

# Engineering Drives Inclusive Excellence Council (EDIE)

## Vision

The vision of Engineering Drives Inclusive Excellence Council (EDIE) is to cultivate an environment to advance diversity and inclusion as well as transform our research, culture, and community into an inclusive environment where individuals are valued for their talents, celebrated for their differences, and empowered to reach their fullest potential.

### Structure

The work of the Engineering Drives Inclusive Excellence Council (EDIE) is supported by VCU Engineering's Office of Govt. & Community Outreach and sponsored by the VCU Engineering Dean's Office. In an effort to achieve diversity excellence, members of EDIE review and provide feedback on initiatives, provide strategic direction and oversight, and make final recommendations. The responsibilities of EDIE are guided by a representative steering committee who will bring reports to the larger membership group on a quarterly basis. Additionally, small workgroups may be formed in response to specific matters as identified by the EDIE. If any developments occur, EDIE's director will propose recommendations to leadership for support of possible implementation.

#### **Membership**

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