

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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GP-9 – Board Linkage with Ownership

The “owners” of Lethbridge College is defined as the people of Alberta through the Minister of Advanced Education. The board shall be accountable for the organization to its owner *as a whole*. The board shall act on behalf of the owners 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 “owners” 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 owners in order to understand the diversity of their values and perspectives. 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 ownership may be accomplished through a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, meetings with the ownership, surveys, and advisory committees.