

SECTION 1 - GOVERNANCE PROCESS
POLICY 1.7

CHAIRPERSON'S ROLE

The Chairperson is elected by the Board. As the leader of the governance process of the Board, the Chairperson shall maintain the integrity of the Board's process and report Board decisions to outside parties.

1. The outcome of the Chairperson's role is that the Board and individual Board members act consistently with the Board's own rules and policies and those legitimately imposed upon the Board from outside the College.
 - a. The Chairperson shall preside at Board meetings in an efficient and effective manner and shall set the general tone for each meeting through positive leadership
 - b. Discussion at the Board meetings will be on those issues which, according to Board policy, belong to the Board to decide, not decisions delegated to the President.
 - c. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also efficient, timely, orderly, and to the point.
 - d. The Chairperson will attempt to arrive at a consensus among the Board members on Board decisions. The Chairperson will stimulate discussion among the Board members.
2. The Chairperson is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in Governance Process and Board-Staff Relationship policies in carrying out the role of Chairperson.
3. The Chairperson has no authority to make decisions regarding implementation of the Ends and Executive Limitations policies. Such implementation is reserved for the President.
4. The Chairperson shall communicate the Board's decisions to the President. Since the President is responsible to the entire Board, the Chairperson has no authority to unilaterally supervise or direct the President.
5. The Chairperson shall ensure the other Board members are informed of current and pending Board issues and processes and shall cause new board members to be oriented relative to board policies and operations and to the college.
6. The Chairperson shall appoint members to all other internal and external committees as needed.
7. The Chairperson shall sign all official documents and contracts on behalf of the District as required by law, by agencies with legitimate authority over college activities, and by the Board.
8. The Chairperson shall be the official spokesperson for the Board in response to media inquiries. The Chairperson shall not speak on behalf of the Board beyond simply reporting Board decisions except in rare instances specifically authorized by the Board as a whole.

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