

Principles of Community

RESPECT

We seek to foster an open-minded understanding among individuals, organizations, and groups. We support this understanding through outreach, increasing opportunities for collaboration, formal education, programs and strategies for resolving disagreements.

RICHNESS OF DIVERSITY

We recognize and cherish the richness of diversity in our university experience. Furthermore, we strive to increase the diversity of ideas, cultures and experiences throughout the university community.

FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION

We recognize that we must strive to overcome historical and divisive biases in our society. Therefore, we commit ourselves to create and maintain a community in which all students, staff, faculty and administrators can work together in an atmosphere free from discrimination, and to respond appropriately to all acts of discrimination.

PURPOSE

We are encouraged to be engaged in the university community. Thus, we strive to build a genuine community that promotes the advancement of knowledge, cooperation, and leadership.

COOPERATION

We recognize the mission of the university is enhanced when we work together to achieve the goals of the university. Therefore, we value each member of the Iowa State University community for his or her insights, efforts, collective and individual, to enhance the quality of campus life.

HONEST & RESPECTFUL EXPRESSION OF IDEAS

We affirm the right to and the importance of a free exchange of ideas at Iowa State University within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity, and respect. We work together to promote awareness of various ideas through education and constructive strategies to consider and engage in honest disagreements.

The GSB Principles Commission endorsed approval of these principles, and they were approved by President Geoffroy January 2007.