

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
2021-2022 COMMITTEES
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COMMITTEE

John Belz

Brief description of the committee charges

Awards (Faculty/Staff)	Manages internal and external award nominations/ recommendations for faculty.
Awards (Students)	Solicits and selects student/postdoc recipients of awards and scholarships.
Colloquium	Responsible for all aspects of the colloquium and speaker visits
Computing	Guides the management of department computing and writes the annual student/faculty computing proposals
Development	Assesses and defines department development priorities and coordinates departmental development efforts with the CoS and University development efforts
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	Advises the department leadership on equity, diversity, and inclusion issues.
Executive Committee	Advises the department chair on management and operation (members are directly appointed by the department chair)
Faculty Mentoring Program	Oversees the departmental Faculty Mentoring Program
Futures	Assesses future research directions and faculty hiring for the department.
Graduate Comprehensive Exam	Creates, administers, grades the comprehensive exam, per Graduate Handbook.
Graduate Program	Oversees the execution of the graduate program policies and procedures as well as graduate curriculum decisions
Graduate Recruitment and Admissions	Coordinates recruitment activities and runs the graduate admissions process, including holistic assessment of applicants, interviews and on campus visits. This committee may have two chairs overseeing recruitment and admissions activities, respectively.
Graduate Review Committee	Oversees the self-study and other preparatory work for the Graduate Program Review
Ombuds Liaison	Supports department members in connecting with external conflict resolution and other resources
PANDA Network Committee	Oversees the Physics AND Astronomy (PANDA) peer mentoring program that has been created and is led by Gail Zasowski.
Postdoctoral Affairs	Responsible for professional development and community building for postdoctoral researchers
Public Education & Outreach	Committee that oversees and coordinates the departmental outreach effort
Safety	Oversees lab, field-site, office, and general covid safety policies, procedures, including training, also coordinates with College of Science Safety Committee
Seminar: Condensed Matter	Responsible for all aspects of the condensed matter seminar
Seminar: High Energy/Astronomy	Responsible for all aspects of the HEAP seminar
SPS Advisor	Advises the departmental Society for Physics Students chapter
SAC Advisor	Advisor for the departmental USAC and GSAC - should be Tenure-Line Faculty
TA Orientation	Planning and implementation of annual departmental TA orientation
Astronomy Program Task Force	Oversight of the astronomy program
Biophysics Program Task Force	Oversight of the biophysics program

Teaching Excellence	Supports effective instructional practices across the department
Undergraduate Advising (Honors)	Advisor to honors students; faculty liaison to the Honors College
Undergraduate Curriculum	Oversight and approvals of undergraduate course curriculum requests and changes; management of learning outcome assessments.
Undergraduate Program	Oversees operation of the undergraduate program.
Undergraduate Program Reform	Finalizes and oversees implementation of the reformed undergraduate program
Undergraduate Research	Promotes undergraduate research, including operation of the NSF REU grant and program.
Website Committee	Management and development of department website content and transitions to new department website
WomPA	Advisor for Women in Physics and Astronomy.