

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Primary Contact	Board of Governors
Related Policy / Legislation	UFV Statement on Institutional Ethics (22)

PURPOSE/PHILOSOPHY

A Board member is conscientious in contributing and helping the Board to fulfill its responsibilities for: guiding the university; defining its mission, vision and values, and keyplans; protecting and furthering its assets; and being accountable for the ethical conduct of all its affairs.

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Therefore, a member of the Board of Governors of the University of the Fraser Valley:

1. Ensures their work supports the Board's role to act in the best interest of the university.
2. Acts as an ambassador and advocate for the University of the Fraser Valley.
3. Understands the Board's role in policy making and the distinctive roles of the Board, Senate, and Administration.
4. Maintains loyalty to the university, not to any part or constituency.
5. Maintains respect for the opinions of colleagues and restraint in criticism of colleagues and officers.
6. Speaks freely at Board meetings, but supports policies, programs, and decisions once established.
7. Is prudent and uses good judgment consistent with accepted standards.
8. Recognizes the President as the primary spokesperson for the university and the Chair of the Board as the only person authorized to speak for the Board.
9. Fosters openness and trust among Board members, administration, faculty, staff, students, provincial government, and the public.
10. Maintains the highest ethical standards, adheres to conflict of interest guidelines, maintains confidentiality when expected, and supports the university's statement on institutional ethics.
11. Participates in ongoing Board education and evaluation processes.
12. Ensures attendance expectations for meetings are met and prepares fully for all discussions and expected decisions.