

COMMITTEES
Department of Physics and Astronomy
2020-2021

Committee	Area of Responsibility	Chair	Members
Planning	Advises the Head on issues of departmental policies, strategic planning, faculty searches	Thomas Papenbrock	Cristian Batista, Elbio Dagotto, Jaan Mannik, Tony Mezzacappa, Kate Jones, Stefan Spanier
Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee	Review and recommendation on faculty retention, tenure, and promotion	Adriana Moreo	Adolfo Eguiluz, Geoff Greene, Mike Guidry, Robert Grzywacz, Yuri Kamyshkov
Departmental Community Committee	Implement diversity plan	Adriana Moreo	Cristian Batista, Adrian Del Maestro, Nadia Fomin, Tova Holmes, Kate Jones, Sean Lindsay, Catherine Longmire, graduate student (tba)
Awards Committee	Award nominations for faculty and staff	Soren Sorensen	Elbio Dagotto, Raph Hix, Stefan Spanier
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - Physics Majors	Curricular, recruiting and admission issues for undergraduate physics majors	Tony Mezzacappa	Kate Jones, Max Lavrentovich, Norman Mannella, Lucas Platter, Christine Natrass (ex-officio)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee - General education and service courses	Curriculum for general education and service courses	Yuri Efremenko	Marianne Breinig, Christine Cheney, Jian Liu, Andrew Steiner, Margie Abdelrazek, Nau Raj Pokhrel
Astronomy Curriculum Committee	Astronomy curriculum, instruction, and planetarium	Sean Lindsay	Paul Lewis, Raph Hix, Christine Cheney, Andrew Steiner
Graduate Curriculum Committee	Graduate curriculum, graduate admission policies, graduate degree programs	Thomas Papenbrock	Cristian Batista, Steve Johnston (ex-officio), Stefan Spanier, Andrew Steiner, graduate student representative
Departmental Undergraduate Advising	Advise undergraduate physics	Christine Natrass	Adriana Moreo, Mike Guidry, Norman Mannella, Haidong Zhou, Jaan Mannik, Jian Liu, Lucas Platter
Undergraduate Scholarships	Select scholarship applicants	Max Lavrentovich	Catherine Longmire, Nadia Fomin, Miguel Madurga
Graduate Student Liason	Advise the Department Head on issues related to the graduate program	GPS President	
Undergraduate Student Liaison	Advise the Department Head on issues related to the undergraduate program	President of SPS	
Peer Teaching Evaluations	Peer evaluation of faculty teaching	Marianne Breinig	Adolfo Eguiluz, George Siopsis, Tony Mezzacappa, Thomas Papenbrock, Soren Sorensen, Geoff Greene, Raph Hix
Graduate Student Recruitment and Admissions	Recruitment of graduate students. Admission to the graduate program.	Steve Johnston	Mike Fitzsimmons, Nadia Fomin, Mike Guidry, Jaan Mannik, Andrew Steiner, Haidong Zhou
Graduate Advising	Administer and evaluate placement exams for new graduate students; graduate advising	Norman Mannella	Adolfo Eguiluz, George Siopsis, Andrew Steiner
Student Appeals Review	Review student complaints as final step of internal appeals process	Yuri Kamyshkov	Marianne Breinig, Ken Read
Endowment Development and Alumni Relations	Develop a program for soliciting and receiving gifts for alumni, friends, and corporations, and identify departmental areas of needs and objectives	Hanno Weitering	Catherine Longmire

Lounge Committee	Promote social activities	Lucas Platter	Miguel Madurga, Showni Medlin, graduate and undergraduate student representatives
Shop Committee	Review use and operation of Electronics and Instrument Shop services	Robert Grzywacz	Geoff Greene, Kate Jones (ex-officio), Yuri Kamyshkov, Jaan Mannik
Bylaw Review Committee	Review and update the departmental bylaws	Soren Sorensen	Elbio Dagotto, Geoff Greene, Robert Grzywacz