

Southwestern Oregon Community College**BP: 2011****BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Board of Education shall be responsible for the general supervision and control of any and all community colleges operated by the district. Consistent with Oregon Revised Statutes, or Oregon Administrative Rules, the local Board may:

1. Employ the College President, define his /her duties, terms and conditions of employment, and prescribe compensation therefore;
2. Enact policies for the operations of the College, including professional personnel and other employees and students therein;
3. Control use of and access, through policy, to the grounds, buildings, books, equipment and other property of the College;
4. Acquire, receive, hold, control, convey, sell, manage, operate, lease, lease-purchase, lend, invest, improve and develop any and all property of whatever nature (cash or property) given to or appropriated for the use, support or benefit of any activity under the control of the Board, according to the terms and conditions of such gift or appropriation and pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes, and commit, appropriate, authorize and budget for the payment of or other disposition of general funds to pay, in whole or in part, sums due for said property;
5. Establish tuition for admission to the College;
6. Set fees and expend funds raised for special programs and services for the students and for programs for the cultural and physical development of the students;
7. Provide and disseminate to the public, information relating to programs, operations and finances of the College;
8. Establish or contract for advisory and consultant services;
9. In coordination with the College Foundation (when applicable), accept, hold and dispose of mortgages on real and personal property acquired by way of gift or arising out of transactions entered into in accordance with the powers, duties and authority of the Board and institute, maintain and participate in suits and actions and other judicial proceedings in the name of the College for the foreclosure of such mortgages;
10. Join appropriate associations and pay any required dues from resources of the College;
11. Accept grant funds and approve encumbrances for educational purposes;
12. Set policies for the use and access to public records of the College that are consistent with ORS 192.314, and education records of students under applicable state and federal law;
13. Provide the necessary funding for reserves or other trust funds pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes;
14. Encourage gifts to the College Foundation and ensure proceeds of such gifts to the purposes for which intended;
15. Build, furnish, equip, repair, lease, purchase and raze facilities; and locate, buy and acquire lands for all College purposes. Financing may be by any prudent method including but not limited to loans, contract purchase or lease. Leases, authorized by this section, include lease-purchase agreements where under the College may acquire ownership of the leased property at a nominal price. Such financing agreements may be for a term of up to 30 years except for lease arrangements, which may be for a term of up to 50 years;
16. Enter into contracts of insurance or medical service contracts or may operate a self-insurance program, if allowed, as provided in ORS 341.312;
17. Evaluate the President's performance; and,

Southwestern is an equal opportunity employer and educator.

18. Exercise any other power, duty or responsibility necessary to carry out the functions under this section or required by law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.314, .630
ORS Chapter 238
ORS 243.650 - .782
ORS Chapter 279A
ORS Chapter 279B
ORS Chapter 279C
ORS 294.305 - .565
ORS 341.290, .312
ORS 731.704 - .724