The Council of Curators is made up of faculty and staff that have collections and curatorial expertise in a particular area represented by the objects and specimens housed within the UA Museums or otherwise serve the interests of the UA Museums, the College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama, and the scientific community as a whole. The UA Museums seeks to support faculty and staff curators in their research initiatives, the research of their students and in educational needs such as classroom instruction and outreach activities with the goal of improving the collections and building synergies across campus, Alabama and internationally. Permanent members of the council will include the Director of Museum Research and Collections and any UA Museums staff with a curatorial appointment.

The Director of Museum Research and Collections, who serves as the Chair of the Council of Curators, will also chair a Curatorial Appointment Committee made up of one UA Museums staff curator, one faculty curator and the Director him/herself. Members on this committee will be chosen by the Director of Museum Research and Collections and the UA Museums Executive Director and will serve two-year renewable terms. The Chair of this committee will make recommendations for appointments to the UA Museums Executive Director for final approval.

Curatorial appointments will be offered in three-year renewable terms. Renewing of the appointment will be based, in part, on the following factors:

1) Continuing need of the area of expertise
2) Activity in the collection (including teaching and outreach activities)
3) Publications resulting from collections based research
4) Proposals submitted and grants awarded to facilitate collections-based research and improvement of the collections themselves
5) Synergies developed around the collections with individuals and units across campus, domestically and internationally

Curators must be active employees of The University of Alabama holding a faculty or staff appointment. If a Curator retires, the Curatorial Appointment Committee may choose to extend the title of Curator Emeritus to that individual. This title will be given in honor of significant contributions the curator has previously made and the appointment will be for life. Space and other resources for Emeritus Curators will be considered on a case-by-case and need basis.

Curators are encouraged to include their title in the UA directory, on their business cards, email signatures and most importantly on any publications related to the collections. Curators are asked to please send all reprints and any proposals submitted relating to the collections, to the Director of Museum Research and Collections.