

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
CHARTER OF THE
NASA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY

The NASA Administrator established the NASA Advisory Council (the "Council"). Having determined that it is in the public interest in connection with the performance of Agency duties under the law, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration, the NASA Administrator hereby renews and amends the Council's Charter, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. §§1 et seq.

PURPOSE AND DUTIES

1. The Council will draw on the expertise of its members and other sources to provide advice and make recommendations to the Administrator on Agency programs, policies, plans, and other matters pertinent to the Agency's responsibilities.
2. The Council shall function solely as an advisory body and will comply fully with the provisions of the FACA.
3. The Council reports to the Administrator.

STANDING COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

1. The need for standing committees on particular areas of NASA's programs will be determined by the Administrator and will be established under separate charters.
2. The committees will report to the appropriate NASA officials and to the Council. The Council will review the committees' recommendations and Agency response. The Council may endorse the recommendations or provide any comments or suggestions on the recommendations back to the committees.
3. The Administrator may establish such task forces under the Council as may be necessary. The terms of reference of such task forces will be subject to the approval of the Administrator. Members of such task forces will be appointed by the Administrator. The task forces will report back to the Council.

MEMBERSHIP

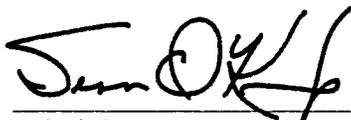
1. The Council will consist of members to be appointed by the Administrator to ensure a balanced representation in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed.
2. Members will be appointed for a 2-year term, renewable at the discretion of the Administrator. Each member serves at the pleasure of the Administrator.
3. The Chair will be designated by the Administrator.
4. The chairs of the Council's standing committees will be members of the Council.
5. The Chair of the National Research Council Studies Board and the Chair of the National Research Council Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board will be ex officio members of the Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

1. The Council will usually meet four times a year. Meetings will be open to the public unless it is determined that the meeting, or a portion of the meeting, will be closed in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act, or that the meeting is not covered by the FACA.
2. The Executive Secretary of the Council will be appointed by the Administrator and will serve as the Designated Federal Official.
3. The Office of External Relations will provide staff support and operating funds for the Council and is responsible for fulfilling the reporting requirements of section 6(b) of the Act.
4. The estimated annual operating cost totals approximately \$650,000, including 2.9 workyears for staff support.

DURATION

The Council shall terminate 2 years from the original renewal date of May 1, 2003, for this charter unless renewed or terminated by the NASA Administrator.



Administrator

May 1, 2003
Date