining those results.
3. The Board will enforce upon itself whatever self-discipline is needed to govern with excellence. Self-discipline will apply to matters such as attendance, preparation for meetings, policy-making principles, respect of roles, Board behavior, regular self-evaluation, and ensuring the continuity of governance capability. Although the Board can change its governance process policies at any time, it will scrupulously observe those policies currently in force.
4. The Board will not allow any Board member or committee of the Board or outside influence to hinder or be an excuse for not fulfilling Board obligations.

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