ABCs of Advising

Attend meetings and events regularly
Be open to communicating with members and officers
Promote Cooperation rather than competition
Assist in Developing long term goals
Encourage discussion of relevant issues
Foster a relationship of trust with students
Be a Good listener
Help officers improve leadership skills
Discourage Inappropriate ideas
Don’t Judge students
Kick-start enthusiasm
Let members know expectations and roles
Meet regularly with organization leaders
Notice organization and member accomplishments
Keep your sense of humor
Praise publicly, criticize privately
Be accessible and available for any Questions
Request all agendas and minutes
Strict – No, laisse-faire – No, middle ground – Yes
Avoid Taking sides and remain objective
Understand the goals of the organization
Be a Valuable resource
Turn “What should we do?” into “What are you going to do?”
Develop and use constitutional expertise
Provide reasons for Your suggestions
Go to your organization for help. It builds confidence and team spirit.