



Executive Committee (EC) Charter

About the Institute

Deep collaborative engagement is the cornerstone of the Graham Sustainability Institute. Since 2006, Graham has catalyzed and facilitated collaborative opportunities for faculty, students, policy makers, practitioners, and communities to foster sustainable solutions at local to global scales. Reporting to the Vice Provost for Sustainability and Climate Action, Graham leverages over 100 top-ranked University of Michigan programs and a vast practitioner network, integrating diverse expertise to tackle pressing sustainability challenges and achieve real-world impact.

Advisory Bodies

In shaping and implementing its mission, Graham continually seeks guidance from a wide range of stakeholders spanning the academic, business, non-profit, and governmental sectors. This includes ongoing engagement with three formal advisory bodies: a UM Board of Deans, a UM Executive Committee, and an External Advisory Board.

EC Roles and Responsibilities

This distinguished group of UM faculty:

- Provides strategic counsel to the Graham Family Director (Director) regarding the design and delivery of Graham's work
- Serves as Graham ambassadors within the academic units and identifies opportunities to strengthen collaboration (e.g., helps to advertise our student and faculty opportunities within their units)
- Attends two to three meetings annually (60-90 minutes each)
- Is occasionally called upon to review proposals for student fellowships and/or faculty grants
- Responds promptly to outreach from the Director in between meetings

Membership

The EC comprises members representing UM schools and colleges with significant curricula and research related to sustainability, and who themselves are actively interested in sustainability-related education and research. The Director extends membership offers in consultation with the appropriate Dean. Membership terms are for three years, but can be terminated at any time or renewed for additional terms. The following academic units are normally represented:

- Architecture and Urban Planning
- Art & Design
- Business
- Engineering (2)
- Environment and Sustainability
- Law
- Literature, Science, & the Arts (2)
- Public Health
- Public Policy
- Social Work

Member Benefits

- Opportunity to help shape Graham's strategic direction and programs
- Expanded sustainability perspectives resulting from in-depth discussions at EC meetings
- Strengthened network through interaction with UM sustainability experts across multiple disciplines

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