

## **Advising Student Organizations at BUSPH**

At BUSPH, each student organization is required to have an advisor who is a faculty or staff member. Each advisor's role may differ based on the needs of their student group, including group expectations, organizational needs, and personal interests. [Graduate Student Life](#) is here to help you understand your role and work together to provide the best experience for our student leaders.

You and the members of your organization will determine your level of involvement, but there are some minimum requirements all advisors must meet.

- Meet with executive board leaders at least twice a semester.
- Become familiar with the student organization's core mission and constitution.
- Act as a resource, offering your opinion and giving advice to officers and members of the organization in a non-classroom environment.
- Serve as the liaison between incoming, outgoing, and current group officers and the Office of Graduate Student Life.

Whether you are new to advising a club or have been advising the same organization for years, it's a good idea to sit with your group's new executive board in the fall (or when they transition leadership) to talk about expectations. It's good to talk about the expectations you have for the executive board for example, maintaining an open line of communication and respecting appropriate timelines. You should also ask what the students expectations are for you as their advisor. All of our groups are different and have different needs, try to be open to what they are asking and compromise if you think their expectations are unrealistic.

## **Contact**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding student organizations, please contact Ashley Leonard, [aleonar@bu.edu](mailto:aleonar@bu.edu), Assistant Director of Graduate Student Life.