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**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.
- **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.
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