



ADVISOR ROLE CHECKLIST ACTIVITY

Listed below are some possible expectations student leaders may have of their advisor. The advisor and leaders should each respond to the following items then discuss answers and resolve any differences. For some items, which are determined not to be the responsibility of the advisor, it would be valuable to clarify which officer will assume that responsibility.

For each of the statements, determine whether the function is:

- 1 - Essential for the advisor to do
- 2 - Helpful for the advisor to do
- 3 - Nice, but advisor does not have to
- 4 - Would prefer the advisor not do
- 5 - Absolutely not an advisor's role

The Advisor Should:

1. Attend all general meetings
2. Attend all executive committee meetings
3. Call meetings of the executive committee when they believe it is necessary
4. Explain university policy when relevant to the discussion
5. Explain university policy to the executive committee and depend upon the officers to carry them out through their leadership
6. Explain university policies to the entire membership at a general meeting once a year
7. Schedule an appointment with the president/chairperson before each meeting
8. Help the president prepare the agenda before each meeting
9. Serve as parliamentarian for the group
10. Speak up during discussion when they have relevant information
11. Speak up during discussion when they believe the group is likely to make a poor decision; remain quiet during general meetings unless asked for advice
12. Exert influence with officers between meetings
13. Take an active part in formulating the goals of the group
14. Initiate ideas for discussion when the advisor believes it will help the group
15. Be one of the group - except for voting, holding office, and conducting business on behalf of the group
16. Attend all group activities
17. Review group finances with the treasurer commitments are made
18. Request to see the treasurer's books at the end of each quarter
19. Check the secretary's minutes before they are written in final form
20. Check all official correspondence before it is sent
21. Get a photocopy for all official correspondence
22. Be custodian for all group paraphernalia, records, etc. during the summer and between transition of officers
23. Keep the official files in their office

- _____ 24. Inform the group of infractions of their bylaws, codes and standing rules
- _____ 25. Keep the group aware of its stated objectives when planning events
- _____ 26. Mediate interpersonal conflicts that arise; be responsible for planning leadership skills workshops
- _____ 27. State what the advisor's responsibilities are, or as they view the responsibilities, at the first meeting of the year
- _____ 28. Let the group work out its problems, including making mistakes and "doing it the hard way"
- _____ 29. Insist on an evaluation of each activity by those students responsible for planning it
- _____ 30. Take the initiative in creating teamwork and cooperation among the officers' group
- _____ 31. Let the group thrive or decline on its own merits; do not interfere unless requested to do so
- _____ 32. Be available to assist the group in any conflicts with members of the university staff
- _____ 33. Be familiar with College facilities, services and procedures that affect group activities
- _____ 34. Recommend programs, speakers, etc.
- _____ 35. Take an active part in the orderly transition of responsibilities between old and new officers at the end/start of the year
- _____ 36. Advise the group to cancel any activities when they believe they have been inadequately planned
- _____ 37. Be responsible for planning leadership skills workshops

Please add any other expectations you have for the advisor's role: