



EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Category:

BOARD GOVERNANCE

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Objective:

The Olds College Board of Governors (the "Board") is accountable to the citizens of Alberta and to members of the communities it serves. This policy sets out the parameters for Board of Governors engagement with and relationship to the broad external community to which it is accountable.

Scope:

This policy applies to all members of the Olds College Board of Governors.

Definitions:

Policy:

1. The Board shall be responsive to the communities it serves.

1.1 The Board shall act on behalf of Olds College of Agriculture & Technology (the "College") rather than being advocates for specific geographic areas or interest groups.

1.1.1 When making governance decisions, Board members shall maintain a distinction between their personal interests and their obligation to speak for others as a representative of the community. As the agent of the communities it serves, the Board is obligated to identify and know what members of the communities want and need.

1.1.2 The Board shall gather data in a way that reflects the diversity of the communities it serves.

1.1.2.1 The Board will actively pursue opportunities to seek and share information with its communities in order to gain a wider perspective of future educational and training needs, and to share the goals, challenges and accomplishments of the College.

1.1.3 The Board will establish and maintain a three year External Relations Plan in order to ensure that the Board has intentional and constructive dialogue and deliberation with members of the communities it serves.

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