

## GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD

University of Colorado at Boulder

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Advisory Board of the Department of Geological Sciences shall be to strengthen bonds among the Department, alumni, friends, and industry. The primary purpose of the Board is to guide and assist the Department in improving the quality of education for undergraduates and graduate students in the geological sciences. Other important functions include the acquisition of private financial support for the Department and advocacy with the University administration on behalf of the Department.

### Structure and Membership

The Board shall consist of a Chair and approximately 15 members who shall serve at the discretion of the Department Chair. All members serve an initial two-year term, and thereafter membership may be renewed for additional two-year terms. Any member of the Board shall be eligible to serve as Board Chair after serving an initial two-year term. The Board Chair shall serve a two-year term following election by the Board members and approval by the Department Chair. The Department Chair may reappoint the Board Chair for an additional two-year term at her/his discretion.

Membership shall be open to alumni of the department and shall represent diversity in professional paths, degrees, and years since graduation. Membership also shall be open to non-alumni whose commitment will strengthen the breadth and depth of the Board. Potential members shall be suggested and recruited by current Board Members or may be identified by responding to a *Call for Board Members* published in the annual Department newsletter and posted on the Department website. Prospective members may be asked to submit a short statement describing how they might contribute to the Board. Possible areas for contribution are given in Objectives of the Advisory Board below.

The Advisory Board shall conduct two-day meetings twice yearly in the fall and spring on the CU campus. The purpose of the meetings shall be for the Department Chair and Advisory Board to discuss the state of the Department and alumni relations. The Department Chair shall present the status of students, faculty, research, and scholarship, and the Board shall present the status of alumni relations such as alumni sponsored field trips, alumni gatherings, and fund raising activities. New approaches to enhancing the status of the Department and to promoting alumni relations also shall be considered at each meeting. Travel costs to attend meetings shall be at the expense of each Board member.

### Objectives of the Advisory Board

1. Actively strengthen the Department
  - a. Facilitate relations between the Department and industry.
  - b. Advise the Department on projections and trends in the earth sciences and applied technology.
  - c. Spearhead fund-raising efforts for new facilities and broader scholarship support.
  - d. Support the department by liaising with the University Foundation
  - e. Foster strong ties and positive relationships with the University administration to ensure appropriate support for the Department.

2. Contribute to student well-being
  - a. Strengthen the recruitment and placement of graduates in industry and government agencies.
  - b. Promote strong relations among the Department, alumni, and students.
  - c. Contribute to career nights.
  - d. Develop Field Trips for incoming graduate students.
  - e. Provide career mentoring whenever possible.
  
3. Establish stronger ties with alumni
  - a. Promote regional alumni gatherings
  - b. Participate in and organize annual alumni-student picnic in the fall
  - c. Participate in “Alumni Nights” as annual professional meetings such as GSA and AAPG whenever possible.
  - d. Identify possible future Board members.

In summary, the overall role of the Advisory Board is to promote the Department of Geological Sciences, University of Colorado at Boulder as a leader in education in the earth sciences.