



HLC: 32 Days and Counting...Did You Know?
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Did you know that CMU's governing board must follow the Colorado State Code of Ethics?

Self-Study Report, Evidence Item 2A-1: CMU's policies for the governing board, administration, and faculty clearly emphasize institutional integrity.

CMU's governing board creates, maintains, and follows policies that require it to act in ethical ways while governing the institution.

- The governing board of CMU must follow the Colorado State Code of Ethics for board members of educational institutions. This code addresses conflicts of interest and the handling of confidential information, significantly limits the receiving of gifts and honoraria, and requires the board to follow legal standards. The ethical guidelines help to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the educational processes and accomplishments.
- The governing board of CMU creates and maintains institutional policies that embrace ethical and responsible behaviors. For example,
 - *It shall be Colorado Mesa University's policy on conflict of interest and code of ethics to be the same as that required by the State of Colorado for governing board members, administrators, faculty and staff (Trustees Policy Manual, p. 14).*
 - *It is the policy of the Trustees to provide substantial administrative authority, to guarantee a minimum of external involvement in the affairs of the University, to encourage the development of the distinctive role of the University, and to support the University in its efforts to maintain and enhance academic excellence. At the same time, however, the Trustees' policies and procedures, administered by the President and staff, are designed to ensure effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability. (Trustees Policy Manual, p. 6).*

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