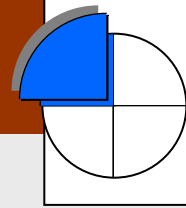


LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY



Policy Name: Board Linkage with Ownership

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The “owner” of Lethbridge College is defined as the public of southwestern Alberta. The Board shall be accountable for the organization to its owner *as a whole*. The Board shall act on behalf of the owner as a whole, rather than being advocates for specific geographic areas or interest groups.

1. When making governance decisions, Board Members shall maintain a distinction between their personal interests as “customers” of the organization’s services, and their obligation to speak for others as a representative of the “owner” as a whole. As the agent of the owner, the Board is obligated to identify and know what the owner wants and needs.
2. The Board shall gather data in a way that reflects the diversity of the ownership. It shall meet with, gather input from, and otherwise interact with the broad base of communities, and acknowledge diversity. It shall recognize that diversity assures a broad base of wisdom, and shall seek to make decisions considering that input.
3. Collection of input from the community may be accomplished through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, meetings with the ownership, surveys, and advisory committees.

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