

UF CENTER FOR AFRICAN STUDIES ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

The UF Center for African Studies (CAS) Advancement Council supports the teaching, research and outreach activities of the University of Florida's Center for African Studies by fundraising for these CAS activities and for the Center as a whole. The Council promotes the activities of CAS among existing and potential donors.

To accomplish these goals, the Advancement Council will, in liaison with the CAS Director and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Office of Advancement:

- Identify and cultivate potential individual donors and solicit donations.
- Promote a culture of philanthropy and major gift activity among CAS supporters.
- Advise on strategies for cultivating and soliciting major gift prospects.
- Organize certain types of fundraising activities, such as hosting events for potential donors.

All financial responsibilities and formal requests for donations will be carried out and remain the responsibility of CAS and the CLAS Office of Advancement.

ADVANCEMENT COUNCIL COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Advancement Council will be composed of 7-15 members, who will be existing supporters (financial or otherwise) of CAS. These will be drawn from former UF Faculty, alumni of CAS/UF, and other friends and supporters of the Center. Council members are expected to be active, individually and collectively, in addressing the goals of CAS and the Advancement Council.

Council members will be based in Florida or be able to participate in Council activities by electronic communication. The Council will strive towards inclusiveness and diversity, reflecting the longstanding priorities and vision of the Center.

Advancement Council members are appointed by the CAS Director to three-year terms. Consecutive terms may be served at the discretion of the CAS Director. The CAS Director will select one member of the Advancement Council to act as Chair, who will be expected to hold that position for a term of three years, renewable.

MEETINGS

The Advancement Council will meet at least three times per year. Council members are expected to attend – physically or online – at least two meetings per year.