

Strategic Goals, Ongoing Work, and New Initiatives

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The current strategic goals of the Division of Student Life are listed under each of the four Strategic Themes developed in the current DSL Strategic Planning effort. Fifteen implementation teams, consisting of DSL staff and partners, are now engaged in achieving these goals.

THRIVING COMMUNITIES

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.

Ongoing work includes: support for student activities, wellness, community building, and leadership development

- ✓ Increase undergraduate and graduate student awareness of and access to support resources
- ✓ Increase faculty, parent, and staff understanding of student wellness issues
- ✓ Help students adjust to MIT and form positive academic, social, and personal connections
- ✓ Foster opportunities to promote dialogue, interaction, and understanding across the student and MIT communities
- ✓ Improve the tone of campus life through shared understanding of standards of behavior

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.

Ongoing work includes: provide IT and business system support throughout the division,

- ✓ Improve residential network service to comparable levels with academic buildings
- ✓ Create a “Digital MIT – Student Edition” to lessen manual and duplicative student tasks
- ✓ Establish DSL connection with MITx/EDx efforts to monitor progress and assess student needs
- ✓ Create a new collaboration with IS&T to help drive technology enhancements within DSL
- ✓ Work with IS&T to assess how students access electronic information, and identify new tools to meet student needs

STEWARD MIT RESOURCES

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

Ongoing work includes: employee HR related services, budgeting, financial administration

- ✓ Provide a greater array of professional development activities for DSL staff
- ✓ Develop a DSL wide fundraising strategy based on DSL’s goals and objectives
- ✓ Create and staff the DSL Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- ✓ Develop and implement ways to increase the staff’s understanding of DSL’s budget

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.

Ongoing work includes: operation of residence halls, athletic and campus common facilities, and campus dining locations.

- ✓ Establish “DSL Facilities Revitalization and Capital Initiatives” committee
- ✓ Create DSL unit level or individual building level “stewardship” groups.

Collaboration | Community | Excellence | Inclusion | Integrity | Leadership

<http://studentlife.mit.edu/strategic/plan>