

## **CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CIAC)**

The Department of Construction Management created a local Construction Industry Advisory Council (CIAC) in October 1991 to maintain an active and continuing relationship with the industry. CIAC serves as a bridge between the construction industry and the University in order to create interdependent relationships with a shared goal of serving the construction and related industries.

The Department of Construction Management enjoys tremendous support of the local construction industry, which provides part-time employment opportunities to students during the school year; internship opportunities during the summer; opportunities for field trips; part-time and guest lecturers, and financial support. The Council consists of a group of professionals who represent all facets of the construction industry. The major objectives of the Council are to:

- Be the voice of the industry (customer) for the College;
- Be an advocate for students in the Department of Construction Management in order to produce outstanding graduates who can be effective and productive members of the construction industry;
- Support the needs of the Department of Construction Management, and its faculty, staff and students;
- Advise the Department Chair on curriculum and faculty matters in order to ensure that students receive the best possible education;
- Provide opportunities for summer internships to students as part of their education;
- Support continuing education for the construction industry; and
- Establish interdependent relationships with other professionals represented in the College.

## Membership

The Council has two categories of membership:

1. **General Membership:** open to all persons involved in the construction or related industries. Members can serve indefinitely.
2. **Executive Committee:** consists of 25 members invited from the general membership who represent the major trade and professional construction associations, the insurance and legal professions, and construction material suppliers. The Executive Committee has 2 officers: a chairperson and a vice chairperson/treasurer. The vice chairperson/treasurer serves for 2 years and then becomes chairperson for 2 years. The Executive Committee meets four times each year.
3. **Additionally:**
  1. The **Executive Committee** The Executive Committee is comprised of 15 construction, specialty & suppliers. Owners, Professional and Industry Association members comprise the final 10 positions.
  2. The **CM Faculty**, an unlimited ex-officio category will consists of the Dean of the College of Built Environments, the Chairman, and all faculty of the Department of Construction Management.
  3. An unlimited **Emeritus and Friends** category comes with a reduced annual membership rate. Once a committee members' term limit has expired, or upon retirement, the member may continue to volunteer as a member of the Emeritus and Friends Category. This is a non-voting member position with approval from the Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Department of Construction Management.
  4. A **CIAC Young Leaders Category** (max of 5) with a reduced membership rate. This is a non-voting member position with approval from the Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Department of Construction Management. This category has been created to groom future CIAC Executive Committee Team members. Members are to include the past two years' CM Students of the Year Award and CM Service Award winners. Responsibilities for this category include, but are not limited to, helping the committee with recommended curriculum, recruitment, and support the CM Department with the annual CIAC student event.
4. **Executive Committee Membership Term Limits and Attendance Requirements**
  1. To promote healthy turnover, a membership term limit is for two [2], 3-year term limits. Each executive committee member could serve up to six years. A waiver to serve in excess of six years is granted if the individual is serving as an officer of the committee that would extend them past the six year limitation. Trade

Associations leadership will be exempt from term limits by virtue of their limited resources.

2. The committee member whose term has is about to expire, will recommend their replacement by the June quarterly meeting of their final year. The Chairman of the Department of Construction Management and the Executive Committee leadership will approve the nomination.
3. New membership tenure begins in September. One year equals the academic school year, spanning September to September.
4. The Executive Committee leadership will review all current Executive Committee members as to their current commitment plans. Upon approval by both parties, members may be reclassification into a new membership category.
5. All current members who have currently served more than six years will be granted one more 3-year term, if they so desire. This grandfather clause pertains to the existing members on the executive committee as of June 2015.
6. Executive Committee Membership must attend 50% of the annual meetings and are required to attend the annual retreat.