

## **UNCW Advisor Roles**

Student organizations at UNCW are not required to have an advisor in order to gain registration with the University. However, the Campus Activities and Involvement Center staff recognizes the benefits of strong advising for the success of student organizations. The following are recommendations regarding appropriate and inappropriate roles for advisors.

### **Appropriate Roles**

- Serving as a resource to the organization
- Sharing specific knowledge in the development and implementation of programs
- Interpreting and clarifying university policy and procedures to student organizations during the decision making process
- Providing historical continuity for the organization
- Serving as a role model
- Providing constructive feedback about officers' performance
- Adhere to all University rules, regulations, and policies, as well as to all local, state, and federal laws; adhere to standards of conduct and ethics of individual professions

### **Inappropriate Roles**

- Running the student organization meetings
- Assuming ultimate responsibility for the group's decisions, problems or failures
- Assuming veto power over group decisions
- Assuming voting power with group decisions
- Governing content and ideas expressed in programs
- Serving as primary recruiter for new members for the organization
- Stepping in to "solve" problems; remember, mistakes can be good learning opportunities
- Encouraging or condoning violations to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), University rules, regulations, and policies, as well as to all local, state, and federal laws.
- Making administrative requests (i.e., room reservations, catering orders) on behalf of the student organization