# **Critical Higher Education Governance Collaborative**



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#### **Overview**



- What does educational equity have to do with me?
- How have you ever used equity as a lens through which you saw the world?
- Think of the last decision you made on the board. What are the ways in which you started, accelerated, stopped, or slowed that decision-making process?

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#### **Culturally Sustaining Governance Model**

### Equity Knowledge

- The board establishes a subcommittee with deeper working relationships with the institutional research office, diversity affairs, and human resources to insure that all data presented to the board has been vetted for possible inequities in either outcomes or experiences.
- Value of Equity
  - The board creates a statement defining equity and identifying time-bound goals in light of the institutional mission and local realities. The statement also commits the board to specific accountability mechanisms.
- **Motivation for Equity** 
  - The board is able to consistently articulate how equity informs their decision-making and are seen as partners and advocates for equity in broader conversations about institutional mission and success.
- Sociopolitical Consciousness
  - The board receives regular training around issues of equity and the experiences of minoritized stakeholders. Furthermore, the onboarding process for new trustees is reimagined to focus on the pursuit of equity.



### **Strategic Planning with a CSG Lens**

**E**xamine disaggregated data (PMRS)

**Q**uestion areas of inequities

**U**nderstand how to facilitate the connection of current or new interventions to identified areas of inequities

Insist on clear outcomes and timelines

**Y**ield resources

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