UNSW Business School Alumni Advisory Board Terms of Reference

The Alumni Advisory Board’s purpose is to support the Business School in engaging with its graduates. Board members are privileged stakeholders and ambassadors, providing informed advice and feedback, and promoting the School’s interests within their networks.

Purpose

Advisory Board members have four main roles: as advisors to the UNSW Business School Dean and Alumni Relations team, advocates, ambassadors, and philanthropic promoters of the School.

- Advisors: through discussions at meetings and informally throughout the year, members serve as a sounding board for the Dean and the Alumni Relations team, representing the perspective of alumni
- Ambassadors: as informed insiders, members serve as ambassadors for the School to their business networks and communities
- Advocates: members serve as advocates for the value of a business education
- Promoters of philanthropy: members are expected to promote the School’s fundraising agenda

Mode of Operation

The Advisory Board convenes as a committee three times per year. Members may also provide advice to the School and support for its activities as individuals on a case by case basis.

Board members are expected to:

- attend and actively participate in Board meetings
- be active members of the alumni community

Members will also have the opportunity to support the School in a variety of different ways which might include:

- Serving on select committees or task forces as requested
- Meeting individually with the Dean and/or other School representatives
- Personally supporting fundraising appeals and other campaign priorities, and/or identifying and engaging other alumni in a position to support fundraising priorities

The Business School provides administrative support to the Board.

Membership

Board members serve at the invitation of the Dean.

Invitations to join the Advisory Board recognise an individual’s commitment to and support for the UNSW Business School.

Eligible Board members are UNSW Business and AGSM graduates - anyone who has graduated from a business related degree program at UNSW. UNSW staff are not eligible.
Members have all demonstrated significant leadership in business, or in the community, education, or charitable organisations. Members are committed to education and the role of higher education in providing research, scholarship, teaching and cultural leadership in society.

There are up to twenty members of the Board including the President and Vice President.

Members serve a two-year term. Members may be invited to serve a second consecutive term. After 4 years, members are expected to step down.

Presidents of committees tasked with engaging with particular alumni segments (usually interstate and international segments, but this also includes the young alumni committee) are automatically members of the Board, and remain on the Board for the length of their Presidency (which may be longer than four years in some cases).