

For a complete explanation of the fourteen standards used by the Middle States Commission, please consult their publication available for download here: [Characteristics of Excellence](#) (Twelfth Edition).

**Standard 4: Leadership and Governance**

The institution's system of governance clearly defines the roles of institutional constituencies in policy development and decision-making. The governance structure includes an active governing body with sufficient autonomy to assure institutional integrity and to fulfill its responsibilities of policy and resource development, consistent with the mission of the institution.