

## Board of Trustees Preamble

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES - PREAMBLE**

The following guidelines are intended to assist members of the Board of Trustees (The Board) in fulfilling their responsibilities to The University and Toledo and to the State of Ohio. Dedicated to the principles set forth in this document will enable the Board of Trustees to serve and govern the University in an effective way and to ensure a culture of constructive inquiry, open discussion and academic excellence.

The Board functions as a cohesive governing body in giving advice, counsel and direction to the President of the University. Members of the Board cast votes that count equally and no one member has any privilege or status except as accorded by the Board as a whole. Only the Board Chairperson is empowered to speak for the Board.

The Board must strive to maintain an environment where students, faculty and staff are not exempt from the consequences of their actions or inactions, but where maximum freedom of scholastic inquiry is assured.

As Trustees of The University of Toledo, Board members have an overriding responsibility to serve the interests of the University so that it may in turn provide a desirable educational experience that produces an affirmative student outcome.

*Approved by the UT Board of Trustees May 14, 2012*