

December 12

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:** Lawrence Armstrong, Seanice Austin, Preston Britner, Connie Cabello, Keith Conrad, Kendra Darigan, Michael Darre, Kate Durant, Kevin Fahey, Suzanne Hanlon, Kathleen Holgerson, John Ivan, Rachel Jackson, Missy Korduner, John Kuhl, Janella Mildrexler, Lindsay Sell, Murphy Sewall, Todd C. Sullivan, Thomas Szigethy, John Tanaka, Christine Wilson, Joe Briody, Heather Strunk

## Minutes

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

**Discussion:** Introduction of presenters, Introduction of Student Organization Advisors

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

**Discussion:** Reminder: Student Organization Involvement Fair January 30, 2008.

\*Deadline to reserve a table is Friday 12/14/07

Familiarized Organization Advisors with changes and updates on the Advisor Support SOARS Webpage

Reviewed number of SOLID workshops given to student organization leaders this fall. Over 1,200 students attended the SOLID training workshops.

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**Agenda item:** Risk Management and Liability      **Presenter:** Joe Briody

**Discussion:** Risk management and liability as it relates to advising a student group

Types of risk defined

Consequences of accepting risk/who assumes risk

Risk vs. Liability

General Risk Management Approaches:

AVOIDANCE: Not engaging in an activity that carries risk

REDUCTION: Implementing strategies to reduce the severity of loss associated with an activity

TRANSFER: Causing another entity to assume the risk (e.g. contracts, insurance policy, etc)

RETENTION: Accepting risks and consequences associated with an activity

Applying Risk Management Approaches

Travel

Physical contact/engagement

Events with alcohol

Events with food

Any questions?

Please feel free to contact the Involvement Office at 486-6588

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**Conclusions:** Risk management and Liability will be a continuing conversation between the advisors and the Student Involvement Office.

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### ***Other Information***

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**Advisor  
comments and  
questions**

*Throughout the presentation the following questions and comments arose:*

- The four general risk management approaches considered (avoidance, reduction, transfer, and retention) can be used in concert to help manage risk, minus the avoidance approach.
- Travel risk differs between staff drivers and student drivers.
- In light of the transfer and retention approaches, risk can be minimized with leaving an itinerary on campus, and providing the group coordinator with an "at home contact."
- Inventories of equipment may help to reduce risk in managing risky physical contact/engagement.
- All in all, it was stated that as advisors, we should all give advice to our students as if they were 'our own children'.

\*For further information pertaining to these items please refer to the attached PowerPoint Presentation.

**Announcements**

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

Next advisor lunch meeting:  
Wednesday, February 6, 2008 Noon  
Room TBD  
You will be notified of updates by email.

Happy New Year!

**Materials  
provided**

Please see the power point presentation that is attached to this email.

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