



## Advisor Update

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Available at: <http://bugreeklife.com/advisors-alumni>

### Fraternity and Sorority Community News

#### **Advisor Services:**

Over the course of this summer our Graduate Assistant, Emily Stuba, and myself have been developing a comprehensive plan for services that we offer to our chapter advisors, graduate advisors, faculty/staff advisors, housing corp. presidents, and house managers. Services will include recurring educational opportunities, resources, networking and collaborative opportunities. We will be mixing both in-person and phone/web based opportunities to suit everyone's needs.

We are currently in the final stages of planning before we can roll out this program. I did want to give you some details of specific initiatives:

#### **Online Advisor Forums**

We have built an online community for our advisors through the University's Sakai software suite (<https://sakai.bradley.edu/portal>). Over the next few days, all advisors will be given guest access to Sakai; expect an e-mail confirmation. This forum will allow you to communicate with other advisors about areas of concern, success stories, or questions. The board is organized both topically and by advisor roles. Available 24/7, a discussion board is your source for peer responses and advice.

#### **Webinars**

We will be hosting bi-monthly webinars for any interested advisors. The topics will change for each webinar. To view the topics, and sign up for any of our webinars, visit: <http://bugreeklife.com/advisor-webinars>. **Our first webinar will take place this Friday, August 5 at 12:00pm** (central), and will focus on how to use the Sakai forums.

#### **Fall Advisors Reception**

We will host a dessert reception for all advisors on August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. This reception will serve to update advisors on the current state of the community, talk about any pressing issues, and network with each other. Our brand new advisor manuals will also be distributed at this time. Following this reception, an optional advisor training will take place. This training will focus on the role of the advisor, resources available, applicable policies, and techniques to utilize in working with students. To RSVP for either event, please send Jesse a confirmation e-mail: [jkoch@bradley.edu](mailto:jkoch@bradley.edu).

## Campus News

Brian Joschko began as our new chief of police on Monday. He previously served as a senior lieutenant at Marquette University with oversight of the communications division, budgeting, special projects, facility security and strategic planning. He worked for 12 years at Marquette, earning his degree in criminology and law studies. We look forward to a collaborative relationship with Chief Joschko.

Our freshman admissions numbers are down roughly 10% this year. In order for recruitment and general membership not to take a hit in numbers, all of our chapters are going to have to put in extra effort this year, and next to counteract this dip in enrollment. Panhellenic and IFC members will need to go out of their way to interact with as many students as possible before formal recruitment. IFC men will need to embrace a year-round informal recruitment, and continue to vigorously recruit after formal recruitment. I am still not entirely certain how this will play out for our NPHC chapters. My suggestion would be to take full advantage of last year's extremely large freshman class who are now sophomores. Recruiting and initiating these individuals this year may help our chapters through the lean times that may result from 2011's small freshman class.

### **Important Upcoming Dates:**

August 5: Advisor Webinar

August 18: Fall Advisor Dessert Reception and Training

August 20: Residence Halls open for fall semester / Block Party

September 3-11: IFC Formal Recruitment

September 9-11: Panhellenic Recruitment

Oct. 12-16: Homecoming/Parents weekend

October 15: Advisor Reception and All Greek Reunion

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