



CSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CODE OF CONDUCT

1. A Trustee shall become familiar with and committed to the major responsibilities of the Board of Trustees. A Trustee shall devote time, thought, and study to his or her duties as a member of the Board of Trustees, learning how the University functions -- its uniqueness, strengths, and needs -- and its place in postsecondary education.
2. A Trustee shall abide by the legal and fiscal responsibilities of the Board of Trustees as specified in federal and state law and the regulations, rules of procedure, standing orders, and resolutions of the Board of Trustees.
3. A Trustee shall carefully prepare for, regularly attend, and actively participate in Board of Trustee meetings and committee assignments. Trustees commit to be fully engaged and knowledgeable about an issue before commenting thereon at a Board Meeting.
4. A Trustee shall base his or her vote upon all information available in each situation and shall exercise his or her best judgment to make decisions which affect the course and are in the best interest of the University.
5. A Trustee shall vote according to his or her individual conviction, and may challenge the judgment of others when necessary, but shall always do so in a respectful and civil manner and in a way that promotes a collaborative Board culture.
6. Even if an individual Trustee does not initially support a proposal, he or she shall support the majority decision of the Board of Trustees and work with fellow Trustees in a spirit of cooperation.
7. A Trustee shall maintain the confidential nature of Board deliberations in closed session. This includes written and verbal communications concerning the closed session.
8. A Trustee is part of a single whole; no Trustee can, acting alone, commit the institution. A



11. A Trustee shall learn and consistently use designated institutional channels when conducting Board business (e.g., responding to faculty and student grievances, responding to inquiries concerning the status of a presidential search, etc.).

12. A Trustee shall comply with conflict of interest policies and requirements prescribed in state law. A Trustee shall refrain from accepting duties, incurring obligations, accepting gifts or favors, or engaging in private business or professional activities when there is, or would appear to be, a conflict or incompatibility between the Trustee's private interests and the interests of the University. If the Trustee is in conflict or appearance of conflict, the Trustee shall disclose the conflict and recuse him or herself as necessary.

13. A Trustee shall refrain from actions and involvements that may prove embarrassing to the University or compromise its reputation or standing in the community.

14. Trustees are peers and commit to guide and support other Trustees.

15. In the California State University, the people of the State of California have created a most extraordinary institution dedicated to individual educational achievement, economic equality62 (m)-8.1 (e)-7 (n)-0.82effffmeM7 (h)4.1 (e)-270.008 -0.8 (e)-7 (d)aa(e)-7 (2(M7 (h)4.1 (e)-G(g)-2.8 (