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Facilitating Holistic Development
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• “Other Duties As Assigned”
• Building a Relationship
• How to achieve success
“OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED”

• Examples of the “other duties” of RSO Advising
  • Mediation
  • Motivation
  • Facilitation
  • Recognition
  • Guidance
“OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED”

- Advising an RSO often involves extra hours and extra effort
  - Attending meetings
  - Assisting with event planning
  - Mediating conflicts within the organization
- Advisor involvement directly correlates with RSO success.
- Advisor involvement also typically correlates with RSO morale.
- While there is no “requirement” for extra commitment, it is highly encouraged and appreciated.
BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP

• A successful advisor will develop a working relationship with RSO members.
  • Leadership/Executive members vs. general membership
  • Monitoring and balancing the workload (co-curricular activities)
  • Contributing to organization cohesion

• Being friendly vs. being their friend
  • Importance of developing rapport with students
  • Importance of maintaining professional separation
HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS

• Be visible
• Be accessible
• Have a positive outlook
• Have high, but reasonable, expectations
• Provide support
• Ask for help