

## **SHARED GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

- Within the College's statutory role and mission and the Board of Trustees' operational mission, all constituencies have a role and a responsibility in assisting the College to achieve excellence in all areas of College activity. In pursuing excellence, the Board of Trustees welcomes and expects the participation of faculty, students, staff, and other College constituencies in the decision-making process.
- The Board of Trustees encourages a broad exchange of information and ideas. To facilitate the exchange of information and ideas, the Board of Trustees looks to the President of the College as its primary liaison with the College constituencies. To be effective in this role, the President must establish an open environment of communication with all members of the College community and establish avenues for consultation and recommendation by faculty, students, and staff regarding policy matters considered by the Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees delegates to the President, as the chief executive officer of the College, full authority and responsibility for administering the College within the policies and procedures established by the Board of Trustees. Within this delegation is the expectation that the President will elicit the participation and facilitate the fulfillment of the roles and responsibilities of the College's campus constituencies in the College's internal decision-making processes. It is through the initiative, participation, and effort of all the College's constituencies that excellence is achieved.