

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Air University Board of Visitors

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Defense		2025	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Air University Board of Visitors		393	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/07/2024	06/07/2026	
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No			
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Secretary of the Air Force Determination	03/22/1946	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	0
17d. Total			
0			
Meetings and Dates			
No Meetings			
		Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members		\$0.00	\$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Air University Board of Visitors (AU BoV) shall review and evaluate a) the progress of the educational programs and the support activities of the AU; b) the published statement of purpose, institutional policies, and financial resources of the Air University (AU); and c) the educational effectiveness quality of student learning, administrative and educational support services, and teaching, research, and public service of the AU.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

The AU BoV shall be composed of no more than 15 members who are eminent authorities in one or more of the following disciplines: air, space, cyberspace, defense, management, leadership, or academia and who shall exhibit the greatest possible diversity of demographic characteristics and expertise. In evaluating candidates for the AU BoV, the DoD considers the candidate's educational and professional experience concerning the subject matters anticipated to be tasked to the Au BoV. The DoD has found that viewing the complex issues facing the DoD through a multidisciplinary advisory committee provides the DoD and, more importantly, the American public with a broader understanding of the issues on which subsequent policy decisions are based. Membership shall be fairly balanced to provide a variety of background, experience, and thought in support of the AU BoV's mission. The AU BoV's membership is not static, and the DoD Appointing Authority may change the membership based upon work assigned to the AU BoV.

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

The AU BoV shall meet at the call of the AU BoV's DFO, in consultation with the AU BoV's Chair and the Secretary of the Air Force. The estimated number of AU BoV meetings is two per year. The Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) and Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Subcommittees will meet once per year each.

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

The AU BoV is inextricably linked to the degree awarding aspects of the AU mission set forth in statute for AU, AFIT, and CCAF.

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

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of Defense determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor, who is the Secretary of the Air Force or designee, and only after consultation with the appropriate General Counsel.

21. Remarks

The AU BoV had three individuals who were approved by SecDef to serve on the two subcommittees (AFIT and CCAF), but resigned due to personal reasons. These individuals are: Ms. DeeJay J. Mailer (16Feb23), Dr. Patricia L. Gruber (26Sep23), and Dr. Steven J. Berberich (20 Nov 23). Only one individual's resignation was within FY24, the other two resignations were in FY23, but were part of the AU BoV's, SecDef approved, FY24 Membership renewal package dated 31May24. Federal Register Notifications were not filed during FY24 for the AU BoV AFIT Subcommittee (24-25Oct23) and CCAF Subcommittee (13Feb24) meetings. Previous guidance was that subcommittee meetings were not required. DA&M provided clarification and all meetings of the AU BoV Parent Committee, AFIT Subcommittee, and CCAF Subcommittee will have Federal Register Notifications published, respectively. - Michael Cartney and Billy Starkey are reported with a start date of 06/07/2023 but were not reported in the FY23 ACR as parent committee members. - Tamar Dennis is reported with a start date of 07/05/2023 (as a parent and subcommittee member) but was not reported in the FY23 ACR as a parent committee member. -

John Schmisser is reported with a start date of 07/10/2023 but was not reported in the FY23 ACR as a parent committee member. - Eduardo Padrón was reported in the FY23 ACR under the CCAF subcommittee with appointment dates of 06/15/2022 - 06/14/2026 but not reported in the current ACR. Dr. Padrón resigned from the AU BoV on 18 Dec 2022. DA&M was provided an MFR. - Elane Seebo is currently reported (in the FY24 ACR) under the CCAF subcommittee with a start date of 06/07/2023 but was not reported in the FY23 ACR. Dr. Seebo was initially only a Parent Committee Member. The following year she was added to the CCAF Subcommittee and remained on the Parent Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Shawn Patrick O'Mailia Chief, Advisory Boards and Strategic Operations

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bailey, Richard	06/13/2022	06/12/2026	University President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bonner, Judith	06/13/2022	06/12/2026	Retired University President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cartney, Michael	06/07/2023	09/12/2026	President Emeritus, Lake Area Technical College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Davis, Wayne	06/13/2022	06/12/2026	Former University President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dennis, Tamar	07/05/2023	07/04/2027	Law Student and Retired Air Force CMSgt	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Dunbar, Sharon	06/16/2022	06/15/2026	VP, General Dynamics Mission Systems	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Elder, Robert	06/14/2022	06/13/2026	Professor, George Mason University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flores, Ruben	07/22/2022	07/21/2026	University President	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garcia, Mildred	06/14/2022	06/13/2026	President, AASCU	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schmisser, John	07/10/2023	07/09/2027	Executive Director, University of Tennessee Space Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Seebo, Elane	06/13/2022	06/12/2026	Senior Assistant to the President, Wayland Baptist University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Starkey, Billy	06/07/2023	09/13/2026	Chairman, Palladion Signature Import Limited	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wheatley, Michele [Air Force Institute of Technology Subcommittee]	09/14/2022	09/13/2026	Professor and Special Advisor to the Chancellor and President, Syracuse University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Okada, Mary [Community College of the Air Force Subcommittee]	09/14/2022	09/13/2026	President and CEO, Guam Community College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

The purpose of the Air University Board of Visitors is to assist Air University (AU) in sustaining effective programs. Due to the importance of Air University's Mission, it is desirable that the Air Force obtain advice, views, and recommendations on matters involving performance of their educational mission. To this end, an advisory committee, designated as the Air University Board of Visitors, was established in July 1946 by the Commanding General of the Army Air Forces and has been in existence since that time.

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

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

Outcome Comments

An external board is required by Air University's regional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the AFIT Subcommittee serves this role for AFIT related to there regional accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

The cost savings associated with the advice and recommendations that the Air University Board of Visitors provides is tremendous. The cost savings figure provided above is estimated based upon the idea of if Air University had to pay for the consultation services that we obtain from the Board of Visitors, that cost would be significantly greater than the cost of the travel and per diem we provide to the Air University Board of Visitors members for their meeting attendance.

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

729

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY24, the AU BoV provided a total of 33 recommendations to the SECAF and Air University. The total number of recommendations for the life of the AU BoV increased from 696 to 729.

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

92%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Air University Commander and Air Force Senior Leadership (SECAF/CSAF) support, and are very receptive, to the Air University Board of Visitors recommendations and make every effort with-in the constraints of policy and guidance to implement them. (98%)

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

4%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

As stated previously the Air University makes every effort to implement all the Board's recommendations and at the very least implement partially. If the recommendation can only be partially implemented, respective Air University personnel will explain why they

recommendation cannot be fully or partially implemented.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Air University provides a written response to each recommendation of the AU BoV detailing how they plan to implement the recommendation in whole or in part. These responses are provided to the AU BoV as read-aheads for the following meeting, which ensures a closed-loop process. The AU BoV Leadership (AU BoV Chair and Subcommittee Chairs) meeting the SECAF annually to provide an outbrief and receive feedback from SECAF.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Based on the advice and recommendations of the Board of Visitors (BoV), Air University (AU) is able to maintain regional accreditation. As well the BoV's advice and recommendations help AU operate educational programs which possess academic rigor and are in line with the mission of Air University.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other



Access Comments

N/A