

Leadership – Organizations & Advisors

You might be wondering why a student organization would want a faculty or staff advisor. After all, you were elected because you are a competent and capable leader, right?

- Do you sometimes have trouble cutting through administrative red tape?
- Do you sometimes wish your group had more support from related academic or service departments on campus?
- Could your organization benefit from some “connections” with university policy makers?

And even though you are doing a super job now, will your group have to start again from scratch next year?

A faculty/staff advisor serves as a resource that could help resolve these and other issues/concerns, **WITHOUT TAKING OVER** the leadership of your organization.

Sounds good? Better still if the fact that the organization/advisor relationship benefits the advisor too. Being involved with a student organization offers the faculty or staff member:

- A unique opportunity to get to know and work with students outside the classroom or office.
- The rewards of watching the organization develop to its fullest potential.
- The rewards of watching individual students develop their unique skills and talents.
- The chance to informally share his/her knowledge and expertise on relevant topics.
- An opportunity to feel satisfaction and accomplishment through making a special contribution to your organization.

Role of an advisor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serve as a “sounding board” which you can express new ideas • support your organization • intervene in conflicts between group members and/or officers • be knowledgeable of university policies that may impact on your organization’s decisions, programs, etc. • run “interference” and cut through red tape • provide continuity and stability as student leadership changes • provide an “outside” objective point of view or perspective • provide your organization with connection networking resources