

Eastern Illinois University

Autism Center Advisory Board

I. Name

The organization shall be known as the Eastern Illinois University (EIU) Autism Center Advisory Board.

II. Purpose

The EIU Autism Center Advisory Board shall serve in an advisory role to the Director of the Autism Center by providing advice and support for development, fundraising and public relations. The Board will suggest sources of support, assist with donor cultivation, and promote development activities among professional associates, friends, and the community. The Board also promotes positive public relations for the Autism Center by promoting awareness of the Autism Center, its mission, and its role in the community.

III. Organization

- A. Membership of the EIU Autism Center Advisory Board will be comprised of professionals, friends, and supporters who have demonstrated a personal interest in the autism spectrum and can contribute in meaningful ways to the work of the Board.
- B. The EIU Autism Center Advisory Board shall consist of a minimum of seven and maximum of nine members, plus the Autism Center Director (ex officio).
- C. The membership will be representative of medical, educational, business, professional, and family involvement in the autism spectrum. No more than two members representing the same constituency may serve simultaneously on the board.
- D. All members (with the exception of the ex officio Director) will be appointed for three years with the possibility of reappointment for a second term. Those individuals chosen to fill vacancies shall hold membership until the expiration of the original term of the vacancy being filled.
- E. The EIU Autism Center Advisory Board will meet minimally twice a year; additional meetings may be indicated in conjunction with specific activities or events.

IV. Responsibilities

Members will engage in the following types of activities:

- A. Listen to information regarding Autism Center activities and provide feedback;
- B. Identify issues, concerns, or ideas that impact the continued development and daily functions of the Autism Center;
- C. Represent information, trends, or knowledge from their respective work environments or expertise that can enhance or contribute to the effectiveness of the Autism Center;
- D. Cultivate and advocate in fund-raising activities with potential service providers, legislators, and potential donors;
- E. Participate in autism awareness activities to enhance support of the EIU Autism Center.

*** The Advisory Board was approved by the CDS Department on 1-14-15.