Advisory Council
Bylaws
One World One Water Center for Urban Water Education and Stewardship
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Purpose

To help the Dean of the College of Professional Studies and the Director of the One World One Water Center (OWOW Center) with program accountability, establishment of internships, fundraising, and as ambassadors for the OWOW Center. The Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Dean of the School of Professional Studies and the OWOW Center Director, and the OWOW Center is not bound by the council’s recommendations.

Membership

The number of members of the Advisory Council shall be between 18-25. The Dean of the School of Professional Studies and the OWOW Center Donor shall serve as non-voting members of the Advisory Council.

Selection

During the initial year, members will be chosen by a Selection Committee, which will include the Donor. Thereafter, the established membership of the Council will select new members by majority vote by those present.

Term of Office

Council members will serve a three-year term. A member will be elected to a maximum of two consecutive terms. Former members may be appointed to the Council again, given a need, after sitting out for one year. To ensure continuity, terms will be staggered. The initial Council will have one-year terms for seven members, another seven will serve two-year terms, and the remaining seven will serve three-year terms. One- and two-year
terms will not be counted toward the two consecutive term limitation. Council members may not designate “substitutes” to attend meetings in their place.

Officers

The Advisory Council shall select a Chair and Vice-Chair of the group, for a term of one year, by majority vote of those present. Current officers will continue to serve in those positions until new officers are selected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year. If possible, a student member of the Water Association of Student Stewards Urban Program (W.A.S.S.U.P.) will be elected to fill the Student Ambassador seat for a term of one year. If W.A.S.S.U.P. is unable to select a Student Ambassador, a Water Studies Minor student can be elected into the Student Ambassador seat for a term of one year.

Chair – The Chair is responsible for providing leadership to the Advisory Council, developing meeting agendas with the OWOW Center and the Vice Chair, appointing Committee Leaders in consultation with other Council members, helping guide and mediate Council recommendations, and performing other responsibilities assigned by the Council.

Vice-Chair – The Vice-Chair is responsible for performing Chair responsibilities when the Chair is not present, collaborating with the Chair to develop meeting agendas, participating with the Chair to implement member transition plans, and performing other responsibilities as assigned by the Chair.

Staff Support

The Manager of the OWOW Center shall act as Secretary to the Advisory Council. Duties include, but are not limited to, recording meetings notes, distributing meeting notes and related meeting documents to the Council, and communicating regularly with Council members.