Department of Physics and Astronomy
2023-2024 Committees
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Astronomy Task Force Coordinator
Tanmoy Laskar (Chair)

Awards (Faculty/Staff)
John Belz (Chair)
Valy Vardeny
Paolo Gondolo
Misha Raikh
Marcia Cook DeWolfe

Awards (Students)
Gail Zasowski (Chair)
Anil Seth
Gernot Laicher
Tony Pantziris
Jeremy Thomson
Oleg Starykh Naua
Uluave (Event coordination)

Computing
Wayne Springer (Chair)
Brad Hawks
Michael Vershinin
Andy Lee

Development
Dan Wik (Chair)
Ramón Barthelemy
Saveez Saffarian
Christoph Boehme

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Tino Nyawelo (Chair)
Shanti Deemyad
Eric Montoya
Mengxing Ye

Faculty Mentoring Program
TBD

Faculty Search Committee
Christoph Boehme (Co-chair)
Vikram Deshpande (Co-chair)
Shanti Deemyad
Andrey Rogachev
Oleg Starykh

Futures
Yue Zhao (Chair)
Vikram Deshpande
Oleg Starykh
Saveez Saffarian
Dennis Soldin
Ramón Barthelemy

Graduate Admissions Coordination
Dan Wik (Chair)
Pearl Sandick (DoGs)
Jordan Gerton
Yue Zhao
Tanmoy Laskar
Gustavo Marques Tavares
Audrey Rogachev
Dennis Soldin

Graduate Comprehensive Exam
Doug Bergman (Chair)
Charlie Jui
Eugene Mishchenko
Pearl Sandick (DoGs)
Tugdual LeBohec

Graduate Program, Curriculum, Recruitment
Pearl Sandick (Chair)
Douglas Bergman
Oleg Starykh
Gail Zasowski
Kelsey Krause

Introductory Physics Course Committee
TBD

LAOA
Eugene Mishchenko (Chair)
Rhett Zollinger
Paolo Gondolo

LA Department Coordinator
Claudia De Grandi (Chair)

LGBTQ+ Listserv
Tanmoy Laskar
Yao-Yuan Mao

New Building Student Laboratories
TBD

Ombuds Liaison
Gail Zasowski (Chair)

PANDA Network Committee
Gail Zasowski (Chair)
Jordan Gerton
Yao-Yuan Mao
Claudia De Grandi
Eric Montoya

PASSAGE Advisor
Mengxing Ye (Co-Advisor/Chair)
Pearl Sandick (Co-Advisor/Chair)
Kelsey Krause (Staff support)

Postbac Program
Ramón Barthelemy (Chair)
Anil Seth
Postdoctoral Affairs
John Belz (Chair)
Tanmoy Laskar
Zhengkang Zhang
Christoph Boehme

Public Education & Outreach
Kevin Davenport (Chair)
Adam Beehler
Julie Callahan
Paul Ricketts
Tino Nyawelo
Rhett Zollinger

Public Presentations (Thursday)
Yao-Yuan Mao (Chair)
John Belz
Douglas Bergman
Gustavo Marques-Tavares
Kevin Zhang

Public Presentations (Tuesday)
Oleg Starykh (Chair)
Shanti Deemyad
Michael Vershinin
Vikram Deshpande
Mengxing Ye
Audrey Rogachev

REU & SURP Programs
Tino Nyawelo (Chair)
David Kieda
Saveez Saffarian

RPT (Retention, Promotion, and Tenure)
Chair
Christoph Boehme

Student Advisory Council (SAC)
Christoph Boehme (Chair)

Safety
Charles Jui (Chair)
Audrey Rogachev
Gernot Laicher
Zhiheng Liu
Harold Simpson
Paul Ricketts

SPS Advisor
Kelby Hahn (Chair)

SRI Liaison
Yao-Yuan Mao (Chair)

Sustainability
TBD

TA (Teaching Assist) Committee
Pearl Sandick (Chair)
Kevin Davenport
Jordan Gerton
Zheng Zheng

Teaching Excellence
Claudia De Grandi (Chair)
Orest Symko
Jordan Gerton
Kelby Hahn
Kevin Davenport
Rhett Zollinger

Undergraduate Advising (Honors)
Jordan Gerton (Chair)

Undergraduate Program & Recruitment
Anil Seth (Chair)
Jeremy Thomson
Jordan Gerton
Tino Nyawelo
Andrew Ve’e
**Brief Description of the Committee Charges**

**Astronomy Task Force Coordinator**
Coordinates meetings and communication within the Astronomy Task Force, which is open to all faculty interested in the astronomy program.

