

Computer Science and Cyber Advisory Board University of North Georgia

Article I: Purpose

The Computer Science and Cyber Advisory Board serves as an advocate for the cyber programs in the Institute for Cyber Operations and the Department of Computing and Cybersecurity at the University of North Georgia (UNG). The Board's purpose is to provide ongoing feedback and support to computer science and cybersecurity education, internships and experiential learning, promote engagement with alumni and industry partners, and assist in fundraising efforts for computer science and cybersecurity programs.

Article II: Objectives

The specific objectives of the Advisory Board are as follows:

1. To provide a vital link between industry and the computer science and cybersecurity programs at UNG.
2. To serve as a sounding board for current and proposed programs and activities.
3. To identify opportunities for students to gain practical experience through internships and other learning experiences.
4. To collaborate with faculty to address computing and cybersecurity challenges and research opportunities.
5. To facilitate connections between industry professionals and students through events and networking opportunities.
6. To promote faculty development activities that enhance computer science and cybersecurity education.

Article III: Membership

- A. The Advisory Board shall consist of computing and cybersecurity professionals, educators, and alumni who are dedicated to enhancing computer science and cyber education at the University of North Georgia.
- B. Members are expected to actively participate in board activities and provide support through individual giving and/or corporate sponsorships.
- C. Faculty and staff will be invited to participate in board meetings and activities as appropriate.

Article IV: Officers and Executive Committee

- A. The Officers of the Advisory Board shall consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair, appointed by the Department Head and Director with input from board members.
- B. The term of office shall be two years, plus one year of service as Immediate Past Chair after the Chair's term.
- C. The Executive Committee will include the Chair, Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Department Head of Computer Science, and the Director of the Institute. The Executive Committee may elect to invite major donors and supporters to serve in appointed positions on the Executive Committee, with the Dean's support.
- D. Leading by example in philanthropy, each member of the Executive Committee has elected to contribute \$2,500 per year to CS/Cyber via the UNG Foundation, Inc.

Article V: Meetings

- A. The Advisory Board shall meet at least twice a year, with additional meetings scheduled as necessary.
- B. A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a majority of the board members.
- C. Minutes of each meeting shall be recorded and distributed to all members.

Article VI: Committees

- A. The Advisory Board may establish standing committees as needed. Initial standing committees will include Marketing and Fundraising committees.
- B. Task forces may be formed to address specific issues or projects at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Article VII: Amendments

- A. Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any board member.
- B. Proposed amendments must be presented to the board and require a two-thirds majority vote for approval.

Article VIII: Responsibilities

Board members are expected to:

1. **Attend and Actively Participate:** Attend and actively participate in meetings, committee meetings, and special events.
2. **Advocate for the University, Department, and Institute:** Advocate for the University of North Georgia, the Institute for Cyber Operations, and the Department of Computer Science and Cybersecurity and their initiatives, communicating their mission, accomplishments, and goals within the community.
3. **Support Fundraising Efforts:**
 - Each member of the Cyber Advisory Board will make the Institute for Cyber Operations and/or the Department of Computer Science and Cybersecurity a philanthropic priority, making a financial contribution relative to personal means of \$1,000 or more each academic year:
Checks (501(c)3 tax deductible) payable to: **UNG Foundation, Inc.**
P.O. Box 1599, Dahlonega, GA 30533 (or online via UNGgive.org)
memo line **#5304 Institute for Cyber Operations** for Cybersecurity,
memo line **#6278 Dept of Computer Science** for Computer Science.
Active representatives from the military and government agencies are exempted.
Philanthropic expectations are lowered for younger alumni. Those who have graduated in the past five years will be expected to contribute \$100 each year, and alumni who graduated more than five years but less than ten years prior will be expected to contribute \$500 each year. Young alumni, and all board members, are welcome to solicit a corporate sponsorship or a matching gift from their organization or other sources to complement their contribution.
 - Board members will actively engage in the identification, cultivation, solicitation, or stewardship of other individuals or entities to support the Department's and Institute's fundraising priorities.

