

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Board of Visitors of Wake Forest College is to serve as the principal volunteer leadership group for the Dean of Wake Forest College. The College Board of Visitors serves as the Dean's advisory and advocacy group with a focus on strategic academic activities related to the Wake Forest engaged liberal arts experience.



Michele Gillespie, Dean, Wake Forest College, and Presidential Endowed Chair of Southern History

COLLEGE BOARD OF VISITORS MEMBERSHIP

As with every effective board, the value of diversity can play a significant role in its final results. The Wake Forest College values the diverse make-up of its Board of Visitors membership. This includes a diversity of thought, Wake Forest affiliations, professional backgrounds, geography, ethnicity and gender. The selection process for Board members involves a series of discussions that are designed to align the needs of the College, the Dean, the faculty and the students with the prospective member so that the Board engagement is mutually beneficial for the member and the University.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

ADVISORY The College Board of Visitors members serve as close partners for the Dean. Their counsel is sought when academic program ideation, exploration, and execution would be benefitted by the expertise which board members collectively provide. Board of Visitors members are also sought for individual consultation between meetings on topics that align with their professional acumen and experience.

ADVOCACY The College Board of Visitors serves as advocates for the College and its students. Advocacy on behalf of the College can include: assisting in the recruitment of prospective board members, host gatherings to support the dean’s priorities and, serving as a contact for internships, employment, philanthropic opportunities or other co-curricular engagement with companies and organizations.

INVEST The College Board of Visitors seeks 100 percent participation by its members in its annual restricted or current-use fund programs at \$10,000 per year during their board term. The proposed designation of the support is outlined by the Dean every year and reflects the priorities of the College. In addition, as strategic philanthropic opportunities are identified, board members will be asked to consider financial support for the College and our students.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

In partnership with Wake Forest University Advancement, the College Board of Visitors will facilitate two meetings each academic year, typically on campus; one per semester. In addition, two quarterly calls will be facilitated; winter and summer. The meetings will be structured to ensure that Board members draw on their unique gifts and talents to provide support to the College in a number of ways.

The meeting and conference call dates are generally determined 12-18 months in advance; depending on the university calendar. In advance of all meetings and conference calls, an agenda will be sent. Any pre-read materials or advanced information will also be shared accordingly. Board members serve a three-year term with the beginning date of July 1 (beginning of Wake Forest Academic year). They are eligible to serve two consecutive terms, for six years total. After serving two consecutive terms, the member shall take a one-year hiatus before another cycle of membership.

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