

## **Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct**

### **Criterion 2C: Governing Board Autonomy**

#### **PURPOSE**

This series of newsletters reviewed the Higher Learning Commission's Guiding Values for accreditation, the Criteria for Accreditation, and the Assumed Practices for all accredited institutions. These documents define the objectives and criteria that will guide the team of peer reviewers who will visit Indiana University Southeast during the 2019-20 academic year.

To see the IU Southeast Statement of Accreditation Status on the HLC webpage, please click [here](#).

#### **CORE COMPONENT 2C: GOVERNING BOARD AUTONOMY**

The third of five core components to criterion two assumes "The governing board of the institution is sufficiently autonomous to make decisions in the best interest of the institution and to assure its integrity." Four sub-components that IU Southeast must meet are:

2.C.1: The governing board's deliberations reflect priorities to preserve and enhance the institution.

2.C.2: The governing board reviews and considers the reasonable and relevant interests of the institution's internal and external constituencies during its decision-making deliberations.

2.C.3: The governing board preserves its independence from undue influence on the part of donors, elected officials, ownership interests, or other external parties when such influence would not be in the best interest of the institution.

2.C.4: The governing board delegates day-to-day management of the institution to the administration and expects the faculty to oversee academic matters.

To see all HLC Criteria for Accreditation and Core Components, please click [here](#).

#### **SOURCES OF EVIDENCE**

A number of advisory bodies serve the Chancellor and the campus, including the Board of Advisors, Faculty Senate, Alumni Board, Professional Staff Council, Staff Council, and the Student Government Association. It is likely that you know of other ways the "reasonable and relevant interests of the institution's internal and external constituencies" are solicited during decision-making deliberations. If so, you are invited to share. Some of our current informational sources for 2C are listed below:

- IU Consolidated Annual Financial Report, [2015-16](#)
- IU [Board](#) of Trustees
- IU Southeast [Faculty Senate](#)
- IU Southeast [Board of Advisors](#), [Alumni Board of Directors](#) and [Student Government Association](#)

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While this newsletter has outlined particular evidence that the sum of its committee members identified as supporting the core components of this criterion, we know that other evidence is out there within the campus community. **If you are aware of things that you would like to bring to our attention regarding core component 2C**, please feel free to send those observations and bits of data to [iusehlc@ius.edu](mailto:iusehlc@ius.edu).