Assistant Directors from the OFSA meet one-on-one with the new member educators (NMEs) for each of the chapters they advise to review the chapter’s new member education plan and jointly tailor a new member orientation session for the chapter’s new member class. Each of these sessions is then co-facilitated by both the Assistant Director and chapter NME. These sessions include but are not limited to an overview of fraternity and sorority life at Lehigh, how to properly report hazing, and an assortment of case studies related to substance abuse, bystander intervention, etc.

After participating in a new member orientation session....

96% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they could identify their own personal values and how those values affect the way they lead.

95% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they were comfortable approaching the OFSA for any reason.

94.5% of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they felt comfortable reporting issues related to hazing or medical amnesty for another member of their chapter/community.

Looking forward...

During the spring 2017 semester, Lehigh witnessed a rise in anonymous hazing reporting forms. However, these forms did not always contain specific information helpful to investigations. While this increase can not be directly attributed to new member orientations, we hope to edit the curriculum to promote more comprehensive information-sharing in reports.