

## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

*By agreeing to sit on the Board you agree to fulfill the following obligations to the University: honesty, loyalty, care, diligence, skill and prudence. Your primary responsibility is to assure the long-term integrity and viability of the University. Your duties will also require that you:*

- Support the mission and aims of the University
- Understand that the Board's role is one of policy making and oversight and not management
- Maintain an overriding loyalty to the entire University rather than to any one part or constituency (even if you were elected by a constituency)
- Respect and understand the role of Senate in the bicameral governance of the University
- Participate actively and with critical judgment in discussions at Board meetings but maintain Board solidarity and support policies and programs once these are approved by the Board
- Strengthen and support the President while being active, energetic and probing
- Maintain a respect for the opinions of one's colleagues and a proper restraint in criticism of colleagues and officers
- Recognize that the President is the spokesperson for the University and the Chair of the Board is the only person authorized to speak on behalf of the Board
- Adhere to the written policies, rules, and regulations of the Board of the University including, but not limited to, requirements of confidentiality and avoidance of conflict of interest
- Attend all meetings of the Board and Committees upon which you serve