



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 3358:5-1-25 Communication and counsel to the board.

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(A) Inasmuch as the board of trustees cannot responsibly discharge its statutory duties and obligations without accurate and timely information, it shall be the responsibility of the president to assure that the board is provided with all relevant reports, documents, and other materials required for informed decision-making. The president shall also serve as principal counsel to the board on issues, challenges, and matters affecting the college, the board itself, and higher education in general.

(B) To this end, the president shall not:

(1) Submit information and reports which are incomplete, inaccurate, misleading, or unnecessarily vague or complex.

(2) Fail to advise the board if, in the president's opinion, the board is not in compliance with its own policies on governance process and board-staff relationship, particularly in the case of board behavior which is detrimental to the working relationship between the board and the president.

(3) Fail to inform the board of actual or anticipated litigation, specific community concerns, the possibility of adverse media coverage, significant trends, and internal or external changes.

(4) Fail to deal with the board as a whole when fulfilling individual requests for information except when responding to officers or committees duly charged by the board.

(5) Fail to marshal for the board as many staff and external points of view, issues, and options as needed for fully informed board choices.

(6) Fail to provide a mechanism for official board, officer, or committee communications.

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