

The Reinert Center was founded by a group of faculty in 1997; that group became the Center's first advisory board, carrying out all of the activities of the Center. Since that time, the Center's staff has grown and taken on more of the work of the Center so that at the present time, fewer than five percent of the Center's activities are undertaken by board members.

Those activities that continue to fall to board members are absolutely essential components of the Center's work and values: choosing the recipient of the James Korn Award; sharing expertise and wisdom; providing insight into faculty needs and perspectives; participating in ad hoc committees, special projects, and events; and informing colleagues about the Center's services and programs.

Reinert Center Advisory Board Membership Tiers

(board membership is limited to one tier per term)

Tier 1: Advisory Board, executive committee (two-year term, may be renewed for a second term)

- Three- five members, may not all be from the same College/School
- Maintains knowledge of the Center's current services and programming, and acts as a formal liaison between the Center and the instructors within their College/School (e.g. share upcoming Center events, recommend Center services, inform Center on faculty needs)
- Serves on board committees (awards, ad hoc)
- Offers faculty perspective and advice on key topics to Center leadership
- Participates in Center events when possible, at least once per semester, and encourages others to do so as well
- Attends all board meetings, generally 90 minutes, scheduled at least once per semester

Tier 2: Advisory Board, at-large (two or three-year term, may be renewed for a second term)

- At least nine members, no more than one representative from a department/program, with a goal of representation across Colleges/Schools
- Maintains knowledge of the Center's current services and programming and acts as a formal liaison between the Center and the instructors within their College/School, especially if there is not a representative on the executive committee to act as liaison (e.g. share upcoming Center events, recommend Center services, inform Center on faculty needs)
- Eligible to be invited, but not required, to serve on board committees (award, ad hoc)
- Participates in Center events when possible and encourages others to do so as well
- Invited, but not required, to attend board meetings once per semester

Tier 3: Friends of the Center (no term limit)

- Emeritus board members, previous board members, administrators, current and former fellows and grant-holders, staff in teaching-focused areas
- Maintains knowledge of the Center's current services and programs
- Participates in Center events when appropriate and possible, and encourages others to do so as well