

# **Fraternity and Sorority Life Faculty/Staff Advisors**

## **Faculty/Staff Advisor Role**

Below is a general outline of the role of a Faculty/Staff advisor. This vital position works closely with chapters to guide and enhance their overall scholarship and educational program. Faculty/Staff advisors must be employed by the University of Vermont.

The average time commitment is 4-6 hours per month. Please see the information below for details.

Specific efforts include:

- Assisting the chapter in developing an academic success program.
- Meeting with the new members each semester to introduce yourself and discuss campus resources to support their academic success.
- Assisting with developing/improving an academic recognition program for the chapter.
- Assisting the chapter in developing an academic incentives program.
- Attending any scholarship receptions the chapter hosts.
- Being available to meet with individual members who are in need of academic assistance.
- Attending two (2) chapter meetings/dinners each semester to get to know the members.

Some notes about this unique role:

- Faculty/Staff advisors serve one-year terms with possible extensions based on a mutual agreement between the fraternity or sorority and the faculty/staff advisor.
- Faculty/Staff advisors perform duties of a Campus Security Authority as described by the Clery Act
- Faculty/Staff advisors are not expected to serve as the chapter advisor nor serve on the alumni board (if they wish to serve in these positions that is ideal but it is not expected).
- Faculty/staff advisors are encouraged to get to know the chapter advisor and their responsibilities as it relates to chapter success.
- Faculty/Staff advisors are not on call nor are they responsible for the social aspects of the chapter.
- Faculty/Staff advisors are fully covered under the university's liability policy while acting in the scope of their advisor role.

Note: Since each chapter is unique, new Faculty/Staff advisors meet with the leaders in their chapter to identify mutual goals and expectations for the year.

### **Faculty/Staff Advisors' Support**

The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will support the faculty/staff advisors by:

- Managing a Faculty/Staff Advisors Listserve for advisors to communicate and share resources and ideas.
- Providing regular updates to faculty/staff advisors from Fraternity & Sorority Life on academic issues.
- Providing faculty/staff advisors with a list of the chapter member's GPA's each semester (assuming members have signed a grade release form).
- Managing an FSL Academic Awards program for both individual members and chapters.
- Tracking each chapter's Academic Incentives (those offered to their members) and providing comparisons among chapters.
- Sponsoring an Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor Award each year.
- Sponsoring three academic honor societies for fraternity and sorority members: Order of Omega, Gamma Sigma Alpha and Rho Lambda.

### **Outstanding Faculty/Staff Advisor Award**

Each spring, a Faculty/Staff advisor may be nominated by the chapter for the Outstanding Faculty/Staff advisor Award. The award will be presented at the spring Awards Ceremony sponsored Fraternity & Sorority Life.

**For more information about Faculty/Staff Advisors, please contact [uvmfsl@uvm.edu](mailto:uvmfsl@uvm.edu)**