## Student Life Mission Statement Hampshire College Revised August 2010

Student Life fosters and supports an optimal educational environment for our students, both inside and outside the classroom. With students as our primary focus, we intentionally create and support opportunities and experiences that promote a diverse community steeped in respect, intellectual and emotional growth, integrity, justice, and safety for all members of the Hampshire community.

Student Life works in partnership with members of the Hampshire community to integrate and exemplify these core values:

# Respect for All = Students + Staff + Faculty + Community

- Student Life creates opportunities for members of the Hampshire community to develop skills for academic, personal, professional and life success through experiential and meaningful learning and community engagement.
- Student Life honors the unique gifts, talents, experiences, and abilities that lends to Hampshire College's distinction.

#### A Just and Diverse Community = Compassion + Safety

- Student Life recognizes having a compassionate, diverse student body enhances the learning experience of all students and prepares students to become leaders in our ever-changing world.
- Student Life promotes social justice by creating a safe, healthy, and emotionally supportive living and learning environment for our residential and non-residential students.

#### **Collaboration = Communication + Openness + Mutual Support and Accomplishment**

- Student Life fosters communication and openness among students, faculty, staff, and alumni in order to build mutual trust and community.
- Student Life works with students, faculty, staff and alumni to holistically support and develop students to become socially aware and responsible citizens of our world.

### **Integrity = Responsibility + Excellence**

- Student Life will be responsible for providing the highest quality and responsive support to appropriate student needs
- Student Life will be on the leading edge of professional excellence with regards to understanding and incorporating Student Affairs and other relevant theory and practice into every day work with students.

### **Education = Creativity + Risk**

• Student Life will be in partnership with our academic colleagues on campus in taking risks to advance creative, sustainable and intellectually stimulating Student Life programs and opportunities for life-long learning and development.