



BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. To seek to be fully informed about the Board of Trustees and its role in the state and in higher education, and to be responsive to the changing environments which affect it.
2. To support the mission of the Board of Trustees as defined in statute and as developed by the Board.
3. To speak one's mind at Board meetings but support policies and programs once established.
4. To understand that the Board's role is policy making and not involvement in administration or the management process.
5. To strengthen and sustain the Chancellor while being an active, energetic, and probing Board member exercising critical judgment on policy matters.
6. To communicate promptly to the Chancellor any significant concern or complaint and then let the Chancellor deal with.
7. To maintain an overriding loyalty to MnSCU rather than to any part of it or constituency within.
8. To represent all the people of Minnesota and no particular interest, community or constituency.
9. To help enhance the public image of the Board of Trustees and the colleges and universities in the system.
10. To recognize that authority resides only with the Board as a whole and not in its individual members.
11. To recognize that the Chancellor and the Chair of the Board are the primary spokespersons for the Board of Trustees.
12. To foster openness and trust among the Board of Trustees, the administration, the faculty, the students, state government and the public.
13. To maintain respect for the opinions of one's colleagues and a proper restraint in criticism of colleagues and officers.
14. To recognize that no Board member shall make any request or demand for actions that violate the written policies, system procedures, or laws which govern the Board of Trustees.
15. To maintain the highest ethical standards and never to allow any personal conflict of interest to exist.
16. To advocate for adequate resources, implement fiscally sound policy, and maintain the financial integrity of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.