

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary Contact	Board of Governors
Related Policy / Legislation	UFV Statement on Institutional Ethics (22) <i>University Act, s. 27(2)</i>

PURPOSE/PHILOSOPHY

The University Act defines the role and responsibilities of the Board of Governors in policy-making, strategic planning, goal setting, performance monitoring, asset protection, accountability obligations, financial direction and oversight, and setting the standards for organizational conduct, as well as defining areas of shared governance with the Senate, and expectation for the Board to organize and evaluate itself. The University Act also implicitly expects the Board to manage risk for the organization. This bylaw defines the roles and responsibilities for the Board as a whole, understanding it is required to “act in the best interests of the university” (University Act, s. 19.1).

BYLAW

Therefore, working within this mandate, the Board of Governors of the University of the Fraser Valley:

1. In collaboration with the Senate, provides for the establishment, monitoring and review of the vision and mission of the University of the Fraser Valley.
2. Approves and monitors the university’s strategic directions, goals, and plans.
3. Provides governance and leadership by establishing the values and policies that guide the university.
4. Facilitates and supports shared governance roles with the Senate.
5. Ensures the ethicality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Board of Governors by establishing Board leadership, codes of conduct, committees, ongoing education, evaluation, succession planning, and a criterion-based nomination process.
6. Selects, evaluates, compensates, and supports the President.
7. Provides for the appointment of staff, faculty, and senior officials to the university.
8. Approves and monitors the university’s annual operating and capital budgets.
9. Identifies risks and ensures the establishment of internal controls to protect the reputation and assets of the university.
10. Ensures legal, regulatory, and accountability obligations are met.

11. Advocates on behalf of the university. The Board's advocacy role is set in consultation coordination with the President.
12. Establishes and maintains mechanisms for ongoing consultation and communication with internal and external communities.