Title of Practicum: Fraternity and Sorority Life Academic Program Intern

Practicum Description Summary

- Nurture and support the development of chapter Vice Presidents-Scholarship/Academic Chairs through the coordination, implementation and evaluation of the chapter academic program.
- Educate and advise students about the advantages of engaging a Faculty Academic Advisor.
- Educate students about the two Fraternity and Sorority Academic Honorary organizations: Order of Omega and Gamma Sigma Alpha.
- Assist the Greek Alumni Coordinator with other duties as assigned.

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If multiple students can be selected for this position, please indicate the number of practicum students the site is willing to host:

Spring 2014 Number available: 1

Please identify any requirements outside the 8 hours per week of the practicum experience the student would be expected to complete:

All meetings will be structured within the flexible practicum time schedule.

Learning outcomes associated with the practicum experience in your office:

- Compiling academic resources that incorporate goal-setting, motivational exercises, recognition and reward practices, expectations for achievement and academic disciplinary contracts.
- Navigating one-on-one advising with the chapter leadership responsible for academic oversight over all members, developing relationships that encourage creativity within the advising model and chapter academic programming; orchestrating methods of elevating academics within the organization.
- Transferring skills to students that will identify a specific faculty audience, guiding the students in marketing volunteer academic opportunities to faculty; educating the individual chapters on the positive results of an academic advisor program.
- Exploring the dynamics of faculty volunteers and the necessary initiatives required to elicit ownership and dedication for a faculty academic advising program within a fraternity or sorority environment.

Provide a brief summary of the activities, duties, responsibilities and/or special projects associated with this position:

- Advise undergraduate student leaders on academic success:
Serve as the primary SLL advisor to the individual chapter Vice President-Academics/Scholarship Chair. Foster an environment of purpose-based action and academic programming for the chapter. Provide sample academic program plans and academic contracts. Serve as the liaison between SLL and the chapter academic leadership, and the faculty Greek Academic Advisor, if one exists.

Serve as a student advocate. Educate chapter VP-Academics/Scholarship Chair on University academic policies and procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook and The Indiana Promise. Provide University resources offered through the Student Academic Center and the Academic Support Center. Support chapter leadership in following National academic plans.

Educate and encourage the chapter leadership to recruit a Faculty Academic Advisor by building relationships with their current professors.

• Create a Faculty Greek Academic Advisor Program:
  o Assist individual chapters in Faculty Academic Advisor recruitment. Develop and maintain relationships with faculty supporting student academic development. Solicit faculty to serve as judges for the Greek Assessment and Awards Program.
  o Create job description that includes expectations for academic advising to fraternity and sorority chapters, encapsulating the Greek Assessment and Awards chapter minimum standards for Intellectual Development and Academic Success—one of the five Pillars of Excellence.
  o Communicate to the faculty advisors the expectations of the advisor and an explanation of chapter internal standards/judicial board process as an academic support mechanism.

Student Life and Learning Expectations:
• Participate in Greek Team meetings, attend some evening and weekend programs, public speaking on behalf of Student Life and Learning as needed. Attend Student Life and Learning staff meetings if available.
• Assist with implementing the Greek Assessment and Awards Program.
• Maintain a patient, open and accepting attitude when working with students and other staff.
• Foster an environment that promotes inclusion.

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