



NIAGARA COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Board Governance Policy Manual

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POLICY TYPE: I. ENDS

POLICY TITLE: B. Program Objectives (what results)

The following statements provide further direction related to the ends reflected in the Mission Statement.

THE POLICY:

Niagara College will build on its strengths, striving to be among the best possible postsecondary educational institutions in Canada, and will focus on the following strategic priorities:

- A focus on student success
- A partner in economic development
- A leader in our communities
- Building for the future

Our students are our priority. Over the next five years we will increase student success and maintain high levels of student satisfaction. We will ensure that our students graduate with the knowledge and skills they require to succeed in their chosen professions, and with the applied research and problem-solving skills needed for the economy of the 21st century. We will recruit, retain, and develop the most talented faculty to teach them. We are transforming our facilities to ensure they support our programs and provide an excellent learning environment for our students. We will achieve sustainable enrolment growth and increase the diversity of our student body, and we will ensure they have the support they need to succeed in their studies and to transfer their college credits to further educational opportunities, if they wish. We will provide students with opportunities to link to the employer community through internships, clinical placements, co-op employment, and applied research opportunities with companies or community partners.

Our programs will reflect regional, provincial, and national priorities. We will increase our programming and training activities in areas of strategic importance to the economic success of our country. We will continue to be a strong and committed partner in regional economic development, and actively increase our involvement with key partners such as Brock University. We will continue to be a leader in our community through the involvement of our students, faculty and staff, and through the presence of our “communities” on our campuses. We will increasingly support our global community through international students on campus and in our community, and local students receiving unique opportunities to serve and learn abroad.

We will be innovative and enterprising in all we do. We will place a priority on environmental stewardship. We will maintain fiscal diligence and financial strength.

MONITORING:

The President will present an Annual Business Plan that identifies specific outcomes and metrics that are in line with the College’s Strategic Plan. The President will present an annual report demonstrating the College’s performance with respect to the Business Plan.

The President shall ensure the Strategic Plan is reviewed every three years.