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Subject Faculty Advisors needed

Dear Colleagues:

I am searching for faculty members to help new undergraduate students start their Stony Brook careers off right. Each summer these new students are welcomed to Stony Brook by current students, faculty, and staff. More than almost anything else, this first encounter determines how they will fare for the rest of their time at Stony Brook and just as important, how they will feel about the university. Last year approximately four thousand students participated in new student orientation and we expect an even larger number this summer. Therefore, it is crucial that those who work at orientation be the best of the best.

Faculty members who have worked as advisors at orientation have called the experience one of their most rewarding at the university. Faculty advisors provide key academic information to students in large and small groups and individually during orientation. Each faculty advisor is paid \$150 per orientation session. There are twenty-three orientation sessions between June and August and faculty advisors are welcome to participate in as many of these as they can, though we hope that each advisor will commit to at least six. At each session, an advisor can normally expect to work for about four hours between 10 am and 6 pm. Advisors will also take part in a comprehensive training program in May.

If you are interested in serving as a faculty advisor at orientation or if you would like more information, please contact Brian DeLong, Director of Student Orientation Programs at 2-6177 or bdelong@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. The process of easing our students' transition into the University is the responsibility of all. If you enjoy helping new students with that process and you are available this summer, then I hope that you will seriously consider serving as a faculty advisor.

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Robert McGrath
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs