

Student Organization Advisor Luncheon Minutes

March 18, 2008

12:00pm-1:00pm

Student Union room 331

Meeting called by: Student Activities Involvement Office **Type of meeting:** Lunch meeting

Attendees: Connie Cabello, Richard Christenson, Maj. Glenn Colby, Michael Darre, Fischer Kathy, Rachel Jackson, Abi Kennedy, Missy Korduner, Kevin Lobdell, John Schaffhauser, Seanice Austin, Lindsay Sell, Brenda Shaw, Todd C Sullivan, Jeff Winston, Steven Park, Peter Tyczkowski, Laurie Tompkins, Ajoy Alphonso, Kate Durant, Joe Briody, Heather Strunk

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome/Introductions **Presenter:** Heather Strunk

Discussion: Introduction of presenters, Introduction of Student Organization Advisors

Agenda item: SOARS Updates **Presenter:** Heather Strunk

Discussion: **Student Life Awards:** nominations for awards are no longer being accepted.
230 nominations were submitted, a record breaking number
Award recipients will be chosen in the coming days
Winners will be recognized during recognition week (the week of April 14th)

Online SOLID workshop Registration

Coming soon!

To allow students to sign-up for their preferred workshop date and time

To allow students to complete the workshop pre-assessment survey before attending the workshop

Officers who have completed SOLID

Are not required to repeat a workshop that they are already attended for the position that they hold.

Officers who acquire a new position within the organization and have not completed the SOLID workshop for that position, must attend their appropriate workshop.

New upcoming SOLID workshop: Officer Transition

Intended to initiate a meaningful conversation between out-going and in-coming officers

Workshop dates will be scheduled before the last week in March

Agenda item: Presentation on how to advise a successful officer transition **Presenter:** Joe Briody

Discussion: To supply advisors with ideas for supporting their student leaders in the process of selecting new officers and implementing a constructive officer transition.

Roles of an Advisor During the Transition Process:

Assist current officers implement a fair, meaningful selection process

Facilitate the meaningful transfer of information between officers

Serve as a resource to new officers

Student Activities Home Page (www.studentactivities.uconn.edu)

Resources Available to Advisors and Student Organization Leaders

SOARS Site

SOLID Website

Advisor handbook

Link to ACPAC for Student Involvement Advisor Manual

Student Organization Support Page

Student Involvement Office Staff (486-6588)

Resources for team building

Advice for re-registration process

New SOLID Workshop on Officer Transition for current and incoming officers

Workshop offered once a week beginning April 2, 2008.

- Conclusions:**
- * "As advisors, we can be a source of continuity."
 - * For further details please reference the March 18th Power Point Presentation about Officer Transition online at www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/soars.php
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Other Information

Advisor comments and questions

1. In reference to assisting students with the transfer of information and asking current officers to develop a "permanent file":
 - Q: Is there a way we can upload important student organization documents online?
 - A: Student Organizations my request to use the University Server
 - A non-PeopleSoft account such as HuskyCT may be a convenient place for students to upload documents to share
 - Other electronic formats of an organization leaders' permanent file may be saved to a jump drive that the advisor may hold during the time of a summer break.
2. Q: What role should an advisor play during the selection/election process of student officers?
 - A: Student Independence is important to remember. As advisors, we can help to inspire our student leaders to think about the qualities they would like to see in an officer who is stepping into their position. We should be careful of being too directive.

Announcements

Our Next Luncheon:

April 28, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm in the Student Union Room **304B**

Topic: Advisor Recognition Lunch

To be a "Featured Advisor" or to feature your organization in The CURRENTS Newsletter please e-mail Connie at student0516@ad.uconn.edu

You will be notified of updates by email.

Materials provided “Advising a Successful Officer Transition” PowerPoint presentation.
