Barking & Dagenham College

BOARD OF CORPORATION STUDENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Be a part of the College Board of Corporation

WHAT IS A STUDENT GOVERNOR?

Student Governors attend meetings of the College Board of Corporation to draw upon their own knowledge and experience as members of the student body in order to exercise judgment and make decisions. Student Governors are able to give student opinion and thoughts on projects, initiatives and strategy before they are put into practice. Student Governors are appointed in their own right as individuals and not as representatives of the student body.

HOW MANY STUDENT GOVERNORS DOES THE COLLEGE HAVE?

The Board of Corporation currently has vacancies for two Student Governors.

WHO ELSE IS A GOVERNOR ON THE BOARD OF CORPORATION?

The membership of the Board of Corporation can be seen as a mix of 'internal' and 'external' Governors. The 'internal' governors are those from within the College and include the Principal, Student and Staff governors and bring with them their personal knowledge of the College. The 'external' governors are those governors who bring expertise, experience and local knowledge. The resulting team of governors form a governing body which has a significant responsibility for the operation and performance of the college, including the employment of staff, and the achievement of students. A governing body which is working with ambition and a clear focus on learner achievement and college improvement can make a significant contribution to the leadership of a college.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A BOARD OF CORPORATION MEETING?

Board Meetings can cover a wide variety of topics ranging from the College's buildings and finances to key matters influencing teaching and learning. All Governors are expected to prepare for meetings by reading through the pack of papers provided in advance of each meeting.

WHAT WILL I GAIN?

You will learn how the strategy of a Further Education College is developed and put into practice. Many of the items discussed at Board Meetings are highly confidential and sensitive, and you must be prepared to keep this confidence at all times. Through this role you will also have the opportunity to make personal contacts with a number of influential people. The experience will look great on your CV and/or future application forms.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The Board of Corporation usually has four meetings throughout the year, held in the College Boardroom at 5pm. Meetings take place on Mondays and there are also two Strategic Planning Days which are all day meetings (10am-4pm). In addition, Student Governors are asked to sit on the Curriculum & Quality Committee which also meets four times per year (again at 5pm in the Boardroom or sometimes online via Teams) and focuses on curriculum, quality and the learner experience within the College. Student Governors will also need to find time to read the papers and prepare for meetings.

DO I NEED ANY QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A STUDENT GOVERNOR?

No formal qualifications are required to become a Student Governor and training is provided, as well as ongoing support throughout the year.

HOW LONG DOES A STUDENT GOVERNOR SERVE FOR?

Student Governors are usually appointed for a two year term of office, dependant on the duration of their current course. Students cease to be eligible to remain as a Student Governor once they have completed their course of study and are no longer enrolled as a student of the College.

INTERESTED?

If you would like any further information or an informal discussion about the role please contact the Clerk to the Corporation, Victoria Eastwood:

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