DSL’s Strategic Themes & Initiatives

The Division of Student Life has developed a Strategic Plan consisting of four major Strategic Themes. Listed under each Theme below are the major Initiatives planned to advance each Theme.

**THRIVING COMMUNITIES**
Impact Facilitate the vital social and intellectual connections of the MIT community on campus and around the world. Enhance that community by creating new opportunities for students to live and lead in ways that contribute to personal wellbeing and global citizenship.

- Welcoming, Celebrating and Connecting
- Resources for Success
- Diversity and Inclusion for students
- Student Citizenship and Community Standards
- Measuring Success

**PROMOTE INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY**
Collaborate with students and MIT partners to ensure technology infrastructure and systems are adapted to future needs and usage is responsive to different learning styles and communications preferences.

- Information Access
- Digital MIT – Student Edition
- Student-led IT Development “Sandboxes”
- Outstanding Residential Network Service
- New DSL/IS&T Collaboration
- MITx Impact on Student Life

**STEWARD MIT RESOURCES**
Champion innovative, responsible and sound management of the fiscal and human resources entrusted to DSL by MIT.

- Diversity and Inclusion for Staff
- Staff Development and Engagement
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Financial Innovation, Education, and Management
- Fundraising Strategy

**REVITALIZE OUR FACILITIES**
Ensure all our facilities provide an environment that is conducive to learning and positive interaction by addressing the needs of deferred maintenance, safety and sustainability.

- Facilities Revitalization Committee
- Stakeholders Relationships
- Capital Project Guidelines
- Stewardship Groups

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Division of Student Life Strategic Planning

In 2011 the Division of Student Life began the process of developing a new Strategic Plan for the division. The initial focus was on the foundational elements – the Mission and Values – and in a systematic outreach to DSL staff and stakeholders. Some of the results are this effort are now apparent. The revised DSL Mission and new Values are shown below. And the Strategic Themes and Initiatives are on the reverse side of this flyer.

**MIT Mission Statement**

The mission of MIT is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology, and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century.

The Institute is committed to generating, disseminating, and preserving knowledge, and to working with others to bring this knowledge to bear on the world’s great challenges. MIT is dedicated to providing its students with an education that combines rigorous academic study and the excitement of discovery with the support and intellectual stimulation of a diverse campus community. We seek to develop in each member of the MIT community the ability and passion to work wisely, creatively, and effectively for the betterment of humankind.

**DSL Mission Statement**

The Division of Student Life is a leader in providing exceptional living and learning environments for MIT students through a rich variety of opportunities that inspire academic achievement, innovative thought, leadership, and global citizenship.

As an integral part of MIT’s educational mission, the Division of Student Life fosters a safe, healthy, and supportive environment centered on well-being, a commitment to learning, and the development of critical skills for personal growth. We place serving students as the highest priority for our staff, programs, services, and facilities. We partner with others to create a dynamic campus community grounded in personal and group responsibility, fairness and respect, where individual differences are expected and appreciated. - The Division of Student Life Mission, adopted July 21, 2011

**DSL Core Values**

The Division of Student Life (DSL) provides an educational environment in which:

- **Collaboration** is fostered through outreach and partnerships across the division and institute;
- **Community** is evident through civility and care for ourselves and our students;
- **Excellence** is achieved through experimentation leading to innovation;
- **Inclusion** is manifested in the affirmation of identities within the context of mutual respect;
- **Integrity** is demonstrated through clear communication, effective planning and accountability;
- And **Leadership** is inspired at all levels through guidance and reflection.

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