

Advising Greek Organizations at UNC – Pembroke  
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The benefits of utilizing advisors for Greek organizations are immense. Advisors provide continuity to undergraduate fraternity and sorority chapters through their commitment to support chapter members. It is important to note that advisors provide a substantial impact on all chapter operations including communication with the university, HQ, and parents as well as supporting the personal development of chapter members. In order for chapters to be supported properly, they must utilize the guidance of faculty/staff advisors, chapter advisors, campus professionals, and headquarters staff.

**Requirements**

Each Greek organization at UNCP is required to have an active faculty/staff advisor and an active chapter advisor. Each organization is encouraged to obtain an active advisory board in order to support all chapter officers, but this is not required by UNCP due to the lack of alumni/ae in the local area. Both types of advisory support are equally important to the livelihood of Greek organizations, despite the difference in responsibilities.

The contact information and advisor contract is due to the Office of Greek Life at the beginning of each academic year and must be updated throughout the year and before the summer begins if any information has changed.

**Role of the Faculty/Staff Advisor**

The faculty/staff advisor plays an integral role in the development of fraternities and sororities. The faculty/staff advisor provides the chapter with a university perspective in regard to chapter operations and expectations of chapter members. Faculty/staff advisors may be appointed to chapters by university administration or chapters may be granted the privilege of selecting their own faculty/staff advisor. The faculty/staff advisor is expected to comply with the following:

- Knowledgeable about all university policies and procedures that are pertinent to Greek Life i.e. UNCP risk management policies, space reservation policies etc.
- Knowledgeable about all chapter policies and procedures, this should be provided by the undergraduate chapter and/or headquarters.
- Attend all chapter-sponsored events that are hosted on the UNCP campus.
- Provide academic advising/check-ins with members who are not fulfilling academic expectations of Greek membership.
- Actively communicate with the chapter membership, Greek life professionals, headquarters etc.

-Participate in chapter activities in order to establish rapport and relationships with students. This will also provide more insight into the operations of the organization.  
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-Assist with educational programming pertaining to the university/academic experience i.e. time management, study skills, career development etc.

-Focus on the growth and development of students. The main focus of the advisor is to assist in holding students accountable for their actions, and challenging and supporting the students to hold one another accountable for their actions. It is important to remember that the students we work with are adults, and they should be treated this way; our role as advisors is to provide guidance and direction throughout students' collegiate journey.

### **Chapter Advisors**

Chapter advisors are typically affiliated with the Greek organization at an alumni/ae capacity, but this is not always the case. Each organization maintains various policies in regard to alumni/ae advisory boards. When choosing an individual to serve at a chapter advisory role, include Inter/National headquarters guidelines during the selection process. Some chapters may only require one chapter advisor, while other chapters utilize an entire advisory board for ample chapter support. Chapter advisors may be appointed by headquarters staff, UNCP administration, and/or the chapter may be granted the privilege of selecting their own chapter advisor. The chapter advisor is expected to comply with the following:

-All chapter advisors who are affiliated with the Greek organization that they advise must be alumni/ae member for at least two consecutive years before actively advising.

-Chapter advisors should reside or work within 100 miles of the UNCP campus. It is strongly encouraged that chapters pursue advisory support within the local area.

-Chapter advisors should partake in any advisory training sessions held by headquarters.

-Chapter advisors should be knowledgeable about all procedures and policies associated with the organization.

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-Chapter advisors should regularly attend advisor roundtables twice a semester held at the UNCP University Center.

-If local Greek alumni associations exist, chapter advisors are encouraged to actively participate.

-A member of the chapter advisory team should be present at all social events sponsored by the chapter.

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## Faculty/Staff Advisor Agreement

Organization Name:

Name:

UNCP Title:

E-Mail Address:

UNCP Address:

UNCP Phone Number:

Evening/Weekend Contact Number:

I understand the expectations of serving as a faculty/staff advisor and agree to these conditions:

Signature:

Date:

## Chapter Advisor Agreement

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Name:

Advisory Position:

E-Mail Address:

Address:

Phone Number:

Evening/Weekend Contact Number:

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Signature:

Date: