

## **B – Governance Process**

## **Effective Student Governor Representation**

### **Background**

While the Board of Governors of Northern College acknowledges that every governor on the Board is important and must be supported to effectively carry out their duties, they also acknowledge that the role of a student governor is a difficult one. In addition to fulfilling the duties and obligations of the position, student governors must also attend classes, complete assignments, study for exams and, increasingly, hold down jobs.

### **Policy**

The Board recognizes the increasing complexity of the position and will support the student governor to effectively carry out their duties.

### **Procedure**

The Board of Governors of Northern College will:

- ▶ provide the opportunity for the newly elected student governor to meet with the President for an introduction to the college system as a whole;
- ▶ provide opportunity for the Student Governor to gain access to mentorship within the Board of Governors;
- ▶ encourage student governor participation in college and provincial governor orientation sessions or webinars;
- ▶ encourage a strong link between student governor and student government, both at the local and provincial level;
- ▶ encourage and support communication between the Student Governor and the Northern College Student Association;
- ▶ provide ample opportunity for the student governor to meet with and have questions answered by the President;
- ▶ encourage student governors to participate on sub-committees of interest to them;
- ▶ provide on-going and consistent support for the student governor network;
- ▶ encourage student governor participation in the Colleges Ontario Higher Education Summit and College Centre of Board Excellence Good Governance Program.