BARTON COLLEGE

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Criterion 2: Integrity

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Barton Acts with integrity; conduct is ethical and responsible.

What is some of the evidence that shows Barton acts with integrity?

- Barton has developed policies and procedures to ensure fair and ethical behavior on the part of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students.
- Barton is transparent in college operations, publishing to the public Board of Trustee meeting times and minutes, the results of audits of college operations, the operating budget approval process, and a multitude of other information to inform the public of college operations.
- Barton publishes accurate Student Consumer Information with information on academic programs, costs to attend Barton, student outcome information, Barton's accreditation status, and other information vital for prospective students to make informed decisions.

- Barton's Board of Trustees are trained and knowledgeable to make informed decisions concerning Barton's financial and academic policies.
- The Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff at Barton recognize a shared responsibility to protect the institution's integrity and conduct business to the highest legal and ethical standards.
- The Board of Trustees of Barton Community College adopted the Carver Policy Governance® Model on November 21, 1996, which serves as the foundation for all Board practices/policies.
- Barton respects and values academic freedom and is committed to freedom of expression.
- Barton is committed to upholding Academic Integrity ensuring

honest and moral behavior in the academic setting.

- Barton has established an Institutional Research Board (IRB) to provide oversight for conducting research on campus.
- Barton has an established process for Mission review. Barton's Board of Trustees provides final approval for the Mission revision.
- In compliance with Kansas House Bill 2144, the Board of Trustees annually publishes taxpayer and student transparency information on the Barton website.
- Barton follow established procurement policies and procedures to ensure compliance with state and federal laws and good stewardship of public funds.

C2 Questions the HLC Team Might Ask:

- Describe the campus climate at Barton.
- Do you know how college policies are developed and updated? How are changes to policies communicated to employees?
- Do employees have an opportunity to provide input on policies undergoing review and revision?
- How are <u>staff</u> and <u>faculty</u> evaluated at Barton? What is your impression of the evaluation process?
- Do you understand <u>Barton's</u> <u>FERPA policy</u>?

- Are you familiar with <u>Barton's</u> <u>academic integrity policy?</u>
- How does Barton ensure public information on the college website and printed materials are accurate and up to date?
- How does Barton ensure <u>academic</u> <u>freedom</u> in teaching and learning?
- Are <u>Barton's transfer credit policies</u> clear? Is this policy accessible to students?
- How would you describe the <u>shared governance process</u> at Barton? Do you feel you have sufficient input into decision that affect you?