

October 31, 2007

12:00pm-1:00pm

Student Union room 304B

Student Organization Advisor Luncheon Minutes

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

Facilitator: Joseph Briody, Heather Strunk

Attendees: Britton, Dan; Darigan, Kendra L.; Durant, Kate; Dyson, Stephen; Elkins, Julie; Fikiet, John; Hanlon, Suzanne; Hanson, Betty; Kuhl, John; Landsman, Stefanie; Lobdell, Kevin; Lubatkin, Mike; Mildrexler, Janella; Pare, Suzanne; Park, Steven; Ratcliff, Kathryn Strother; Salina, Ann Sell, Lindsay; Sfiridis, Jim; Sullivan, Todd C.; Tanaka, John; Wagner, David; Williams, Lee; Christine Wilson; Zimmerman, Amy

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome/Introductions **Presenter:** Joe Briody

Discussion: Introduction of presenters, overview of agenda

Agenda item: Overview of the Student Activities Office **Presenter:** Christine Wilson

Discussion: Described the roll that the Department of Student Activities plays on campus
Familiarized Organization Advisors with the multiple offices within Student Activities as well as the useful online resources that Student Activities offers at www.studentactivities.uconn.edu .
Demonstrated how to search for a particular student organization on campus at <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/vdStuOrg/index.cfm?fuseaction=orgsearch>

Agenda item: The New Student Org. Advisor support program **Presenter:** Heather Strunk

Discussion: SOARS (Student Organization Advisor Resources and Support)

Purpose of SOARS: Address issues and concerns related to advising registered student organizations

Enhance communication and networking opportunities among advisors

Provide helpful information and resources

Increase recognition of student organization advisors

Components/Resources offered by SOARS:

On-line Resources- NEW Webpage designed for advisors: <http://www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/soar.html>
Suggestions welcome!

Advisor Manual- describes the role of an advisor, answers FAQ's and more!

Will be posted on the new webpage in the upcoming week

Hard copies will be sent out to advisors in the upcoming week as well

Future Luncheon topics: Risk Management

Event Planning/Reservations

Officer Transition

Staying Motivated as Advisor

Effective Advising Techniques

Suggestions?

Advisor Distribution List (listserv)- will be assembled for advisor use to increase communication

Advisor Recognition

To be implemented throughout the academic year

Conclusions:

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Discussion: SOLID (Student Organization Leaders' Intentional Development)

- SOLID's Program Structure:
 - [The 3-Tier System](#)
 - Officer Workshops

- Student Assessment

- Student Feedback

Conclusions: Steve Park raised an idea for a future SOLID workshop that entails technology training especially in creating a student organization webpage utilizing a software program. Another issue raised was the concern that student organizations should receive further guidance on how to increase their funds

Other Information

Advisor comments and questions Upon a few concerns and questions regarding student organization risk management and liability, it was discussed among the advisors present as well as Joe Briody and Heather Strunk that risk management will be the focus topic of discussion at the next advisor lunch meeting.

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

Next advisor lunch meeting:
Wednesday, December 5, 2007, Noon
Room TBD

Materials provided - SOLID program brochure- also found in pdf. format at www.studentactivities.uconn.edu/solid
