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The legal body that governs the university is the board of trustees. It is the final authority on setting our important policies, on the definition of major goals, and on the preservation of the academic mission. The financial health of the university is one of its chief responsibilities.

The board selects members who have demonstrated their understanding of the purpose of this institution, the commitment it has to higher education, and the unique contribution St. Thomas can make as a Catholic liberal arts university.

The chief executive officer of the university is the president. He is responsible to the board of trustees for the functioning of the university and the administration of its policies. He presides at the meetings of the university faculty, university faculty senate, and the academic council.

Under the direction of the governing board, the president of the university must make sure that adequate means exist for communication, decision-making, and governance.

The president delegates appropriate authority and responsibilities to the faculty, as described in the faculty organization plan, and to various members of the university administration, among them: the executive vice president/chief academic officer who is responsible for all academic units and academic support services; the executive vice president/chief administrative officer who is responsible for the day-to-day administrative operations of the university including fundraising; the vice president for mission; the vice president/rector, responsible for the administration of the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity; the vice president for finance and administration; the vice president for student affairs; the vice president for information resources and technologies; and the vice president for university and government relations.

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