



Northeast Community College Board Policy Manual

Governance Process Policy Policy Number: GP - 07

Board Committee Principles

Board committees, when used, will be assigned to reinforce the wholeness of the Board's job, and will never interfere with delegation from Board to President.

1. Board committees are to help the Board fulfil its responsibilities as identified in GP-02, never to help or advise the staff. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the President.
2. Rather than providing recommendations which would interfere with the Board's holism and its responsibility to govern the whole of the organization, Board Committees may be used to provide the Board with alternatives and implications for the Board's informed decision making.
3. Board committees may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and/or time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the President.
4. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. Because the President works for the full Board, he or she will not be required to obtain approval of a Board committee before an executive action.
5. This policy applies to any group that is formed by Board action whether or not it is called a committee. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the President.
6. All committee members shall abide by the same Code of Conduct as governs the Board.
7. Except as defined in written terms of reference, no committee has authority to commit the funds or resources of the organization.

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