

Discussion Topics for Division Commanders

Here are some discussion points to help facilitate the discussion with your Division Commander. Ultimately, the discussion should lead to the Division Commander having a better understanding of your Alumni Advisory Board and how it operates so that he can assist in the support and training of the Alumni Advisory Board and create a strong working relationship with your Division Commander.

1. How many people serve on your Alumni Advisory Board? Is this enough/just right? What are you doing to recruit new alumni to participate?
2. How often does an Alumni Advisory Board member attend chapter meetings? Is a member of the Alumni Advisory Board always in attendance at Candidate and Initiation Ceremonies?
3. Are you and the Alumni Advisory Board members familiar with the Alumni Best Practices Library? Is it being utilized? Are the Alumni Advisory Board members prepared to serve in their current advisory positions?
4. What training opportunities for volunteers exist on campus? What would you like to see? How can the Division Commander support you in these training opportunities?
5. Is there an alumni advisory group for all campus based fraternity/sorority advisors?
6. What relationship do you have with the campus-based professional working with fraternity/sorority members?
7. How much do you know about the broader fraternity/sorority community on your campus? What are the other groups on campus to recruit/train volunteers?
8. How often do you provide training to your current board members? How can the Division Commander support you in these training opportunities?
9. What training opportunities does the Alumni Advisory Board provide to the chapter officers? How can the Division Commander support you in these training opportunities?
10. Describe a typical Alumni Advisory Board meeting. How often do you meet? Do you utilize an agenda? Are the chapter officers invited to participate? How often?
11. How do you share the successes and challenges of the Alumni Advisory Board with your other alumni? How are you communicating this message?
12. Do you evaluate each advisor and provide this feedback? How is this done and how often?
13. What methods are Alumni Advisory Board members utilizing to meet with the chapter officers? How often do they interact to offer mentoring/coaching advice?
14. How often does the Alumni Advisory Board meet to review chapter goals and objectives?
15. What successes has the chapter seen in the past few years? Have they been recognized by the campus?
16. What are the current issues that the chapter is dealing with?

17. Does the chapter evaluate the Alumni Advisory Board in your roles as advisors?
18. What issues are the Alumni Advisory Board dealing with?
19. How are members of the Alumni Advisory Board recruited and trained?
20. How available are Alumni Advisory Board members to the chapter? Attend meetings regularly? Does the advisory board work with specific officers of the chapter?
21. Does the Alumni Advisory Board operate from a strategic plan?
22. What programs and training does the Alumni Advisory Board provide to the chapter?
23. Are you invited to play a role in LEAD and Pursuit of Excellence Programs by the chapter?
24. How do you utilize the Leadership Consultant while he is in town working with the chapter?
25. Is there a local Alumni Chapter? Housing Corporation Board? How does the Alumni Advisory Board interact with them?
26. What would you suggest to me about what the advisors need to support the chapter better?