BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

The members of the Board of Directors of Clatsop Community College agree to:

1. Understand that the basic Board function is “policy-making” and not “administrative.”

2. Respect the rights of College patrons to be heard at official meetings.

3. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meetings.

4. Recognize that a Board member has no legal status to act for the Board outside of official meetings.

5. Be knowledgeable of information requested through Board action, provided by the President, and gained through professional Board activities.

6. Make decisions only after all available facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed by the Board.

7. Honestly debate the issues affecting the community and then speak with one voice once a decision or policy is made.

8. Recognize the President should have full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties within limits of established Board policy.

9. Recognize that the President is the educational advisor to the Board and should be present at all meetings of the Board except when his/her contract, salary, and evaluation review are under consideration.

10. Refer all complaints or problems to the Board Chair and President, where appropriate.

11. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled professional personnel.

12. Communicate and promote the needs of the community to the college and the needs of the College to the community.

13. Recognize the roles of the President and the Board Chair to ensure a unified voice in representing the College.
14. Maintain an atmosphere in which controversial issues can be discussed openly and fairly, protecting the dignity of individuals.

END OF POLICY

Legal References:

ORS 162.015-.035
ORS 162.405 -.425
ORS 192.630
ORS 244.010 –244.130
ORS Chapter 341