# **SELF-EVALUATION**

### A. Mission and Planning

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 1. I understand the mission and purpose of CFOT.
- 2. The Board spends adequate time discussing future needs and direction of the College.

## **B. Policy Role**

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 3. I understand what is expected of me as a Board member.
- 4. The Board clearly understands its policy role and differentiates its role from those of the Training Principal and college staff.
- 5. The College has a set of bylaws, policies, and procedures which guide its activities.
- 6. The Board acts in a manner consistent with its policies and bylaws.

#### C. Legal Aspect of Board Membership

As a Board member, I have an appropriate understanding of the following:

- 7. What my legal responsibilities are.
- 8. Whether or not Board members are insured under the insurance policies of the Western Territory.
- 9. The legal relationship between the Board and The Salvation Army Board of directors at Territorial Headquarters.

## D. Fiduciary Role

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 10. I understand the role of the Board and its Executive and Finance Committee members in the annual budget and financial planning process.
- 11. The Board regularly receives and reviews reports on the financial status of the institution.
- 12. The Board assures that the budget reflects priorities in the College's plans.
- 13. I am knowledgeable about the current year College budget and status.
- 14. I understand the various revenue sources for CFOT and their importance.

# E. Training Principal

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 15. The Board maintains a positive working relationship with the Training Principal.
- 16. The Board clearly delegates the administration of the College to the Training Principal.
- 17. The Training Principal provides effective leadership of CFOT (through leadership in planning, organizing, budgeting, selecting and developing personnel, and assessing institutional effectiveness).
- 18. Through established policies and procedures, the Training Principal effectively guides continuous institutional improvement of the teaching and learning environment.
- 19. The Training Principal provides effective leadership for accreditation (ensuring that the institution meets or exceeds Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times).
- 20. The Training Principal assures that institutional practices are consistent with institutional mission and policies, including effective control of budget and expenditures.
- 21. The Training Principal works and communicates effectively with the communities served by the institution.
- 22. The Training Principal works and communicates effectively with the Board of Governance.

Questions 17-22 form the Board's official evaluation of the Training Principal. Responses to these questions are reported in the separate Training Principal Evaluation Document.

# F. Education Programs and Quality

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 23. The Board has established expectations or standards that enable it to monitor the quality and effectiveness of the educational program.
- 24. The Board regularly receives and reviews reports on institutional effectiveness.
- 25. The Board is appropriately involved in the accreditation process.

#### G. Committees

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 26. My committee has sufficient members.
- 27. My committee provides me with an opportunity to contribute my expertise to the College.
- 28. My committee performs a valuable role in assisting the Board to execute its role and responsibility.
- 29. My committees is performing in an effective manner.
- 30. The Board's Nominating Committee considers appropriate criteria in the selection of nominees to strengthen board capabilities.\*
- 31. The Executive Committee is aware of the responsibilities of the officers and Board members, the goals of the College, and the needs of the Board.\*

\*Questions 30-31 are completed by Executive/Nominating committee members only.

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# H. Board Leadership

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 32. The Board Chair leads the Executive Committee in an orderly, efficient, and inclusive way.\*
- 33. The Board Chair leads the plenary sessions in an orderly, efficient, and inclusive way.
- 34. Both in formal meetings and in informal conversations, the Chair effectively exercises leadership by focusing on key issues, clarifying options, and expeditiously pursuing directions in a meaningful way.
- 35. The Board acts as a collective entity. Once the Board reaches a decision, all Board members act in support of the decision.
- 36. Members uphold and comply with the Board's code of ethics.
- 37. Committee chairs facilitate discussions to allow participation of all interested members without attempting to bias the discussion.

## I. Board Meetings

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 38. Board meetings provide sufficient opportunity to explore key issues.
- 39. Agenda items provide sufficient information to enable good Board decision-making.
- 40. Meeting materials are provided in advance of the meeting.
- 41. Minutes of Board meetings are written and circulated with the briefing package to allow adequate review for accuracy and completeness.

## J. Board Development

To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

- 42. I received adequate orientation and information to effectively perform my role as Board member.\*
- 43. The Board's ongoing development/training program enables me to stay informed and effectively perform my duties.

#### Comments

- 44. What do you feel you need to know more about to perform more effectively as an individual Board member?
- 45. What do you feel the Board, as a group, needs to know more about to perform more effectively as a Board?
- 46. Do you have any suggestions on how the Board Development Program can be strengthened?

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<sup>\*</sup>Completed by Executive/Nominating committee members only.

<sup>\*</sup>New Board members only

# J. Final Comments

- 47. What suggestions would you give to improve the manner in which the Board addresses any item discussed above?
- 48. What other recommendations would you make to guide the Board in improving its performance?

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