

Defining the Working Relationship with Your Undergrads

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The 2023 FSILG Alumni/ae Retreat in recognition of Robert Ferrara

Goals

- Leave this session with **two new ways** to coordinate with your undergrads:
 - One operational
 - One event-based



**Q: What is your annual alumni board /
house corp schedule?**



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Possible ideas...

- File annual report
- Alumni reunion
- Career week
- Recruitment training
- Renovations planning
- License agreement
- Elections
- Grant applications
- Housing license renewal
- AILG meetings
- Annual meeting
- Regular calls
- Officer meetings



Q: What is your undergrads' annual schedule?



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Possible ideas...

- Recruitment
- New member ed
- Career week
- Setting the social calendar
- Work Week(s)
- CPW
- Membership events
- Elections
- Budgeting
- Bylaws review
- House meetings



Q: Where do these overlap?

Q: Where *should* they overlap?



Q: What do you feel is biggest disconnect between you and your undergrads when it comes to getting things done?



Housing Corp vs Advisory Board

- **Corporation** – License agreement and property management
- **Advisory Board** – Everything else! Mentorship, advising, governance, etc.
- Be sure your *corporation* is cautious with “everything else”!



Q: How can you address those disconnects for this upcoming semester?



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Some Ideas...

- **For your board:**
 - Have an officer who is a liaison to the undergraduates
 - Have officers who showcase the alum experience, e.g. career advisor
 - Have officers mirror/advise their respective undergrad officers
 - *Invite undergraduates to your board!*
- **Showcase the lifelong membership**
 - Regular presentations on careers, life skills, etc.
 - Direct advising on organization values
 - Regional hubs
 - Virtual communities (e.g. email, social media)
- **Continue using this post-pandemic period as a soft reset**

