

Recommended Activities and Involvements for Alumni Risk Management Advisor 2.0

The Description:

The goal of the Alumni Risk Management Advisor program is to provide a connection between the chapter membership and alumni serving to facilitate the identification and prevention of risk. Through an informal and ongoing dialogue, the Risk Advisors & Chapter Advisors can combine their own knowledge and connection with their chapters with a new understanding of MIT resources on alcohol education, wellness, and campus student support services. The alumnus/a can then even more effectively support the efforts of the undergraduate risk manager and chapter leadership in building an even stronger, healthier chapter and positively influence young lives.

This program provides opportunities to meet & discuss issues MIT staff from the Division of Student Life, the Medical Department, and Campus Police. Based on the earlier success and history of this program, several of the MIT professional staff asked to be a part of this program and to be available to Chapter Advisors & Alumni Risk Managers. They will be contributing to the discussion on relevant subjects like health & wellness, alcohol education, nutrition, and mental health.

The Commitment:

In order to be effective, the Advisor will need to commit a certain amount of time and become familiar with not only the issues of her/his own chapter but the landscape of MIT and the larger community as well. Besides the regular contact with their undergraduate chapter risk manager & leadership, here is a set of suggested annual contacts for the Advisor:

1. Four discussion group sessions at MIT for all Alumni Risk Advisors
2. Attendance at the social host/server training program if possible
3. Individual meetings as desired with MIT staff
4. One meeting with the chapter Alumni Corporation and/or Advisory Board

The group sessions are scheduled in the early evening in the late fall & spring, two sessions per term. They are typically focused on a specific topic. Last March, for example, the group discussed community response issues with John DiFava & Al Pierce of the Campus Police. Attendance at the social host/server training program not only informs the Advisor about today's responsibilities but also allows alumni to help tailor the program. Regarding individual meetings with MIT staff, several Advisors find a one-on-one session with Dean Daniel Trujillo very helpful. Others have invited Health & Wellness Educator Chad Waxman to a chapter dinner. Finally, it is important that the Advisor stay connected to the alumni leadership of the chapter also, so we ask that there at least be an annual check in with the Corporation or Advisory Board.

We realize this is a significant, though pretty flexible, investment of time. Alumni committing to this program will be provided with a \$250 stipend per year to fund their expenses associated with the program (such as dinners with the chapter risk manager).

How to get involved:

There are currently eight Alumni Risk Management Advisors. If you would like to join them, please get a commitment from your chapter and then contact either Bob Ferrara '67, Director of FSILG Alumni Relations, at bferrara@mit.edu, or Marlena Martinez, Assistant Director for FSILGS, at marlenam@mit.edu or 617-258-9762. We'd love to have you join the group.