Role of an Advisor During the Student Conduct Process

The University of Missouri Collected Rules and Regulations Section 200.020 allows for a student to have an adviser during the student conduct process. An adviser may attend meetings with the student or be present at a formal hearing as requested by the student.

The student conduct process is designed to be educational and developmental for the student. Any student wishing to have an adviser during the student conduct process may do so by completing an Authorized Release of Information form prior to the adviser’s participation.

The role of an adviser is to serve in a consultation and support role for the student. Specifically, the role and expectations of the adviser in the informal conduct process are as follows:

- An adviser may be any individual who has no connection or involvement in the incident being reviewed.
  - The University reserves the right to deny any individual from being an advisor if there is deemed to be a conflict of interest.
- The adviser’s role is to support and consult with the student during the conduct process.
- Questions will be directed to the student. The student is welcome to consult with their adviser at any time.
- The adviser may not represent or speak on behalf of the student during the process, unless granted by the Committee Chair in a formal hearing.
- Advisers may converse directly with the student during the process and may request a brief private consultation with the student during the meeting.
- Advisers must maintain a level of decorum and professionalism throughout the process.