Hofstra University must survive and develop as a viable, intellectual, cultural and social corporate enterprise dedicated to educational pursuits of the highest quality. Within this context, its specific missions are:

I. Hofstra is committed to the liberal arts as the foundation of all higher education. The main objective of liberal education is understanding, a goal pursued in an atmosphere of freedom by faculty and students alike, seeking to become familiar with the breadth of human experience and to render it intelligible. In pursuit of this goal, liberal education develops skills in learning, thinking, and communicating but makes no claim to develop additional technical abilities.

II. Hofstra is also committed to the development of preprofessional and professional programs, both graduate and undergraduate, that support the career aspirations of students and meet the needs of society.

III. Hofstra realizes that educational excellence takes place in a community of scholars united in the imaginative consideration of learning. To that end, the University commits itself to attracting and retaining high quality students and distinguished faculty and supplying them with high quality support services.

IV. Hofstra also recognizes that much of the educational experience takes place outside of the classroom. Beyond this formal experience, the University has a commitment more broadly to cultivate student’s moral responsibility, aesthetic sensitivity, emotional maturity and physical well-being.

V. Not only must the University disseminate knowledge, it must also generate it through scholarly research and publication and contributions to the creative arts.

VI. In addition to its primary educational missions, Hofstra University aspires to serve society by providing the University’s resources for the solution of social problems and for the general enrichment of contemporary culture.

VII. In recognition of the fact that Hofstra’s resources, though significant, are by definition limited; the University must accomplish its education, social and cultural objectives while maintaining total fiscal integrity.