

## **Standards of Good Practice**

In support of effective community college governance, the Board\* believes:

- 1 That it derives its authority from the community and that it must always act as an advocate on behalf of the entire community;
- 1 That it must clearly define and articulate its role;
- 1 That it is responsible for creating and maintaining a spirit of true cooperation and a mutually supportive relationship with its CEO;
- 1 That it always strives to differentiate between external and internal processes in the exercise of its authority;
- 1 That its trustee members should engage in a regular and ongoing process of in-service training and continuous improvement;
- 1 That its trustee members come to each meeting prepared and ready to debate issues fully and openly;
- 1 That its trustee members vote their conscience and support the decision or policy made;
- 1 That its behavior, and that of its members, exemplify ethical behavior and conduct that is above reproach;
- 1 That it endeavors to remain always accountable to the community;
- 1 That it honestly debates the issues affecting its community and speaks with one voice once a decision or policy is made.

\* The term "board" refers to a community college board of trustees or appropriate governing authority