Peru State College Student Organization Advisor/Officer Meeting

BENEFITS OF ADVISING

• Opportunity to develop mentoring/teaching relationships with students
• Recognition from the campus community
• Facilitating the growth and development of student leaders
• Contributing to continued historical growth related to cultural, social, religious, educational and political changes of student organizations
• Establishing networks with peers/colleagues serving in similar capacities
• Working with student organizations of varied interests

A FEW TIPS FOR SUCCESS

• Set expectations: Meet with leaders from the organization early in the academic year to discuss mutual expectations that the leaders desire from the advisor and vice versa. Remember that organizations exist for students and the role of the advisor is to advise their decisions and assist in organizational development.
• Quality vs. Quantity: It is important to have a presence with students, but even more valuable to have meaningful interactions and relationships with students.
• Motivation: sometimes students “burn out” and lack motivation to continue to work for the organization’s success. Advisors help determine what motivates the students (i.e., recognition, achievement, empowerment, etc.).

Do

...serve as a resource
...interpret and clarify College policies
...suggest program ideas
...serve as a role model
...provide history for the organization
...act consistently with what you say
...allow the group to succeed
...allow the group to fail
...teach leadership
...keep your sense of humor
...enjoy contributing to the student organization process

Don’t

...micromanage the organization
...run organization meetings
...use veto power over organization decisions
...be the sole recruiter for new members
...say “I told you so”
...be the leader of the organization
...be unavailable
...be afraid to let the organization fail