

# **THE ROLE OF THE ADVISOR**

Facilitating Holistic Development

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- “Other Duties As Assigned”
- Building a Relationship
- How to achieve success

# “OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED”

- Examples of the “other duties” of RSO Advising
  - Mediation
  - Motivation
  - Facilitation
  - Recognition
  - Guidance

# “OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED”

- Advising an RSO often involves extra hours and extra effort
  - Attending meetings
  - Assisting with event planning
  - Mediating conflicts within the organization
- Advisor involvement directly correlates with RSO success.
- Advisor involvement also typically correlates with RSO morale.
- While there is no “requirement” for extra commitment, it is highly encouraged and appreciated.

# BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP

- A successful advisor will develop a working relationship with RSO members.
  - Leadership/Executive members vs. general membership
  - Monitoring and balancing the workload (co-curricular activities)
  - Contributing to organization cohesion
- Being friendly vs. being their friend
  - Importance of developing rapport with students
  - Importance of maintaining professional separation

# HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

- Be visible
- Be accessible
- Have a positive outlook
- Have high, but reasonable, expectations
- Provide support
- Ask for help