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### Policy Statement

The Board will focus on overall direction, policy and performance of the University, and delegate to the President the responsibility for management.

### Approval Statement

With the consent of the Board of Governors and approval of the Chair of the Board of Governors, this policy is hereby deemed in effect the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022.



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David Morrison  
Chair, Board of Governors

January 21, 2022

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Date

### **This requires that the Board:**

- Create the vision for Yukon University as well as the strategic directions and goals that support the vision.
- Act ethically in all matters relating to the University.
- Maintain the confidentiality of Board discussions, with the exception of decisions recorded in open meeting minutes.
- Focus on the future while being cognizant of the past and present.
- Focus on external factors affecting the University as well as being knowledgeable of internal operations.
- Create its own agenda.
- Regularly monitor the performance of the University through:
  - (a) setting and evaluating performance indicators that align with the Strategic Plan.
  - (b) Reviewing updates and reports from the President.
- Approve the annual operating and capital budgets.
- Ensure there is an appropriate contingency reserve, and approve reserve draw downs and replenishments as part of the University's financial planning activities. The only exception to this is that the President may draw down the accrued pension benefit asset reserve by the amount determined by the actuary.
- Establish standing and ad-hoc committees as appropriate.
- Carry out its statutory responsibilities under sections 8, 21 and 22 of the YU Act, i.e. appoint the Chancellor, carry out its broad duties, and exercise its extensive powers as required.

### **Thus, the Board will concentrate on the following:**

1. Understanding local needs and expectations.
2. Understanding the economic, social, cultural, environmental, and technological factors affecting the University.
3. Developing positive connections with communities, industries, organizations and various governments.
4. Creating, communicating and demonstrating a commitment to the University's mission and vision and its strategic directions and goals.
5. Using a consultative approach to the governance process.
6. Ensuring the mission and vision are reviewed in conjunction with the strategic planning process.

7. Understanding the organization, its climate, values, culture and operations.
8. Developing written policies that focus on the mission and goals.
9. Defining the results to be achieved through the setting of performance indicators to align with the University's strategic plan.
10. Recruiting, hiring, evaluating and supporting the President, and where warranted terminating the President.
11. Ensuring there is a suitable orientation for new Board members within three months of appointment.
12. Monitoring the performance of all aspects of the University – governance, programs, services, finances, and legal requirements.
13. Recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of students, staff, Board and the University as a whole.

### **Scope and Limitations of the President**

Not applicable

### **Information and Monitoring Requirements**

- Annual President's Evaluation
- Annual Board Evaluation
- Ongoing Program, Service, and Institutional Evaluation Reports.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Plan