

Constitution and Bylaws*
for the Advisory Council to the School of Natural Resources
University of Missouri-Columbia

Article I.	Name and Purpose
Section 1.	This organization shall be known as the Advisory Council to the School of Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia.
Section 2.	The purpose of the Advisory Council is to counsel the School of Natural Resources on its teaching, research, and extension programs, and to support the programs by acquainting individuals, organizations and legislative groups with the programs and needs of the School.
Article II.	Membership
Section 1.	The membership shall be persons who represent private companies, organizations, public agencies or themselves.
Section 2.	The Council shall be composed of those representatives with diversity in gender and ethnic origin who might contribute to the major field of natural resources.
Section 3.	Selection of members to serve on the Council shall be based upon a recommendation from the Director of the School of Natural Resources, Membership Chairperson, or Executive Committee Chairperson with approval of the Executive Committee. Selection of members to serve on the Council shall be a recommendation from the Director of the School of Natural Resources and the Membership Chairperson or Executive Committee Chairperson with approval of the membership of the Council. Appointments to the Council shall be for a term of five years. One undergraduate student and one graduate student from the School of Natural Resources shall be appointed to the Council by the Director for one-year terms.
Section 4.	When a member of the Council is unable to attend at least one-half of the meetings or otherwise unable to contribute to the furtherance of the Council, his/her name may be deleted from the membership list by action of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Council membership shall consist of four categories. Selection of categories for members will be decided at the discretion of the Director and Membership Chairperson.

Active – active core members.

Honorary – members who are elected or appointed government officials.

Life – members who have provided long and outstanding service to the Council.

Student – undergraduate and graduate students from the School.

Article III. **Officers and Committees**

Section 1. The Officers shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

Section 2. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be two years. An Officer cannot succeed himself/herself in the same office. At the end of his/her term of office, the Vice-Chairperson becomes Chairperson. The Director of the School of Natural Resources shall serve as the Secretary.

Section 3. Officers of the Council shall be nominated by the Executive Committee with approval of the membership of the Council. The Council Chairperson may appoint special committees to lend support to the School's programs.

Membership and Nominating Committees shall be standing committees appointed annually by the Executive Committee upon recommendation by the Chairperson.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the current Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, immediate past Chairperson and the Membership Chairperson.

Section 5. The Executive Nominating Committee shall present a nominee for election as Vice-Chairperson of the Council at the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Article IV. **Duties**

Section 1. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Advisory Council. He/she shall arrange with the Secretary for meetings of the Executive Committee.

- Section 2. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Advisory Council in the absence of the Chairperson.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall arrange to have the proceedings of the meetings recorded, processed and sent to members of the Advisory Council.
- Section 4. The Executive Committee shall make plans for the meetings of the Advisory Council, set up procedures for assigning Council members for maximum contributions to Committees, designate interim Committee Chairpersons as needed, and take such actions as needed to facilitate the purposes of the Council.

Article V.

Meetings

- Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Council in the Fall, the exact date and location to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall confer at least once a year prior to the time of the annual meeting.
- Section 3. Standing and special committees shall/may meet (meetings may be defined as face-to-face, telephone conference call, video conferencing) at least once each year at times and places as may be necessary to carry on their activities.
- Section 4. The Chairperson of the Council may, at any time, call for and arrange a meeting of all or any segment of the membership that might further the purpose of counseling of and/or support for the School of Natural Resources at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Article VI.

Amendments

Section 1.

These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Changes will become effective immediately and reported to the membership at the annual meeting. They may be rescinded by a majority vote of the membership present at an annual meeting.

* Revised July 2017 with email conversations and vote of the Executive Board; Revised November 1999; Revisions from a telephone conversation on April 18, 2016 between Dan Lang and Cindy Greenwood; Revisions within email between the Executive Committee completed on July 26, 2016; Finalized by the Executive Committee in a meeting on August 29, 2016 to be presented to the Advisory Council on October 28, 2016 (Fall/annual meeting). Presented and adopted at the Advisory Council Meeting, September 29, 2017.