

Fall 2026 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

(Times are Mountain Standard Time)

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 9:00am – 4:30pm MT

[Meet online and in NCAR ML-239 (Mesa Lab – Damon Conference Room)]

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome & Introductions (Chairs/ Ryan May)

- Setting the Stage for the New Committee (Mohan)
- New Member Welcome
- Transitioning Member Appreciation (Certificates)
- Round the Room Introductions (Name, Institution, Highlights)

9:30 – 10:00 Director's Opener (Mohan Ramamurthy)

10:00 – 11:00 Staff Portfolio Lightning Highlights (UPC)

11:00 – 11:15 Interactive Connection Poll and Break

11:15 – 12:00 Portfolio Lightning Highlights Discussion (all)

12:00 – 13:10 Lunch

13:10 – 13:30 NCEP Update (Margaret Curtis)

13:30 – 13:50 NWS Update (Scott Jacobs)

13:50 – 14:00 Break

14:00 – 15:00 SESSION: NSF Unidata and AI (Co-led UPC & CAC)

- How are members leveraging AI in their work?
- How are members preparing students for AI workforce development?
- How could NSF Unidata maximize community benefit?
- Summary (output)

15:00 – 15:15 Day 1 Wrap-Up

15:15 – 15:30 Transition for DeSouza Award Presentation

15:30 – 16:30 DeSouza Award Presentation & Q&A with Dr. Eric Bruning, Mesa Lab Main Seminar Room (ML-132)

16:30 Adjourn

17:30 Working Dinner at [The Lowdown](#) ([map](#))

Thursday, September 10, 2026 9:00am – 4:30pm MT

[Meet online and in UCAR Mesa Lab – Damon Conference Room (ML-239)]

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome (Chairs/ Ryan May)

9:15 – 10:15 SESSION: Committee Model Implementation (CAC)

- CAC & Subcommittees Solicitation Process (output)
- Subcommittees Member Roster (output)

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:50 Agency Update (TBD)

10:50 – 11:10 Agency Update (TBD)

11:10 – 11:45 Follow-Up “Future Directions for Earth Observations & Data Stewardship”
– What does NSF Unidata Need to do to Think Big in This Space?

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:45 Business Development Update & Discussion (Ryan / CAC)

13:45 – 14:30 Day 2 Carry-Over Items, Next Steps, & Closing Remarks

14:30 – 16:30 Connection Activity (all)

16:30 Meeting Adjourned

Friday, September 11, 2026 9:00am - 1:00pm MT

__Strategic Advisory Subcommittee members only__

[Meet online and in UCAR FL4-1201 (Unidata Conference Room)]

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome (Chairs/ Ryan)

9:15 - 9:35 Budget Report (Richard Michel)

9:35 - 10:40 SESSION: Preserving Core Mission Amid Program Growth

- Grounding Principles & Guardrails that Keep Core Mission Intact as New Activities Introduced (Shaped by SAS)
- Report Out, Discussion
- Summary List of Principles & Guardrails (output)

10:40 - 10:55 Break

10:55 - 12:00 SESSION: Strategic Planning Subcommittee: Standing Up & Broadening the Plan

- Changes in the Landscape & Program
- Broadening the Plan Beyond the Core Proposal
- Summary List of Key Landscape Changes & Opportunities to Broaden the Unidata Strategic Plan that will be Provided to Subcommittee (output)
- Strategic Planning Subcommittee Member Roster (output)

12:00 - 12:30 Charter Updates & Considerations (SAS)

12:30 - 13:00 Sack Lunch & Closing Remarks (Chairs / Ryan)

Status Report: Community Advisory Committee Actions

September 2025 - March 2026

Unidata Program Center Staff

Actions from the Previous Meeting (March 2026)

Action 1

Implementation of New Committee Structure taken [CAC leadership, UPC]

Result

In Progress

Action 2

AI/ML if further feedback or thoughts on documents and prompts, ie gaps, etc. for community needs

Result

Further follow-up during Fall meeting

Action 3

Start to think about Fall meeting times [CAC, UPC]

Result

Complete

Action 4

Change in how data shared amongst countries and impact on Unidata and academic institutions

Result

Unknown

