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**STATEMENT of COMMITMENT and RESPONSIBILITIES  
of the MEMBERS of the BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Service on a college or university board is a distinctive privilege that requires us to hold ourselves accountable to the highest possible standards. Accompanying this privilege is the acceptance of certain individual fiduciary, ethical, and civic responsibilities widely accepted in higher education today.

By accepting the invitation to serve on the Board of Governors of Antioch University, I understand and hereby accept my responsibilities that include the fiduciary duties of care, loyalty and obedience. The duty of care is my obligation to exercise appropriate diligence and my best business judgment in helping the Board to make decisions concerning the University's assets which are held in trust for current and future generations. The duty of loyalty requires me to place the University's mission and interests above my own. The duty of obedience requires me to support and follow actions of the Board, to maintain the confidentiality of Board proceedings, and to generally advance the mission of the University in my dealings with other members of the Board and University administration.

In furtherance of these commitments and responsibilities I will put forth my best individual effort to:

- Understand and fully commit to helping the University to achieve its mission, purpose, values, and strategies.
- Strive to keep abreast of trends, issues, and current developments in higher education that may affect the University.
- Contribute in various ways to the work of the Board of Governors to sustain the University's integrity, traditions, quality, and reputation, and to promote its goals and strengthen its financial condition as an ambassador committed to influencing others who can also help to accomplish them.
- Consistently and diligently participate in Board and committee meetings.
- Contribute a gift annually to its need for private sources of financial support both for general needs and for special initiatives as part of comprehensive campaigns commensurate with my financial means.
- Call the attention of the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement to particular individuals, corporations, or foundations who should be given an opportunity to invest in the University's development and, where appropriate or possible, to help with their cultivation and engagement.

- Conduct myself in word and deed as a Board member committed to the University as a whole rather than to any particular part of it, individual or group, or partisan cause.
- Be at all times thoughtful and discreet as a University ambassador, remembering that ordinarily it is only the Chancellor who is the official spokesperson for the University, and the Chair of the Board of Governors is the official spokesperson for the Board of Governors.
- Comply at all times with the letter and spirit of the University’s Conflicts of Interest and Commitment and annual disclosure policies and practices, Policy 2.105 and the Fiduciary Duties and Responsibilities of Board Members, Policy 2.203.
- Strictly maintain the confidentiality of all privileged or sensitive information provided to me to safeguard the University’s reputation and integrity, as well as the privacy rights of individuals connected with the University.

I certify by my signature that I understand the foregoing expectations that accompany my Board service and will do my best to live up to them as a member of the Board of Governors of Antioch University.

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Name

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Signature

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Date

*Note: This Statement will be provided to all continuing and prospective Board-nominees as part of the invitation extended on behalf of the Board’s Governance Committee by its Chair, the Chair of the Board of Governors, or others as appropriate. The Governance Committee shall also use this Statement as a guide to review the commitment and individual effort of incumbent Board members who are eligible for re-nomination and re-election to new terms consistent with the By-laws of the Board of Governors.*