

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR AGREEMENT FORM

Advisor Name _____ Organization _____
Department _____ Academic Year _____
Office Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Advisor of student organizations

Rockhurst University mandates that each officially recognized student organization must have an advisor to serve the group. The organization is free to choose their advisor pending approval from the Office of Student Life. The advisor must be a full-time employee of Rockhurst University.

The advisor serves as an important resource for the organization, providing the basis for long-term stability, as well as, growth and development. As the students change from year to year, the attention and guidance of an advisor can have a marked impact on the group he or she works with.

The duties of the advisor, as detailed below, may be interpreted differently depending on the nature of the organization; specific areas of knowledge and expertise will vary among advisors. Each advisors personal style will affect the degree of direct involvement he or she has with the group, and the extent to which responsibility for certain organizational functions are shared among the advisor and executive board officers.

Ideally, organizations are to be initiated, developed and maintained by the students. It is important for each advisor to provide support and guidance while encouraging the student themselves to supply the primary source of organizational leadership and initiative for the planning of programs and events. The appropriate balance of leadership exerted between the advisor and student leader often depends upon the mix of personalities involved. In instances when the student leadership may be weak or underdeveloped, the advisor is encouraged to help develop the appropriate skills in the student while communicating with the Office of Student Life.

Specific responsibilities of the advisor are:

- α To attend meetings of the organization
- α To provide mature counsel for the organization
- α To aid the student members and officers in developing effective leadership
- α To serve as an additional communication link between the organization and the Office of Student Life
- α To be aware of all plans for programs and activities, and to provide assistance when needed in the coordination of these events.
- α To be aware of University regulations regarding campus organizations
- α To acknowledge the successes and positive aspects of the group's pursuits
- α To recognize that student organizations provide a forum for experiential learning for the student officers and members, and that organizational failures can be beneficial in this regard.
- α To stress the educational aspects of the students' experiences with their organization
- α To provide a basis for continuity in an organization from year to year

The Office of Student Life will serve as a mediator for any conflicts or concerns between the advisor and the organization. If an advisor decides to not continue their advisement of an organization, a transition meeting will be conducted in the Office of Student Life.

I understand and agree that I will serve as Advisor to the above named organization for the indicated academic year.

Advisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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