

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR EXPECTATIONS

This document is intended to support individuals and organizations who enter into an advisory relationship with a recognized student organization. The Office of Student Leadership Development has outlined some basic expectations for individuals who take on the role of advisor to consider and some basic expectations for recognized student organizations who are seeking and/or engaged with an identified advisor(s). As the needs of organizations vary, so will the nature and style of the advising relationship; there is no “one size fits all” advising model. The relationship and specifics should be mutually determined through conversation between the advisor and the organization.

Expectations for Advisors to Consider

- Maintain regular contact with the organization through designated student leaders/contacts
- Assist the organization in understanding and following College policies, and any additional policies that the organization may be expected to follow
- Help the organization seek out and utilize campus resources
- Be familiar with the goals and the activities of the organization
- Provide support, guidance, and advice as needed; challenge the organization/leaders appropriately

Ways to Meet These Expectations

- Be familiar with the organization’s constitution and other governing documents/resources, as well as College policies and procedures
- Be available to meet with and initiate contact with the leadership of the organization on a regular basis
- Be available to meet with general members of the organization
- Attend meetings and events whenever possible
- Provide constructive feedback when appropriate to the organization leadership

Expectations for Organizations to Consider

- Be responsive to communication initiated by the advisor
- Be respectful of the advisor’s time: set meeting times in advance, give ample notice about events/meetings, be on time for meetings
- Abide by all applicable College policies and local, state, and federal laws
- Invite advisors to meetings and events
- Keep the advisor well informed regarding organizational activities and business
- Be honest with the advisor and be open to constructive feedback and advice from the advisor