

MIDDLE STATES STANDARD VII

GOVERNANCE, LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Information to partially address Standard VII.

GOVERNANCE

- CUNY has one Board of Trustees (BoT) for the entire university. The Board consists of seventeen members, ten of whom are appointed by the Governor of New York State and five who are appointed by the Mayor of New York City. The Chairperson of the University Student Senate, who has voting privileges and the Chairperson of the University Faculty Senate, who is a non-voting member are the remaining two members of the Board. The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor.
- The Board of Trustees Bylaws, Article II, sections 2.1 through 2.6 describe the duties of the members of the Board of Trustees (see <http://policy.cuny.edu/bylaws/article-ii/> . The Board's Manual of General Policy (MGP) <http://policy.cuny.edu/general-policy/> contains non-bylaw policy action items adopted and amended of the Board including matters of board independence (MGP 2.01), conflicts of interest (MGP 2.05) and evaluation and assessment of the Chancellor and Presidents (MGP 5.05).
- The CUNY mission is available here:
 - [CUNY Mission & History](#)
 - <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/EDN/6203>
- The Board of Trustees delegates to each college the responsibility for how the college organizes itself (individual college Governance Plan), but this is contingent on all college governance plans being first adopted by the Board of Trustees. Further, under CUNY Bylaws, Article VIII, Organization and Duties of the Faculty, 8.11, "The provisions in a duly adopted college governance plan shall supersede any inconsistent provisions contained in this article." Thus, colleges may in their governance plans, define the duties of faculty departments, including methods for appointments and promotions, and those provisions may be inconsistent with CUNY Bylaws, as long as the Board has adopted the colleges' governance plans.
- Use the narrative of your own college Governance Plan that the Board of Trustees has already approved. Include your own website link to the Governance Plan document in this section and/or have the document available for the team to review.
- Briefly describe the structure of the major college committees.

ADMINISTRATION

- The Board of Trustees has ultimate authority; it delegates to the chancellor and the chancellor delegates to the presidents, and on matters of university-wide policy and practice the chancellor delegates to her/his own vice chancellors.
- Refer back to the Bylaws for language on the relationship among the executives offices. Articles XI contains position descriptions for the chancellor and college presidents.
- Provide a brief description of the college executive team and structure of local administration. The chief executive officer is the president.
- Provide a clear understanding of the duties of each governance body.