



## BETA THETA PI

— MEN OF PRINCIPLE —

# THE ROLE OF THE **ADVISOR**

### Logistics

<b>Room Setup</b>	Board room or hollow table if possible
<b>Supplies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Copies of “The Role of the Advisor” worksheets</li><li>• Pens</li></ul>

### Session Notes

1. Even for experienced advisory teams, the items in this activity can prompt productive conversations and ensure that the whole team is thinking consistently.
2. Review the worksheet in advance and find some opportunities for deeper discussion and commentary. While there are no “official” right or wrong answers, advisors will look to you for guidance and perspective. The goal of this conversation is to have the team members engage in a dialogue to find a common ground regarding their approach advising, as the best advisory teams have a consistent advising philosophy.
3. If at any point you encounter a question you can’t answer, note it and communicate with the appropriate General Fraternity Officer or Administrative Office staff member following the session.

### Introductions – 5 minutes

Start the session with a chance for everyone to share any pertinent personal updates as well as their favorite memory volunteering with Beta (if applicable).

**Script:**

*We’re going to be spending some time digging into what it actually means to be an advisor and examining the approach that we all take to the role. During the activity, I encourage you to be honest – it’s okay to disagree on things. We all bring different perspectives and experience to the table and can work towards a group consensus.*

## Role of the Advisor Exercise – 25 - 40 minutes

Pass out worksheets and ask for a volunteer to read the directions. Be prepared to clarify any questions participants have. Allow about 5 minutes for the group to record their answers.

### Processing Questions:

1. *What items did you think were absolutely the role of the advisor?*
2. *What items did you think were absolutely **NOT** the role of the advisor?*
3. *What items did you not even realize could be part of the role of the advisor?*

Once you have processed those questions, shift and end the conversation on how to leverage these discussions in future advising endeavors. For example, you can ask the following questions:

1. *What themes emerged from our discussion?*
2. *If you had to characterize the advising philosophy of this advising team, what would it be?*
3. *How will your team incorporate the takeaways from this exercise into your work with your officers?*

The conversation can go as long as your agenda allows. Once the conversation is over, thank participants for their hard work!