Face to Face vs Distance Advising

Traditionally, advising has been conducted face to face in the faculty advisor’s office, but the emergence of new technologies and the increasing number of online classes mean that a variety of options are now available to advisor and advisee. Whether meeting traditionally or via phone, email, or Skype, however, the advisor should always serve as a mentor, developing an ongoing professional relationship with the advisee and providing advice beyond a simple clearance to register for class. Steps for Success provides the advisor with a means of documenting communication with the distance advisee and should be updated regularly.