- Members will support fundraising priorities through information-sharing about Department and Institute initiatives with other constituencies (e.g., individuals, corporations, and foundations).
4. **Engagement Activities:** Participate in at least one engagement activity each semester, which may include networking events, career fairs, guest lectures, workshops, or community outreach initiatives.
 5. **Suggest Nominees:** Suggest nominees for the board and participate in leadership roles or special assignments as requested.
 6. **Stay Informed:** Understand the Institute's mission, purposes, goals, policies, programs, services, strengths, and needs.
 7. **Champion Strategic Goals:** Champion the strategic directions of the Institute and assist in the development and implementation of its strategic plan.

Appendix A: Options for Board Member Engagement

Board members are encouraged to engage with the Institute for Cyber Operations, the Department of Computer Science and Cybersecurity, and the broader university community through various activities, including but not limited to:

1. **Mentorship:** Serve as a mentor to students, providing guidance and support in their academic and career pursuits.
2. **Guest Speaking:** Present or assist in securing industry professionals to speak in classrooms or at other events.
3. **Internship Opportunities:** Hire student or faculty interns to provide practical experience and support for the mission of the Department and the Institute.
4. **Event Participation:** Invite key contacts to join you in attending events hosted by the Department and the Institute for Cyber Operations, including career fairs, workshops, etc.
5. **Collaboration with Faculty:** Partner with faculty to identify and make introductions to prospective partners from the technology and cybersecurity communities.
6. **Sponsorship:** Sponsor events or initiatives that promote the Department, the Institute, and their missions.
7. **Hosting Events:** Host receptions or meetings at your place of business for students, faculty, and other university and community constituents.
8. **Community Outreach:** Participate in local events that promote cybersecurity awareness and computer science education.

Appendix B: Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

The University of North Georgia invites businesses to support the preparation of future military and civilian leaders in computer science and cybersecurity. Corporate sponsors commit to an annual contribution at one of the designated sponsorship levels below.

Gold Sponsor - \$15,000

- Participation in the Computer Science and Cyber Advisory Board.
- Brand awareness and recognition of your commitment to cybersecurity education among students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.
- Logo placement on the Institute's website with a hyperlink to your corporate website or recruiting page.
- Social media spotlights showcasing your engagement with computing and cyber projects, students, faculty, and staff.
- Priority invitations to participate in Institute-sponsored events, including:
 - Cybersecurity Conferences
 - Research Presentations
 - Cyber Competitions
 - Career and Internship Fairs
 - Student and Alumni Events
- Personalized recruitment assistance from the Internship Coordinator (e.g., collection of resumes, scheduling interviews on campus).
- Opportunity for corporate representatives to present at least once per semester to students in cybersecurity courses or student organizations.

Silver Sponsor - \$10,000

- Opportunity to participate on the Computer Science and Cyber Advisory Board.
- Access to recruitment services through the University and the College of Science & Mathematics.
- Invitations to participate in Institute-sponsored events, including:
 - Cybersecurity Conferences
 - Career and Internship Fairs
 - Student and Alumni Events
- Annual recognition through existing UNG Foundation and College of Science & Mathematics development programs, plus inclusion on the UNG Donor Wall.

Bronze Sponsor - \$5,000

- Consideration for participation on the Cyber Advisory Board.
- Access to recruitment services through the College of Science & Mathematics, including Cyber Career Fairs

- Annual recognition through existing College of Science & Mathematics development programs.
- Invitation to sponsor cyber competitions, conferences, and special events at an additional cost.

For more information about our corporate sponsorship program, contact Steve Shepherd, College of Science & Mathematics Development Officer, at steve.shepherd@ung.edu or 706-867-2801. Contributions in support of Fund #5304 **Institute for Cyber Operations** and/or Fund #6278 **Dept of Computer Science** should be directed to the UNG Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1599, Dahlonega, GA 30533. EIN 23-7066297. For more information about the University of North Georgia's Department of Computing and Cyber, visit <https://ung.edu/cs>. For more information on the Institute for Cyber Operations, visit <https://ung.edu/cyber>.