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On-Campus Advisor Information and Guidelines

Overview

UT Arlington is committed to strengthening scholarship among fraternities and sororities. A good overall scholarship program for a fraternity and sorority community includes the extensive use of On-Campus Advisors. To support this aspect of an overall scholarship program, the Greek Life Office has identified the essential elements of a On-Campus Advisor program and how the fraternity and sorority community can provide support.

Below is an outline for the role of a On-Campus Advisor and how fraternity men and sorority women can support this position. Together they provide tangible support for this vital role.

On-Campus Advisors

Nearly all colleges and universities require all student organizations (including fraternities and sororities) to have a faculty or staff advisor. For most campuses, this is interpreted as someone to sign the annual recognition form, usually a staff member.

In Spring 2009, the Greek Life Office identified a need to have this on-campus advisor act as a purely academic reference point for their specific Greek chapters in order to help bring up overall chapter and new member semester GPAs. This was part of a bigger program in which we raised all the academic standards for our community.

2010-2011 Academic Standards for the UT Arlington Greek Community

- ALL prospective first-year students must complete at least nine (9) UTA hours and hold at least a 2.5 grade point average before pursuing membership
- ALL prospective transfer students may join the UT Arlington Greek community as long as they provide a transcript from their previous institution noting a 2.5 grade point average
- ALL active members of the Greek community who fail to obtain at least a 2.5 grade point average for a semester must attend a mandatory academic workshop the following semester
- ALL active members must hold at least a 2.5 GPA to be active in Greek community-wide events (i.e. any events sponsored by a council, or department on campus e.g. intramurals)
- All active members must complete midterm grade checks with professors each semester



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2010-2011 On-Campus Advisors Roles and Responsibilities

Our students need support and assistance from On-Campus Advisors to work up to and maintain these academic standards. The Office of Greek Life will manage more of the administrative responsibilities On-Campus Advisors once held, while *On-Campus Advisors should focus primarily on academics with their chapters.*

The Office of Greek Life expects the following from On-Campus Advisors:

- *Meet with the Chapter President and Academic/Scholastic Chairperson at least once a semester to review the chapter's academic goals and standards (e.g. while the University minimum is a 2.5, chapters are encouraged to have higher standards, On-Campus Advisors should be knowledgeable about these academic standards for the chapter they advise)*
- *Coordinate at least one (1) academically-centered workshop with you as the presenter yearly*
- *Discuss the chapter's plan to complete the Academic part of C.E.A.S.R. with the Chapter President and Academic/Scholastic Chairperson*
- *After receiving grades each semester, follow up with the chapter about members who do not meet the academic standards of their chapter/Greek community to see if they need support*
- *Offer On-campus academic resources to the chapter when needed*
- *Attend the two (2) On-Campus Advisor Meetings sponsored by Greek Life and University Events yearly*

Term of Office

On-Campus Advisors serve one-year terms with possible extensions based on a mutual agreement between the fraternity or sorority and the On-Campus Advisor. This ensures that both parties (the On-Campus Advisor and the chapter) are constantly assessing the working relationship. On-Campus Advisors are not expected to serve as the Chapter Advisor nor to serve on the Alumni Board (if they wish to serve in these positions that would be great but it is not expected). On-Campus Advisors are not on call nor are they responsible for the social aspects of the chapter. This outline for a On-Campus Advisor is meant to be a starting point for what is expected. Ideally, the On-Campus Advisor and the chapter will negotiate and create a list of specific duties that both can mutually agree upon.