

TCD Advisory Council

Purpose: Advise TCD management and steering committee on programs and activities, especially with respect to strategic planning, development, and implementation. Unlike the TCD Steering Committee, which is the policy-making unit for TCD, the advisory council does not have authority to vote on “corporate” matters, including budget decisions, but rather, makes critically important recommendations to TCD management. The TCD Advisory Council is expected to provide an external “lens” on the program and to offer an independent opinion regarding the relevance of TCD programs and their capacity and ability to achieve stated goals and objectives. Recommendations and input from the TCD Advisory Council will be shared annually with TCD Steering Committee and at TCD annual retreats by TCD management.

Composition and Selection Process: The TCD Advisory Council will consist of from 3-8 individuals who will be nominated by TCD Faculty, Students, and Alums during Fall semester. Nominations should include: 1) brief description of nominated individual, 2) brief statement of why this nominated individual is an ideal candidate for TCD Advisory Council, and 3) contact details (address, email). Self-nominations will be accepted. Nominators are not expected to contact the individual regarding their willingness to serve, and, in fact are encouraged not to do so given that we expect to receive more nominations than slots available. The TCD Steering Committee will select Council Members to serve staggered 3-yr terms with terms beginning in the calendar year; Advisory Council members may serve 2 consecutive terms, but must then be off the Council for at least one year prior to rejoining the Council. TCD Advisory Council members will likely, but not necessarily, consist of individuals with previous knowledge of the TCD Program (e.g., alums, partners, faculty). New members would receive a “packet” that provides information about the program and its history. The TCD Director and Program Coordinator will be ex-officio members of the TCD Advisory Council.

Operation: The TCD Advisory Council is expected to primarily meet virtually, although in-person meetings will occur opportunistically or when travel funds exist. The TCD Director or representative will solicit input annually from the Advisory Council in one of several ways: 1) via email, 2) virtual skype/video meetings, and 3) opportunistic in-person meetings. The TCD Advisory Council will be kept current on TCD activities via receipt of documents and program materials, such as newsletters, annual reports, strategic plan, certificate program requirements and course offerings, summarized results from surveys of current students and alums, among other items.

TCD ADVISORY COUNCIL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (TERM 2014-2016)

Nominations to serve on the newly formed TCD Advisory Council are open until 1 October 2013.

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To nominate an individual (self-nominations are also welcome), please send the following to TCD Program Coordinator, Patricia Sampaio (psampaio@ufl.edu):

- Brief description of nominated individual (who is this individual?)
- Brief statement of why this nominated individual is an ideal candidate for TCD Advisory Council
- Contact details (address, email)

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