**Awards (Faculty/Staff)**
Manages internal and external award nominations and recommendations for faculty.

**Awards (Students)**
Solicits and selects student/postdoc recipients of awards and scholarships. Work with CoS (College of Science) advancement staff and Development Committee to identify giving priorities.

**Computing**
Guides the management of department computing & IT services, 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 & Inclusion**
Develops concrete proposals for events, activities, or policies that further P&A's EDI goals as agreed upon with the Department Chair. Manages EDI web presence; advises faculty search committees on inclusive search practices; interfaces with Public Education & Outreach Committee on inclusive outreach practice; promotes a sense of belonging in our P&A community, with a focus on students. Coordinates with the Undergraduate EDI aspects of undergraduate recruitment.

**Futures**
Assesses future research directions and faculty hiring for the department.

**Graduate Admissions Coordination**
Runs the graduate admissions process, including training faculty to perform holistic reviews and implementing the reviews process; conducting interviews; summarizing the process and making recommendations for future improvements.

**Graduate Comprehensive Exam**
Creates, administers, grades the comprehensive exam, per Graduate Handbook.

**Graduate Program, Curriculum, Recruitment**
Oversees the execution of the graduate program policies and procedures, as well as graduate recruitment.

**Introductory Physics Course Committee**
Assesses our new undergraduate program through polling of students and assessment of course data.

**LA Department Coordinator**
Coordinates LA assignments, oversees LA instructions and training, quality control of LA work.

**LAQA**
Coordinates the departments learning analytics and outcome assessments.

**LGBTQ+ Listserv**
Coordinates the departments learning analytics and outcome assessments.

**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.

**PASSAGE Advisor**
Advisor for the Physics and Astronomy Society for Support and Advocacy for Gender Equity.

**Postbac Program**
Oversees the execution of the Postbac program and its alignment to the overall graduate program.
**Postdoctoral Affairs**
Responsible for professional development and community building for postdoctoral researchers. Oversee annual reviews.

**Public Education & Outreach**
Committee that oversees and coordinates the departmental outreach effort and maintains the department's web presence on outreach activities.

**Public Presentations (Thursday)**
Soliciting and vetting speakers for both the regular seminars and the occasional colloquia. Collaborating with administrative staff to arrange travel and advertise events to colleagues and the entire department. Hosting speakers and ensuring their needs are met during their visits. Drafting and maintaining templates for speaker invitations, hosting duties, and other relevant documents.

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**RPT (Retention, Promotion, and Tenure) Chair**
Chair the RPT Committee and the process of the subcommittee report preparation process.

**REU & SURP Programs**
Undergraduate Research Programs where students work closely with a faculty mentor and their research group on an individual project.

**SAC Advisor (Advisor for the departmental)**
USAC and GSAC (should be tenure-line faculty). Responsible for ensuring USAC and GSAC carry out their responsibilities regarding RPT; supports social and other programming pursued by SACs.

**Safety**
Oversees lab, field-site, office, and general safety policies, procedures, including training; responsible for Emergency Management Plan; organizes the annual department safety day; coordinates with College of Science Safety Committee.

**SPS Advisor**
Advises the departmental Society for Physics Students chapter and represents the department to this sponsored student group.

**SRI Liaison**
Coordinates Physics & Astronomy SRI streams with the College of Science SRI program.

**TA Committee**
Assigns TAs (Teaching Assist) to courses, conducts TA training, monitors quality of TA work.

**Teaching Excellence**
Supports effective instructional practices across the department.

**Undergraduate Advising (Honors)**
Advisor to honors students, faculty liaison to the Honors College.

**Undergraduate Program & Recruitment**
Oversees operation of the undergraduate program and recruitment. Maintains the department's undergraduate web pages.