

Governance Committee Charter

Purpose

The Governance Committee researches, reviews and recommends policies and best practices in governance, ensuring that such practices and policies enhance the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Authority and Responsibilities

- Gives advice on how to become more thoughtful about the selection of new trustees and the composition of the Board by periodically reviewing and making recommendations to the Board Chair regarding the Board member selection process and leadership succession planning; addressing Trustee skill sets; and concerning itself with diversity of members such as in ethnicity, gender, geographic, and other types of diversity;
- Involvement in Board orientation for each new member and continuing Board educational programs, and in mentorship of new Board members;
- Creates and thereafter evaluates a Board profile of the combination of talents, knowledge, backgrounds, and expertise needed to fulfill the university's goals;
- Develops and secures Board approval of a written statement setting out the roles and responsibilities of Board members;
- Establishes performance criteria/expectations for Trustees in areas of attendance, preparedness, candor, and participation;
- Manages the process for deciding whether to recommend reappointment of a Board member;
- Designs and manages any term-limit policies on Board officers;
- Honors and recognizes retiring members;
- Effectively communicates the committee's responsibilities and achievements;
- Assesses the performance of the committee itself, and the board as a whole through a process of confidential self-assessment by each Board member.

Meetings

The Governance Committee meets up to four times annually in conjunction with each regularly scheduled Board meeting, and may meet other times as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.

Members / Quorum

The Governance Committee shall consist of at least five but no more than seven members, including ex officio members. The committee chair shall be appointed by the Board chair. The Board chair and the Chancellor shall be non-voting, ex-officio members of the committee.

Staff Designee

The General Counsel shall be staff to the Governance Committee.

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