



Center for Student Involvement

Advising 101

WHO: Full-time, salaried faculty and professional or approved staff members are eligible to serve as advisors for student organizations, so long as they are not on leave during their term. Student teaching assistants, graduate assistants, some adjunct professors, and non-professional staff may not be eligible to serve as the primary advisors for a student organization.

WHAT: Depending on the needs of a student organization advisors typically serve multiple roles, including the role of supervisor, follower, mentor, facilitator and educator.

HOW:

You can...

- Ask a student organization that you are interested in advising if they would like to be advised by you
- Accept an invitation to serve as an advisor when approached by a student organization
- Be matched with a student organization in need by providing your contact information and interests to Center for Involvement
- Have a position that requires you to serve as an advisor

EXPECTATIONS:

- Maintain institutional and organizational knowledge
- Maintain regular contact with the student organization to:
 - Ensure the maintenance and growth of the organization
 - Educate students on policies, best practices, and campus resources
 - Encourage community building and networking in and outside the organization.
- Report behaviors that impact the community
- Additional expectations can be set by you and your student organization

BENEFITS:

- Continued professional education and training provided to advisors for enhancing skills and institutional knowledge
- Opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, and skills with students are working towards a common goal
- The relationships and community developed outside the office and classroom
- Satisfaction obtained by the impact and recognition of efforts