



COLLEGE OF  
**Letters & Science**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

## PURPOSE AND EXPECTATIONS

### College of Letters & Science Board of Visitors

Involvement of alumni and friends of the College of Letters & Science strengthens its ability to extend a tradition of excellence in education, research, and outreach that achieves the Wisconsin Idea. The Letters & Science Board of Visitors is a select group of key stakeholders with unique access to the Dean, faculty, staff, and students in order to advise and support the mission of the College.

The purpose of the Letters & Science Board of Visitors is to serve as an advisory group and partner with the Dean to provide knowledge, external perspective, and financial resources to advance the mission of the College. More specifically, the Board's role is to:

- Enthusiastically support the Letters & Science mission and vision and advise the Dean on challenges, opportunities, and trends;
- Stay current about and advocate for the liberal arts and the University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Help forge links between the College and external constituencies; and
- Support the College's mission of excellence in teaching, research, and service through personal philanthropy and working with others on their gifts.

Members are appointed for a three-year, renewable term by the Dean of the College of Letters & Science. They are expected to attend and participate in two board meetings a year. It is also expected that members place the College of Letters & Science among their top philanthropic priorities.

At the completion of each term, the Chair of the Board will discuss service, ask for feedback on their experience and evaluate continuation of service. Upon completing their term(s) in good standing, board members will gain Emerita/us status.

The Board shall have at least one Chair with the option of establishing a Vice-Chair. The Chair serves at the pleasure of the Dean and does not have a maximum term limit. Committees dedicated to specific functions such as development, communications, etc. may be created by the Dean of the College of Letters & Science in consultation with the Chair.

The Board may have up to 35 active board members.

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