

WOSU Education Advisory Council

Mission

Provide information, consultation, and support to WOSU in the development and implementation of K-12 education services.

1. Description

The WOSU Education Advisory Council consists of representatives from schools in the twenty-one county service region of central Ohio committed to supporting innovative teaching practice for K-12 education. The Advisory Council convenes to promote professional growth, inform program development, and recognize excellence in the educators we serve. The Council is strictly an advisory group with no fiduciary responsibilities and has no authority to exercise control over the management or operations of WOSU Public Media.

2. Purpose

- a. The Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to WOSU on strategic direction, educational programming, professional development, and educational resources. The Advisory Council participates in setting criteria for, and selection of, individuals and schools recognized for excellence in education.
- b. The Advisory Council advocates for effective educational practices and technology in education. As advocates, members will facilitate enhanced communications and collaboration between schools, community, and state leadership.
- c. The Advisory Council will keep members engaged and informed. Council members will identify professional learning needs, recruit representation from member schools, and communicate classes, special events, and featured resources to other educators.

3. Membership

- a. Members serve voluntarily and will constitute a cross-section of leadership in the educational community.
- b. Each district/school in WOSU's broadcast service region may designate an educator in a leadership role to serve on the Advisory Council.
- c. Members shall serve a one year term commencing September 1, which is eligible for renewal.
- d. Advisory Council Membership is available to schools in the following counties: Coshocton, Crawford, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Logan, Madison, Marion, Morrow, Muskingum, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Ross, Scioto, and Union.
- e. Members may bring guest to Advisory Council Meetings as space allows.

4. Officers

- a. The officers of the Advisory Council shall consist of
 - A Chair;
 - A Vice Chair Elect;

- A Past Chair; and
 - A Secretary
- b. The Officers of the Advisory Council will be nominated and elected from and by the Steering Committee. The Officers will be responsible to conduct, on behalf of the Advisory Council, any necessary continuing operational activities of the Advisory Council and represent the Advisory Council at special engagements.
- c. Office duties:
- i. The Chair shall serve as principal officer of the Advisory Council, and is the primary liaison from the Advisory Council and the WOSU Staff Director. The Chair shall preside over Advisory Council and Steering Committee meetings and is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Meeting Rules and Procedures.
 - ii. The Vice Chair Elect shall assist the Chair in his/her duties. The Vice Chair Elect will serve a three year term: the first year as Vice Chair Elect and the second as Chair. In the year following service as Chair, the individual serves as a Past Chair. Should the position of Chair become vacant, the Vice Chair Elect will serve as Chair for the remainder of the term plus a full, one year term.
 - iii. The Past Chair shall add continuity to the board, especially during transition to the new Chair of the board; assist the Chair as needed in carrying out the mission of the association by performing duties; and perform tasks as assigned by the Chair. The immediate Past Chair provides guidance and a historical perspective of board of directors' activities.
 - iv. The Secretary will act as custodian for Advisory Council and Steering Committee documents. The Secretary is charged with maintaining the schedules for all meetings as well as the maintenance of Minutes.

5. **Steering Committee**

- a. A Steering Committee will consist of the Advisory Council Officers and up to ten Delegates-At-Large.
- b. Steering Committee members will be nominated by the Advisory Council. The WOSU Staff Director will appoint Steering Committee members with the goal of having a diverse membership from a variety of regional representation.
- c. Steering Committee members will serve a three year term and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The three year term will be extended should the term limit conflict with Officer terms.
- d. The Steering Committee's duties include:
 - i. Elect Advisory Council Officers.
 - ii. Provide input in selecting topics of professional learning for Advisory Council meetings and assist in recruiting guest speakers when necessary.
 - iii. Provide input setting Advisory Committee advocacy initiatives.
 - iv. Assist in the recruitment of Advisory Committee members.
 - v. Assisting with the duties of the Officers.
 - vi. Adopting and maintaining the Meeting Rules and Procedures for the operation of the Advisory Committee, the Steering Committee, and SubCommittees.

6. **Subcommittees**

The WOSU Staff Director may establish (and discontinue) subcommittees in order to facilitate the Advisory Council in fulfilling their objectives and to encourage better collaboration and communications among Advisory Council members. The WOSU Staff Director will appoint and may remove the Chairs of subcommittees. Participation in subcommittees is open to all Advisory Council members. Chairs of subcommittees are responsible for their operation consistent with the Meeting Rules and Procedures. They are the primary liaison from the subcommittees to the Steering Committee and the Advisory Council members.

7. **Meeting Rules and Procedures**

- a. The Advisory Committee shall meet in person from time to time at the call of the WOSU Staff Director. The estimated number of meetings is four times a year.
- b. The Steering Committee, in coordination with the WOSU Staff Director, shall determine the time, date, and location (if applicable) of Advisory Council meetings.
- c. Face-to-face meetings of the Advisory Council will generally be held in conjunction with meetings of the Steering Committee. Electronic meetings may be convened at other times as deemed useful.
- d. The agenda for all Advisory Council, Steering Committee, and SubCommittee meetings must be approved by the WOSU Staff Director.
- e. Attendance must include Advisory Council members and WOSU staff, and may include invited speakers.
- f. The Steering Committee and subcommittees shall normally take decisions by consensus among participants. Polls, which shall be by a majority of those present at the meeting, are only to be used if rough consensus cannot be reached after reasonable effort.
- g. Adequate advance written notice (including by electronic means) shall be provided for all meetings of the Advisory Council, the Steering Committee, and SubCommittees.
- h. The Education Advisory Council Guiding Document, and changes thereto, will approved by WOSU Staff Director.

A special thank you to the founding members of the WOSU Education Advisory Council:

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