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This document was created by the Student Government Association to outline the expectations of the advisors of Chartered Student Organizations at Saint Louis University. Chartered Student Organizations (or CSOs) are important parts of the promotion of the ideals of the university, such as education and the Jesuit mission to pursue higher truth and obtain greater knowledge in service to humanity, and are thus held to certain standards of excellence. In order to help CSOs achieve this goal, they are offered many resources, one of which being the organization advisor. The Student Government Association recognizes the value of having faculty and staff advisors work with student organizations and would like to promote and foster this advisor/student organization relationship to reach its full potential. Advising for a Chartered Student Organization at Saint Louis University can take many forms. Each CSO is different from other groups, and the leadership of the groups often varies from year to year, so each individual advisor may have to take a different approach to advising. Nevertheless, the following items are roles that all CSO advisors should assume.



#### A Liaison

- between the organization and the administration, such that the advisor should be involved in any conflicts or concerns of the administration to the organization, and vice versa.
- between the organization and the faculty, which includes addressing faculty concerns with the organization and any conflicts the organization may have with university employees.
- between the organization and the university at large.



#### A General Educator/Resource

- A resource for organizational procedures, group processes, and programming concerns.
- A resource providing history and continuity during changes in organizational leadership.
- A networking resource for students interested in internships, jobs, and other opportunities.



