1.01.00 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Illinois Community College District 525 – Joliet Junior College - (hereinafter referred to as the “College”) is a public community college organized under the Illinois Public Community College Act [110 ILCS 805/1-1 et seq.]. The College Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) shall be elected in accordance with the Illinois Community College Act.

The Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility for the governance of the College. This includes the duty to exercise informed, independent judgment to govern the business and affairs of the College with integrity and in a manner that protects the financial, physical and other assets of the College.

In furtherance of its responsibilities as related to the institution’s internal and external constituencies, the Board will exercise the powers granted to it pursuant to the Illinois Public Community College Act (110 ILCS 805/1-1 et seq.) and such additional powers consistent therewith including but not necessarily limited to:

a. Appoint, monitor, advise, motivate, support, and evaluate the President;
b. Approve policies, long-range plans, educational programs, and annual budgets, while clearly delegating administrative responsibilities, in furtherance of the mission of the College;
c. Accept fiduciary responsibility for the long-term welfare of the College;
d. Ensure adequate resources (human, financial and physical), and effective management of those resources;
e. Ensure collaboration with the other educational systems and other institutions related to the mission of the College;
f. Enhance the public image of the College;
g. Monitor and evaluate the performance of the College in achieving its goals and mission.
h. Annually review the financial performance of the College and recommend an audit to be completed;
i. Approve an annual budget and tax levy;
j. Ensure the quality of education provided by the College;
k. Review matters recommended by the President and cause appropriate action to be taken.

The Board will govern at a strategic, policy level. The Board will delegate to the administration the day-to-day operational management of the College, while preserving the prerogative to discuss, provide direction and act on matters of strategic importance as deemed appropriate.

Trustees have authority for official Board action only when acting as a group at official Board meetings. Individual Trustees shall refrain from speaking or acting on behalf of the Board unless authorized to do so by the Board or through these policies. Individual Trustees shall endeavor to support decisions made by the Board and recognize those decisions as binding.

The President of the College as the chief administrative officer of the College shall have all powers and duties granted by law and as delegated by the Board. The President shall advise and counsel the Board and recommend board action; recommend and enforce rules of the Board; perform duties and exercise responsibilities assigned by law, by rules of the State statutes, and by the Board; and delegate authority necessary to insure that laws and rules are executed efficiently.