

WHAT ARE THE INTERNAL BENCHMARKS?

Stony Brook's Mission Statement and Statement of Community

In addition to the Netter Principles, Stony Brook's five-fold mission and its statement of community comprised the basis and context for the work of the Campus Climate Task Force, and continue to provide the guiding purpose for the work of every individual and group of the campus community.

Stony Brook University has a Five Part Mission:

- to provide comprehensive undergraduate, graduate, and professional education of the highest quality;
- to carry out research and intellectual endeavors of the highest international standards that advance theoretical knowledge and are of immediate and long-range practical significance;
- to provide leadership for economic growth, technology, and culture for neighboring communities and the wider geographic region;
- to provide state-of-the-art innovative health care, while serving as a resource to a regional health care network and to the traditionally underserved;
- to fulfill these objectives while celebrating diversity and positioning the University in the global community.

In 1999-2000, the campus community approved the "Statement of Community," in which the members of the campus asserted ...

Statement of Community

"As members of Stony Brook University, we acknowledge that the primary purpose of this community is education, including academic achievement, social development, and personal growth.

In committing ourselves to study and work at Stony Brook, we agree to promote equality, civility, caring, responsibility, accountability, and respect. We also recognize the importance of understanding and appreciating our differences and similarities.

As members of a respectful community, we will not encroach on the rights of others, either as individuals or as groups. We recognize that freedom of expression and opinion entails an obligation to listen to and understand the beliefs and opinions of others, and to treat others fairly. We strive to be a responsible community. We are accountable individually for our personal behavior and development, and collectively for the welfare of the community itself.

We encourage all Stony Brook community members to celebrate and express pride in our community's academic, athletic, and social accomplishments, and to involve themselves in the surrounding local and global communities. In affirming this statement, we commit ourselves to becoming dedicated, active, and full members of Stony Brook University in each and every role we assume."

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The Campus Climate Task Force accomplished its work while mindful that these two guiding documents must be the inspiration for all its efforts, and that the process by which recommendations were devised had to model adherence to the principles contained in both documents, and in Cornell's "Attributes of Inclusive Organizations" (The Netter Principles).