

## 2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Homeland Security	2022
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council	80469

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
Yes	01/28/2022	01/28/2024	01/28/2024

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No	EO 13875	09/30/2019

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Agency Authority

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Title 6, United States Code, section 451	11/25/2002	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** National Policy Issue Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** No Reports for this Fiscal Year

**17a. Open** 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

Current FY      Next FY

<b>18a(1). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel</b>	\$430,000.00	\$430,000.00
<b>Pmts to Federal Staff</b>		
<b>18a(4). Personnel</b>		
<b>Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$430,000.00	\$440,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.50	2.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The HSAAC provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and senior leadership on matters relating to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; faculty exchanges; and campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The HSAAC will be composed of up to 30 members who are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Homeland Security. To ensure a diverse, balanced membership on the HSAAC, the members shall serve as representatives, representing the viewpoints of institutions of higher education, community colleges, elementary and secondary education (K-12), school systems, and/or partnership groups.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The HSAAC is expected to meet quarterly. However, there was zero activity so far due to re-establishment of council January 2022. Anticipated that the HSAAC will appoint new members and convene first meeting in FY2023.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

Until the establishment of this committee, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) did not have a formal structure to receive advice and recommendations on student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; faculty exchanges; and campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness. There is no other advisory committee within DHS that provides recommendations on matters relating to DHS engagement with the academic community.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

We anticipate that meetings of the HSAAC will be open.

## **21. Remarks**

On January 2022 the HSAAC Council was reestablished, and 30 members are pending approval. As a historical note, on June 14, 2019 President Trump issued his Executive Order on Evaluating and Improving the Utility of Federal Advisory Committees (Executive Order 13875). The order required all executive agencies to review, evaluate and terminate one-third of its Federal Advisory Committees by September 30, 2019. As a result of this review, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) determined that the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council (HSAAC) was to be terminated as a stand-alone Federal Advisory Committee. The Department reviewed options to incorporate the topics and focus areas of the HSAAC into existing DHS Federal Advisory Committees, including the Secretary's Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). The HSAAC was reestablished in January 2022. Since its establishment in 2012, this Council has proven to be a valuable asset to the Department, providing advice, expertise and experience that has supported DHS toward achieving its mission. You delivered more than 120 recommendations across a broad range of topics intersecting academia and homeland security. The Department has either fully or partially implemented more than 55% of your recommendations, which have been instrumental in founding several new programs, resources and initiatives across the Department.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

Traci Zarinah Silas Executive Director for  
Academic Engagement

### **Narrative Description**

The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and senior leadership at the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, cyber security and preparedness; and faculty exchanges.

### **What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if  
Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### **Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

### **What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The committee has not met during FY22.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The committee has not met during FY22.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The committee has not met during FY22.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The committee has not met during FY22.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation

Approved grants or other payments

Other

**Action Comments**

Not Applicable

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site

Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications

Other

**Access Comments**

Access is provided via the GSA FACA website, the DHS.gov website, and via direct DFO contact.