

## **A. GOVERNANCE**

### **1. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees has such powers as are provided by the Laws of the State of New York, and particularly by Section 226 of the Education Law of the State of New York, and by Charter of the Corporation, as further amplified by the Board's own By-Laws. The Board of Trustees, therefore, has final authority over all matters pertaining to the governance of the University, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the appointment of the President of the University;
- (b) the approval of all University Policies;
- (c) the authorization of the annual budget of the University;
- (d) the authorization of the conferring of all degrees;
- (e) deciding on all other appropriate matters pertaining to the management of the University. (See By-Laws of the Board)

### **2. THE UNIVERSITY**

#### **(a) Senior Administrators/ President's Cabinet**

The University President together with his Cabinet, appointed by the President, serve as the Senior Administration of the University.

The Cabinet meets weekly throughout the calendar year at the discretion of the President except for holidays and vacation periods. It is through this forum that decisions are made, recommendations formulated, and counsel given to the President. These meetings serve as the principal communication and governance links in the ordinary administration of the University.

A series of regularly scheduled meetings by Divisional area of responsibility are conducted with Deans and Directors furthering the communication and governance links throughout the various levels of the University.

The President and Senior Administrators serving on the President's Cabinet likewise serve on the standing committees of the Board of Trustees, representing their respective Divisional areas of University responsibility.

### **(b) Faculty Senate**

The teaching faculty has the responsibility for the legislation of general policies on academic matters concerning the undergraduate schools, including student admission, advancement and graduation standards; University academic calendar; curricula; requirements for degrees; and the establishment, modification, or discontinuance of any school, department, curriculum or program.

Without infringing upon the rights of the Graduate Council, the teaching faculty also has the responsibility for the legislation of general policies concerning such faculty matters as faculty organization; faculty qualifications; faculty duties and promotions; and the *Faculty Status and Welfare Handbook* in those areas in which the Faculty Senate is legislative.

In matters in which the Faculty Senate is legislative, the Faculty Senate will take no action without first consulting administrative and student representatives when those segments of the community are immediately concerned. Normally, such consultation shall take the form of membership on Faculty Senate committees.

The Faculty Senate may be advisory in other matters.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall be a non-voting *ex officio* member of the Faculty Senate. (See By-Laws of the Faculty Senate)

Representatives of the Faculty Senate are participating members on both Committees of the Board of Trustees and University Committees.

### **(c) Graduate Council**

The Graduate Council has the responsibility of legislating policy on academic matters concerning the graduate school, including, but not limited to, faculty approval, student admission, advancement and graduation standards, academic calendar, and curricula and shall make recommendations to the

Academic Vice President and President of St. Bonaventure University regarding the establishment, modification or discontinuance of any graduate program.

Any proposal for the establishment, modification or discontinuance of any graduate program must be submitted to the Graduate Council for recommendations.

All decisions of the Graduate Council are subject to the approval of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President of St. Bonaventure University.

#### **(d) Student Government**

The purpose of the Student Government is to represent all students of St. Bonaventure University, both undergraduate and graduate, in every aspect of the University life and in all decisions that will have an impact on that life. (See By-Laws of The Student Government Association)

Representatives of the Student Government Association are participating members on both Committees of the Board of Trustees and University Committees.