

11.b. Advisory Board(s)

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Responsible Entity	Colleges Advisory Boards	Policy Pages	1
Definitions	The Advisory Board at AAU is a group of external experts, industry leaders, academics, and stakeholders who provide strategic guidance and recommendations to support the university's goals. Their role is advisory rather than managerial, focusing on enhancing academic programs, research initiatives, and community engagement. The chair of each board is the Dean/ Deputy of the college or Deanship and some faculty members (if needed).		
Purpose	The purpose of the Advisory Boards Policy is to establish a structured framework for the formation, roles, and responsibilities of advisory boards within the university. These boards serve as a bridge between academia and industry, ensuring that the university's programs, research, and initiatives align with current trends, professional standards, and societal needs.		
Scope	All Deans/ Deputy Deans/ Program Directors/ Departments Heads Individuals from local community.		
Statement	AAU is committed to strengthening collaboration between its Colleges and Deanships and the community while continuously seeking insights from industry, the marketplace, and society to enhance and advance its programs, as well as the skills and knowledge of its graduates.		
Procedures	- At the beginning of each academic year, each College/Deanship submits a recommendation for the formation of its Advisory Board to the University President. The President then presents the recommendation to the Deans' Council. Upon approval, the Advisory Board for each College/Deanship is officially established. - Members of the Advisory Board are selected from the local community and represent diverse sectors, including engineering, medicine, healthcare, law, education, business, and media. These professionals contribute their expertise to support the educational process and enhance academic performance at the university. - The Advisory Board convenes at least twice per academic year, with one meeting held each semester. During these meetings, members discuss key issues and provide recommendations for prompt implementation. Meeting minutes are recorded and maintained to ensure proper follow-up on activities throughout the year. Meetings take place either at Al Ain campus or Abu Dhabi campus.		
Recent Changes	All sections were revised.		