

**Terms of Reference**  
**International Advisory Board to the Director**  
**Bharti School of Engineering**

**Purpose**

The International Advisory Board to the Director of the Bharti School of Engineering provides high-level strategic advice relating to and ensuring the long-term goals and success of the School.

The Advisory Board and its members provide insights, ideas and resources to assist the School in developing strategic initiatives to advance the well-being of society through excellence in teaching, research and service, to exploit the rapidly changing technical diversity of engineering, and to foster closer ties between the School and its constituents.

**Composition**

The International Advisory Board consists of 8-15 members who are representative of external stakeholders. External members are appointed to a renewable 3-year term by the Director of the Bharti School of Engineering after consultation with the Executive Director of Advancement. A permanent seat is provided for an appointee by the Bharti family. The Director of the Bharti School of Engineering, the coordinators of each of the streams of mining education (currently chemical, mining, and mechanical engineering at the undergraduate level, and natural resources engineering at the graduate level) and the Executive Director of University Advancement are ex-officio members of the advisory board.

**Role**

- Provide advice regarding new initiatives and long range goals, to more effectively respond to the emerging needs of engineers and their employers.
- Review currency of programming and research agendas, providing perspective on expectations of graduates and emerging engineering challenges, and offer feedback on existing programs and research
- Advocate for the School (within industry, relevant government agencies, professional societies, etc.), actively opening new avenues of community engagement, collaboration, research and knowledge dissemination.
- Promote the School publicly, through sharing understanding of the School and its programs and celebrating its achievements.
- Serve as a communications bridge and “think tank” to connect the School with other sectors of the community and animate a dynamic exchange of ideas so that the School may best contribute to the changing needs of and for engineers.
- Develop good relations between the School and the larger engineering community and relate the priorities and concerns of that community to the School.
- Aid the School in its efforts to secure the resources required to be globally competitive in attracting and retaining excellent faculty, staff and students.
- Individually partner with the School as guest lecturers, seminar participants, career advisors, etc.
- Use personal contacts to enable faculty and students to gain work-place exposure, with particular focus on emerging trends and practices.
- Annually review and provide advice to the Director with regard to the expenditure of undesigned private sector gifts and endowment disbursements.
- Annually approve the Director’s recommendation for expenditure of the advance made and the disbursements from the endowment fund created by the Bharti family to fulfill the pledge made by gift agreement dated 24 November 2011.