# Charter of the Department of Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board in the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering

#### Name

This organization shall be called the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Department of Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board and hereafter referred to in this document as "Advisory Board".

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to provide counsel, professional networking, community connections, and funding to promote and support the objectives of the Mechanical Engineering Department in the UNLV Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering. The Board is empowered by the Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to raise operational funds on behalf of the Department.

# Membership

The Advisory Board shall consist of at least 10 but no more than 40 distinguished alumni, friends, and corporate leaders appointed by the Chair of the Advisory Board or a majority vote of the Advisory Board members. The minimum term of membership shall be one year, with no maximum term. The Chair of the Advisory Board may ask a member to step down in the event that the member is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of membership.

## Member Responsibilities:

- a) Be informed about the Department's mission, programs, and services.
- b) Serve as a spokesperson for the Department and College of Engineering in the community and throughout the profession.
- c) Represent the engineering field to the Department.
- d) Assist the Department Chairman in meeting the needs of the profession by providing information on current professional issues and trends.
- e) Assist in bringing into the classroom the newest information from the profession.
- f) Disseminate information about the Department's research and other accomplishments for the benefit of the Department and profession.
- g) Participate in the development of an annual plan for the Advisory Board.
- h) Advise the Department Chairman regarding Department/ College initiatives and longrange plans.
- i) Identify opportunities for partnerships between the Department and individuals and corporations.
- j) Commit to being personally involved in fundraising activities.
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## **Meetings**

The Advisory Board's regular meetings will take place at least semi-annually on the campus of UNLV.

### Chair

There shall be a Chair of the Advisory Board appointed by the Chairman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering from among the existing active members of the Advisory Board. Upon the resignation or removal of the Chair, the Chairman shall appoint another Chair. Among the duties of the Chair are:

- a) Preside at the meetings of the Advisory Board
- b) Act as a representative of the Advisory Board
- c) Appoint task committees of the Advisory Board
- d) Participate as a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Board and on its Executive Committee.

## **Temporary Task Committees**

The ability of the membership to achieve various goals and objectives of the Advisory Board requires establishment of Temporary Task Committees hereafter referred to in this document as "Committees". Committees may be formed to address specific issues or tasks which may confront the Advisory Board.

Committees may be appointed by a majority vote of the Advisory Board members as deemed appropriate for the most effective functioning of the Advisory Board in carrying out its purpose.

Committee members may include College faculty, students or other volunteers identified as having skills or expertise required to complete the committee's purpose. The Advisory Board Chair shall appoint a Committee Chair for each Committee. Committee Chairs shall represent their committee at each Advisory Board meeting.

Committee Chairs shall provide status reports and/or results of Committee activities to the Advisory Board at each of its meetings.

Committees shall be disbanded by a majority vote of the Advisory Board after completing their assigned purpose.

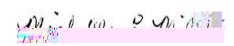
### **Amendments**

This Charter can be amended with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Advisory Board and the endorsement of the Chairman of the Department.

# Adoption

This Charter shall be adopted with the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Advisory Board and the endorsement of the Chairman of the Department.

Adopted (November 4, 2009)



Michelle E. Miller

Chair of the Advisory Board



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Professor and Chairman