

**POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS GP-6**

***POLICY TITLE: COST OF GOVERNANCE***

The Board of Trustees will invest in its governance capacity to promote and ensure effective, and continuous improvement of its governance of the College.

Accordingly:

1. The Board will decide on the funds it deems necessary for it to perform its duties.
2. The Board skills, methods and support resources will be sufficient to ensure governing with excellence.
  - a. Training and re-training will be utilized to orient new Trustees and candidates to be Trustees, as well as to maintain and increase existing Trustee skills and knowledge.
  - b. Outside monitoring assistance and resources will be arranged so that Board can exercise confident control over organizational performance, which includes, but is not limited to, Fiscal Audit.
  - c. Outreach mechanisms will be used as needed to ensure the Board's ability to listen to the citizens of Benton and Franklin counties' viewpoints and values.
3. Costs will be prudently incurred, though not at the expense of jeopardizing the development and maintenance of superior governance knowledge and capability.