

# **OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*As partners in learning, Student Affairs supports and enhances the academic mission of the University through the provision of learner-centred programs, services and facilities that focus on the well-being and development of the whole person.*

### **Primary Objectives**

1. To provide an educational environment that supports the essential learning needs of students so as to maximize their academic success.
2. To create and foster a climate that is inviting, safe, supportive, equitable, reflective of the diversity of our students, and intellectually challenging.
3. To deliver quality programs that help students achieve their potential - intellectual, ethical, emotional, social, spiritual and physical.
4. To support students in becoming successful, productive and contributing citizens in a rapidly changing world.
5. To take a leadership role in educating the university community about student development and its impact on learning.
6. To engage students in a manner that fosters a self-directed life long commitment to learning.

### **Guiding Principles**

1. We are committed to having students meaningfully participate in all levels of program planning, delivery and assessment, as they are the primary users of our programs and services.
2. We strive towards grounding all programs and services in a firm foundation of pedagogical and developmental theory, and use research to inform our practices.
3. We endeavour to design and offer all programs in a format that is accessible, efficient, effective, relevant and accountable, and where delivery and outcomes are assessed on a regular basis to ensure continuous improvement.
4. We recognize and acknowledge that an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect is vital for all programs and everyday interactions.
5. We share a sense of commitment to innovation and working collaboratively within and beyond Student Affairs.