

Charge and Bylaws of the Geosciences Advisory Council
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The Geosciences Advisory Council (GAC) is an external committee of the Department of Geosciences within the Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University providing high-level feedback, advice, and assistance to advance the goals of the department. The goals of the department, as specified in the department code (http://warnercnr.colostate.edu/docs/geo/GeosciencesCode10_22_2014.pdf) are:

- To foster an environment that will guide and stimulate faculty and students to develop according to their individual interests within the field of Geosciences.
- To develop a responsive and professional faculty and staff, dedicated to mutual support in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research, service, and outreach.
- To encourage and support research and academic development directed toward scientific, technological, educational, service, and outreach advances of importance to the University and society.
- To promote effective and innovative educational, research, service, and outreach programs, and organize department activities to meet the changing needs of the state, nation, and world, and the individual interests and expertise of the faculty.

Council Charge

The charge of the GAC includes, but is not restricted to, advising and assisting department efforts in:

- Alumni affairs
- Industry, government, and other external relations
- Fundraising and other development and foundation opportunities
- Workforce and general professional preparedness of students
- Scientific, economic, technological, and other developments in the broad field of geosciences
- Increasing public and CSU-wide visibility of the department

The GAC does not serve in management, financial, curricular, or other roles that would conflict or be redundant with the operations of the department, college, and university as specified in

associated code or policy documents.

Nomination, Appointment and Terms of Members

Nominations for membership will be accepted by the department head at any time from GAC members, faculty, Alumni, Community, or others. Members are appointed for up to two-year, indefinitely renewable, terms by the department head, with terms beginning either on January 1 or July 1. Dismissal of a member prior to term expiration requires a majority vote of the GAC and department head voting in consort. Absence at two consecutive meetings may be grounds for dismissal.

Officers

The Chair serves a 2-year term and works closely with the department head in planning/coordinating GAC meetings and other activities, and in representing the consensus of the GAC. In the absence of a unanimous consensus Chair candidate, the Chair is elected by a 60% or more vote of the GAC and Department Head.

Meetings and Coordination of GAC Activities

The GAC will hold two regular meetings each year (one during each of the spring and fall CSU semesters). Meetings will be scheduled at least two months in advance to facilitate full participation by Council members. The Council as a whole, or a subset of its membership, will also participate in other events as determined to be valuable by the GAC. Outside of regular meetings GAC interactions will primarily take place via email correspondence and/or conference calls coordinated by the department head and GAC chair.