

THE ROLE OF A STUDENT GOVERNOR

Governors of a Further Education College take joint responsibility for its educational character – the kind of provision which it makes for the student groups it serves – and for ensuring that it is well managed and solvent. Each governor brings to the governing body (the ‘Corporation’) a mix of knowledge, skills and abilities which are unique, but which complement those of other governors to provide a range of expertise which aims to give strategic direction to the senior management of the college in their operational roles.

1. APPOINTMENT

As a Student Governor you are elected by the Student Executive (Union) under the rules laid down in the Student Executive Constitution. Your appointment is direct to the Corporation.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY

Governors are accountable to the Chair of the Corporation and the Corporation Board.

3. LEADERSHIP

PERSONAL QUALITIES

- a) Demonstrate a strong personal commitment to further education and college values aims and objectives.
- b) Act fairly and impartially in the Corporations and colleges interests using independent judgement and maintaining confidentiality as appropriate
- c) Make yourself available to attend induction/training/events organised by the College and other bodies.
- d) Commit to the overall time commitment required of a Student Governor to effectively carry out the role.
- e) Have a high degree of personal integrity
- f) Have the ability to be develop your skills and gain experience within the role.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES - IN THE SAME WAY AS ANY OTHER GOVERNOR, YOU WOULD BE EXPECTED TO: -

- a) Take joint responsibility, with other members of the Corporation, for setting and monitoring the strategic framework within which the college operates.
- b) Be actively involved in reviewing the role and function of the college in response to internal and external change.
- c) Ensure that all resources, including financial, personnel, property and other assets, are effectively deployed and managed.

- d) Through receiving regular financial reports, ensure that the college is solvent and that finances are well managed. You will, as a Governor, be responsible for approving annual estimates of income and expenditure.
- e) Through regular quality reports ensure that the college is setting and achieving high quality provision across all areas of delivery.
- f) Foster good relations between the college and its community and ensure that the college's aims and objectives are understood;
- g) Participate in Committees or working groups of the Corporation, in accordance with your own knowledge, skills and abilities;
- h) Help to ensure that the college, in its procedures, policies and actions, complies with the law.
- i) Work with other governors to ensure that the college has due regard to equal opportunities in its operations.

5. EXTERNAL ROLE

- a) Represent the Corporation and college at external meetings, presentations and conferences as appropriate.
- b) Play an agreed ambassadorial role on the college's behalf.

6. TIME COMMITMENT

The Corporation has an attendance policy and sets attendance objectives on an annual basis. These are monitored and reported upon, on a termly and annual basis.

As an Student Governor you are not expected to attend any Committee as a Member but have a standing invitation to attend any of the Committee meetings as an observer as part of your role.

In addition all Governors are asked to attend one Governor Development Event per annum (these are held termly) and attend at least one College Event during the academic year.

7. EXPENSES AND INSURANCE

All Governors are advised that Members are entitled to claim normal travel and subsistence expenses in line with the Governors expenses policy identified in the Financial Regulations.

Governors are advised that the College has Governors liability Insurance in place.

Natalie Lynch
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