Communication with Membership

We hope that in setting goals and expectations for yourselves and the group, you discussed communication. Communication can often make or break a budding advisor/advisee relationship. It is important for you to stay in the loop on what your group is doing, so together you need to decide which form of communication is best. For some advisors, attending meetings is the best way to get to know the students and events going on. Others communicate via email or by meeting regularly. Whatever the method, staying the loop benefits everyone.

Now that your group has hopefully recruited new members and is beginning to program or meet more often, you may begin to notice specific group dynamics. If you’re unsure of how to advise your group on how to deal with specific personality types, then we have a couple suggestions.

First, you may want to suggest that the group (depending on size) take an online personality test. Check out the following link: [http://www.personalitypathways.com/type_inventory.html](http://www.personalitypathways.com/type_inventory.html). It offers a brief, no-cost personality test based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). By knowing your MBTI score and the scores of your students, you may discover new or more effective ways to communicate and/or resolve conflict. Also, you may want to suggest that the group write expectations for themselves and for the group. By writing and posting group expectations, students will be able to hold each other accountable.

Keep a look out for more advisor tips and training opportunities throughout the school year and if there is anything that we can do to help, please let us know.
NEW Spring Student Organization Fair

Student Development Programs is excited to announce the first Spring Involvement Fair happening on **Tuesday, January 20, 2015** from 10:00am – 1:00pm in Carter Hall! In celebration with USI’s 50th anniversary—we are encouraging student organizations to register on OrgSync for this event and showcase their organization’s history and what they are doing today. Creativity is encouraged! The organization with the best display representing the celebration of USI’s 50 years will win a grand prize. This is an excellent opportunity for student organizations to share what their organization is about and reach out to new members. The deadline to register for the Spring Involvement Fair is noon on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Student Development Programs.

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### Did You Know?

- We now have 137 active student groups and organizations at USI
- Health & Wellness Club, Entrepreneurship Club, Be the Match, I am Second, Southern Roots Student Growers, Color Guard at USI, Thirst Project, and Industrial Engineering and Manufacturing Club are ALL NEW groups for the 2014-2015 academic year

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