
University Governance



Good governance should underpin everything a university does – there should be a flow of continuity from the governing body through its committees, senior management and on to the activities of academic and administrative areas.

Now, more than ever, universities need the right leadership, with the right skills and the right structures to lead them through these uncertain and challenging times.

Governance Reviews

At Uniac, we have been reviewing all aspects of governance for over two decades. Put simply, we work with our members (and beyond) to assess:

- Resources
- Business
- Standards and Conduct

We have a long and successful track record of working collaboratively to review governing bodies and their committees, including reviews of University Senates and Academic Boards. Recent assignments have focussed on the changing landscape of HE and areas and themes that need to be considered, for example:

- The recruitment process – are universities recruiting the most appropriate governors and maximising the benefits they can bring?
- Induction, training and updates – how do institutions do as much as possible to ensure that governors receive the relevant background and information as part of their induction and on-going updates?
- Where does risk management fit in? Is the risk register linked to the governing body's agenda and does it capture emerging risks?
- Is the governing body receiving the right information, at the right level and at the right time?

More fundamentally, we are working with our members to assess how they are adapting to the current and future challenges and whether governance structures are fit for purpose in this new environment.

The reviews are led by senior audit professionals in Uniac alongside sector governance specialists who bring practical and proven experience to our work.

Good governance is fundamental to the health of any organisation and, drawing on CUC and Leadership Foundation guidance (amongst others), we advocate:

- periodic governance health checks; as well as
- specific, focussed reviews where appropriate.

To find out more

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