

## Division of Student Life Unit Plan 1990 - 1993

### VISION STATEMENT

The Division of Student Life actively supports the University's missions of education, research, and service by providing comprehensive programs and services to assist each student to develop intellectually, socially, and culturally. The Division promotes this development by fostering a community of learning which encourages individual student involvement and participation. The Division of Student Life provides a broad range of support services, activities, and programs which seek to 1) enhance the learning environment, 2) accommodate the diverse needs of all students, 3) assist students in meeting their basic needs for financing, housing, nutrition, and physical and mental health, 4) provide the means for students to become active participants and learners in their own learning, 5) assist students in developing logical thought processes and sound decision-making skills, and 6) assist students in developing an appreciation of the arts. Moreover, the Division seeks to contribute to the development of the whole individual by fostering in each student a deeper appreciation of the importance of life-long learning, individual responsibility, and human diversity.

During the planning period, the Division of Student Life will focus on improving housing and recreational facilities, establishing a comprehensive food service program, the development of student leadership opportunities, developing an appreciation for human diversity, and assisting students in their transition and progression through the University.

### PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

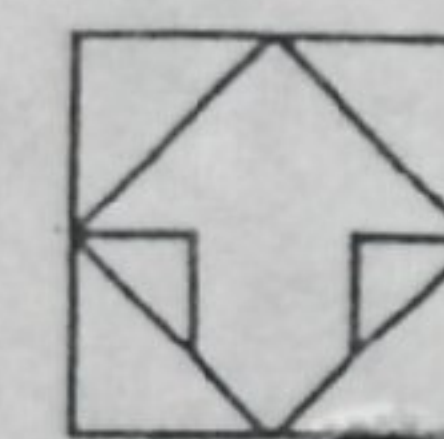
#### *1. Achieve distinction in undergraduate education*

- a. Create an institutional awareness of the inherent value of student affairs programming in providing a social and physical environment conducive to learning and overall student development

- b. Renovate and improve residence halls
- c. Create study or quiet areas and computer resource rooms in residence halls
- d. Implement a comprehensive food service program
- e. Increase outdoor recreation areas and begin construction of a student recreation center
- f. Collaborate with faculty to enhance cultural enrichment activities
- g. Expand and better coordinate student development programs
- h. Increase the number of sections of EDUC 1000 (The Freshman and the University) should the present study prove favorable
- i. Make better use of resident assistants and peer advisors
- j. Provide a comprehensive program for promoting healthy life-styles for faculty, staff, and students
- k. Expand the peer health educator program
- l. Develop programs to increase knowledge and awareness of substance use and abuse and provide intervention and assistance to individuals with existing abuse problems
- m. Establish a comprehensive student leadership development program
- n. Establish the Chancellor's minority student intern program

#### *2. Strengthen the commitment to excellence in teaching*

- a. Conduct staff development to improve communication skills and teaching effectiveness
- b. Establish a development program for faculty who teach EDUC 1000



**3. *Develop a university culture based on respect for individual rights and human diversity***

- a. Provide education for all student life staff concerning multi-cultural awareness
- b. Increase awareness of the University's policies on racial, sexual, and ethnic harassment and develop programs to eliminate behaviors which result in such harassment among students, faculty, and staff
- c. Establish Purple Pride (P<sup>2</sup>) concept and conduct programs and training designed to increase awareness and acceptance of individual diversity
- d. Strengthen programs aimed at recruitment and hiring of minority, female, and disabled staff
- e. Improve the physical environment of the Ledonia Wright Afro-American Cultural Center
- f. Offer programs in the residence halls on cultural and human diversity
- g. Provide appropriate services for nontraditional students

**4. *Expand doctoral programs***

- a. Explore the use of doctoral students as student life interns

**5. *Strengthen the commitment to research, scholarship, and creative activity***

- a. Enhance the Division's efforts to assess and evaluate programs and services and implement changes to meet students' needs

**6. *Improve teacher education and stimulate improvement in public schools***

- a. Provide housing options for the North Carolina teaching fellows

**7. *Recruit and support academically proficient and talented students***

- a. Provide housing options for specialized groups such as the honors program

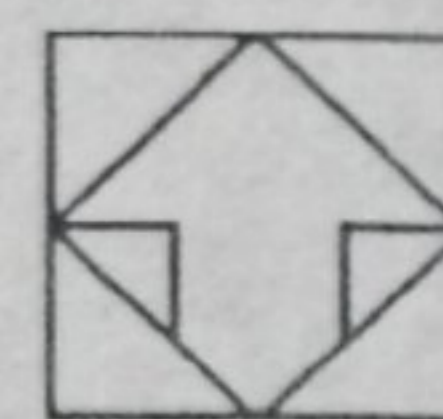
- b. Encourage the out-of-classroom involvement of academically proficient students
- c. Support the development and availability of merit-based scholarships
- d. Improve services provided to financial aid recipients

**8. *Advance the University effectively to external publics***

- a. Better articulate the Division's goals, programs, and services to other University divisions and departments
- b. Improve coordination and communication with other University departments when dealing with the news media
- c. Improve student media operations
- d. Improve relationships between students and the community
- e. Increase student involvement in the community
- f. Support involvement of staff in professional and community activities

**9. *Develop and use expanded information resources***

- a. Install computer workstations throughout the Division
- b. Enhance computing skills among student life staff
- c. Establish a new comprehensive, automated identification system
- d. Implement the new financial aid computer system
- e. Cooperate with other areas of the University to implement automatic crediting of student financial assistance



*10. Provide effective stewardship of the University*

- a. Review student affairs services, activities and programs to determine those to be enhanced, maintained, reduced, combined, or eliminated
- b. Improve the Division's organizational structure and communications processes
- c. Increase participation in energy conservation and recycling efforts
- d. Implement the recommendations of the housing facilities audit