Faculty Advising Today

the big picture
Your Influence

as a faculty advisor
You are the face of the institution—an institution which, to a new student, can seem like an alien, intimidating, and overwhelming place.
A connection with a faculty member has been shown to be one of the most important factors in a student’s sense of identification with a university.
You are in a position to be the person who shows an interest in and actually cares about a student’s success in college.
You are a person who can connect the student to your department and your discipline.
Tips

for helpful faculty advising
Don’t assume that the major selection was a well-informed one.
Ask how they came to the decision about the major.
Ask what interests them about the field/discipline.
Later, ask how they’re doing in the major and their courses.
Ask which classes they’ve enjoyed the most and which ones they’ve struggled in.
Explore interests that might suggest a minor.
Don’t assume that the student knows what they’re doing; they might be mostly lost.
For help call the Academic Advising Center: 994-3532.