

IRP Advisory Board

Mission:

The Advisory Board advises and works with the IRP Director to develop policy and ensure the continuation of a dynamic, peer-learning institution. It initiates and monitors new programs, makes budgetary decisions, and oversees the work of IRP committees.

Activities:

The Advisory Board meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters. Board members support the work of the committees to strengthen and enhance the IRP program. All Advisory Board members are expected to work with the Portfolio Managers and the Director in those areas that fit their talents and interests.

The Advisory Board is managed by its Executive Committee consisting of its Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Due to the increasing complexity of the IRP, the Executive Committee may invite additional Board Members to join it for the current academic year. Each member of the Executive Committee assumes responsibilities for a portfolio of activities. Their portfolios correspond to the basic goals of the IRP and include additional initiatives that enrich and expand the IRP experience.

Board Membership - Skills and Experience:

The Advisory Board has 15 voting members: 7 members are elected from the IRP general membership, 5 members who have been coordinators in the last 3 years are also elected by the IRP general membership, and 3 members are selected from the 3 Standing Committees: Admissions, Curriculum, and Development.

Desirable skills for Board members include knowledge of finance, computer technology, organizational skills, communications, and building connection & community.

Selection Process:

Twelve of the 15 members of the Advisory Board are selected by a vote of the full IRP membership for a three-year term. Elections are conducted in the spring for Board positions that are open for the following year. Newly elected members begin service at a transition meeting held at the end of the spring semester. The Advisory Board assigns members as the nominating committee that provides information about elections and oversees the election process.

Members may run in one of two categories:

1. Member-at-Large representatives must have been an IRP member for at least one year with demonstrated service to the organization.

2. Coordinator representatives must have been a coordinator in the past three years.

Members can nominate themselves or other members who are willing to serve. Information about annual elections is announced in The Observer and nomination forms are available in the IRP office.