

## **Advisory Board**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the health systems management advisory board (“board”) at Rochester Institute of Technology is to promote collaborations between current leaders in the health care and program stakeholders (students, alumni and faculty). The board will advise the program through the thoughtful evaluation of the program’s goals and objectives and related achievements. Board members will serve in an advisory role only. Final decisions are the responsibility of the program and college administration.

### **Membership**

Members of the board will come from a broad spectrum of organizations in and around the health industry, including current health administrators, health care providers, payers, professional associations, program alumni, and current students. Members will be leaders in the health care field who have a strong interest in their community, the health care industry, the field of education, with a particular interest in developing a premier training ground for the next generation of health care leaders. They will share a spirit of innovation, excellence and a commitment to serve as role models to up-and-coming leaders.

### **Nomination Process**

Annual nominations will be solicited to elect a board chair. The chair will work with the program director to schedule meetings, set agendas, and run the board meetings.

### **Term Limits**

Membership on the board will revolve every two years. Every two years (at the spring meeting), board members will notify the chair of their desire to renew their membership, nominate a colleague to replace them, or terminate their seat for the following academic year.

### **Role of the Advisory Board**

- Assist the program in monitoring the changes in the health care marketplace and management/leadership practices
- Evaluate the program’s curriculum and other program activities for currency and relevancy in light of the evolving needs of the profession
- Provide resources and practical experiences for students to identify career opportunities and prepare themselves for management and leadership roles
- Strengthen the relationship between the local health care community, the program, and university
- Advise the program on the marketability and impact of the degree or other program initiatives

## **Role of the MS Program**

- Provide regular updates to board members on the achievements of the program/college/university; current research in the field of health services leadership and/or education
- Strengthen the relationship between the local health care community by facilitating new collaborations between board members, students, and alumni
- Engage students and faculty in specific projects for board members, related to the educational mission of the program
- Acknowledge the support of board members on the RIT websites, on promotional materials, and elsewhere as appropriate

## **Expectations for Members**

- Regularly attend meetings (as scheduled either in person, using web-based conferencing technologies, or providing input on the decision points of meetings missed prior to or following meetings)
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing pre-meeting materials
- Fully engage in conversations; actively offering their professional expert opinions and providing evidence when available
- Supporting and promoting the development of successful HSM students
- Maintain confidentiality of data, strategy, and comments and opinions expressed at board meeting.
- Respect differences of opinion and perspectives while supporting an environment that promotes thoughtful and constructive discussion.