

SURA Development & Relations Committee

The SURA Development & Relations (D&R) Committee will promote and oversee the development and relations activities of SURA, insuring that SURA's D&R activities support SURA's mission to grow the scientific capacity of the region and our nation, including the education and training of the next-generation scientists and engineers. This responsibility includes organizing and hosting special meetings and activities to explore new opportunities, issuing solicitations and invitations that target formation of focus groups within, as well as beyond, SURA's membership with the intent to pursue potential opportunities, reviewing and approving teaming agreements or like instruments, including non-disclosure forms with other legal entities as it deems appropriate and necessary to complement SURA's strengths in launching new initiatives, identification of new D&R-focused activities, while protecting SURA's tax exempt 501(c)(3) status. The Committee will also solicit, screen and select recipients of SURA annual Distinguished Scientist Award for presentation at the Spring Board of Trustees meetings.

Responsibilities of the Committee:

- Identify and promote opportunities to expand existing collaborations or initiate new collaborations that build strategic alliances among SURA members and outside partners.
- Advance development activities/initiatives that support SURA's mission, including the review and approval of teaming agreements and/or partnerships as deemed appropriate to fulfill its charge.
- Create scenarios to advocate for multi-institutional collaborations that complement the interest of SURA's membership.
- Advise and support commercialization of SURA technologies through government and/or industry partnerships.
- Oversee and support an effective external relations effort that promotes SURA's mission and programs, and proactively advocates for the same as necessary and appropriate.
- Serve as SURA's primary committee interface with the SURA Council of Presidents, helping to ensure alignment with shared institutional objectives.
- Solicit, screen, and select the recipient of the SURA Distinguished Scientist Award.

Responsibilities of the Steering Group:

- Set agenda and provide background to the Committee on development and relations activities and opportunities.
- Screen proposed new initiatives to ensure alignment with SURA's mission and compatibility with SURA's tax-exempt status.
- Prioritize initiatives in consultation with SURA's staff, other committees and constituencies, as deemed appropriate and necessary.
- Communicate discussions and recommendations of the Committee to the Board of Trustees.
- Act on behalf of the full Committee when the full committee is not in session.

Structure of the Committee:

- Extended Committee:
 - ✓ One representative from each SURA member institution, as appointed by the university President.
 - ✓ Additional at-large members – not to exceed 25% of the SURA Board membership, from industry, other institutions, national labs, etc.
 - ✓ Ex-officio members: SURA Board Chair and SURA President/CEO and/or designees of the same, and SURA Staff liaison.

- Steering Group of the Committee (up to 7 members):
 - ✓ 4 Trustees from the Committee, nominated by the Committee and elected by the full Board of Trustees
 - ✓ Up to 3 other Committee members (may be Trustee, Committee representative, or at-large member), nominated by Committee and elected by Board of Trustees
 - ✓ Ex-officio members: SURA Board Chair and SURA President/CEO and/or designees of the same, and SURA Staff liaison.
 - ✓ Except for the Chair, who shall serve a term consistent with his/her term as the Committee Chair, all other members of the Steering Group will serve three-year staggered terms. At the initial creation of the Steering Group, the Chair shall designate two members to serve a one-year term, two members to serve a two-year term, and two members to serve a three-year term. Steering Group members can serve unlimited successive terms.

- Chair of the Committee:
 - ✓ Also serves as Chair of Steering Group
 - ✓ Must be a SURA Trustee
 - ✓ Elected by Board of Trustees

- Vice Chair of the Committee:
 - ✓ Also serves as Vice Chair of Steering Group
 - ✓ Must be a SURA Trustee
 - ✓ Nominated by the Committee
 - ✓ Serves as Acting Chair when Chair is unable to serve or conflicted