

**Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering**  
**External Advisory Committee**  
**Mission and Charter**

**Mission**

Our mission is to:

- Help support the department in developing and achieving its mission and strategic objectives
- Improve the understanding of what graduates of the program will need upon graduation
- Transfer knowledge and insight about global and domestic trends and practices in business and the engineering industry
- Help identify and jointly develop potential solutions for constraints, barriers, or critical issues that may inhibit or delay the department from achieving its mission and strategic objectives
- Improve the quality of the educational experience by interjecting practical experience into the overall program

**Charter**

In order to accomplish this mission, we will:

- Advise faculty and administration as directed on critical issues, strategic objectives, desired program outcomes, learning objectives, and other educational issues
- Interact regularly with faculty and students to contribute knowledge and expertise regarding the knowledge, skills, and abilities the graduates of the program will need in practice
- Respect the roles, responsibilities and prerogatives of the educators in matters of curriculum and teaching methods
- Focus on learning outcomes (not methods), and allow the department to determine how to achieve those outcomes
- Continually look for new and improved methods for enhancing the quality and quantity of interactive dialogue between industry representatives, faculty, and students
- Work with faculty liaisons to create opportunities for students and faculty to be exposed to the application of the principals and theories in practice and critical issues facing industry
- Provide visible and vocal support for the department in highlighting the needs of the department
- Aid the department in approved fund-raising programs
- When requested, promote the university and aid in the recruiting of quality students and faculty