

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 must be conscientious in contributing and helping the Board to fulfill its responsibilities for guiding the university; in defining its mission, planning, and goal setting; protecting and furthering its assets; and being accountable for the ethical conduct of all of its affairs.

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

1. Act as an Ambassador and advocate for the University of the Fraser Valley.
2. Understand the Board's role in policy making and the distinctive roles of the Board, Senate, and Administration.
3. Maintain loyalty to the university, not to any part or constituency.
4. Maintain respect for the opinions of colleagues and restraint in criticism of colleagues and officers.
5. Speak freely at Board meetings, but support policies, programs, and decisions once established.
6. Be prudent and use good judgment consistent with accepted standards.
7. Recognize 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.
8. Foster openness and trust among Board members, administration, faculty, staff, students, provincial government, and the public.
9. Maintain the highest ethical standards, adhere to conflict of interest guidelines, maintain confidentiality when expected, and support the university's statement on institutional ethics.

Participate in ongoing Board education and evaluation processes.