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Board Duties and Responsibilities

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The Board of Trustees is responsible for the educational quality, integrity, legal matters, financial stability, and transparency of the District and for ensuring that the District's mission is implemented. The Board of Trustees governs on behalf of the citizens of the District in accordance with the authority granted and duties defined in law including Education code Section 70902. The Board functions as an independent elected legislative policy-making body charged with oversight of the District. The Board recognizes and supports the role of the Chancellor who is responsible for the effective implementation and administration of the Board policy and the sound leadership and operation of the District.

The Board establishes an effective organizational structure for the District by selecting , employing and evaluating the Chancellor and establishing District policies, including those which frame the mission of the District and the educational programs and academic standards of the District as well as policies related to District employees and facilities.

The Board is committed to fulfilling its responsibilities in the following manner:

Uphold its values by:

- establishing an expectation of excellence and integrity across the entire institution
- Promoting equality of opportunity for all students
- ensuring transparency and accountability to the public and District stakeholders regarding District policies, operations, and performance consistent with legal requirements
- creating a climate which fosters student success
- cultivating an institutional culture which maximizes the potential of the District's employees in support of institutional and student success

Providing District Leadership by:

- functioning as an independent policy-making body capable of representing the public interest
- establishing policies that define the institutional mission and set prudent, ethical, and legal standards for college operations
- selecting, appointing, and evaluating the Chancellor
- delegating responsibility and authority to the Chancellor to effectively lead the District
- establishing policies which ensure the quality, integrity, regular evaluation, and improvement of the institutions' educational programs and services
- establishing policies that set prudent, ethical and legal standards for college operations
- assuring fiscal health, stability and transparency
- advocating for and protecting the District from undue influence or pressure
- acting as a whole once the board reaches a decision
- providing for the health and safety of all District operations

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