ADVICE FOR ADVISORS

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Congratulations on deciding to serve as an organization advisor to a Cal State L.A. student organization! Whether this is your first or your fiftieth year as an advisor, we hope you'll find the experience enriching and rewarding. As an advisor, you have the opportunity to provide vital support and guidance to your group. Here are some tips to help you succeed:

ROLE OF THE FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

1. Be approachable: Encourage your group members to attend when it comes to developing your officers into leaders.

2. Provide guidance: Be available to answer questions and help with challenges your group may face. It's important to be approachable but not intrusive. Be a resource and advocate for the group.

3. Communicate effectively: Make sure you're in regular contact with the group leaders and members. Stay informed about their plans and concerns.

4. Support growth: Encourage your group to grow and evolve. Help them explore new ideas and opportunities. Remember, your role is to support their success, not to control it.

5. Lead by example: Set a good example for your group by showing professionalism, commitment, and enthusiasm. Your behavior can affect the group's attitude and success.

WHY SERVE AS AN ADVISOR?

Inappropriate Responsibilities

¬ Stepping in to "solve" problems
¬ Making decisions for the group without input from the group
¬ Trying to control the group's direction

Appropriate Responsibilities

¬ Encourage the current leaders to develop an eye for the future
¬ Help the current leaders design plans for the future
¬ Help the current leaders develop an understanding of their group's mission and purpose, be aware of its history and know its leaders
¬ Help the current leaders develop an understanding of their group's goals, be aware of its history and know its leaders
¬ Help the current leaders develop an eye for the future

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

Organizational Development Meetings held each quarter in the Fall Quarter: October 9, 2014, 5pm or October 17, 2014, 2pm; in the Winter Quarter: April 10, 2015, 2pm or April 16, 2015, 5pm; in the Spring Quarter: October 29, 2014, 3pm or November 6, 2014, 5pm.

Students must be matriculated and enrolled at a CSU campus and in good academic standing to participate in the program. Graduate students are affiliated with Cal State L.A. University events. Student organization events that occur on or outside campus are both responsible for compliance to this CSU Executive Order. For more information on this eligibility requirement please ensure compliance to this CSU Executive Order.

RECOGNITION REQUIREMENTS

3. Complete the form and submit to Cal State L.A. Student Organization Advisor Resources at the beginning of the fall quarter and at any time your organization elects new officers.

STANDARDS FOR STUDENT CONDUCT: HAZING AND NON DISCRIMINATION

The 2015 Student Organization Officer Information Form is due on December 18, 2015. Please complete this form online, print, and have all officers and advisors sign this form.

For more information, please visit the Center for Student Involvement website at http://www.calstatelausu.org/csi.