

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Delta State University provides student services which promote the social, physical, cultural, moral, and ethical development for a broad range of students from different socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds. It is our goal to contribute to the total development of our students and assist in the process of producing good citizens.

It is the desire of the University and the Student Affairs Division to establish an environment and provide the opportunities for the development of life skills to supplement our academic disciplines.

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Our philosophy is built around a desire to assist students in the total development process. Our goal is to develop life skills that will produce good citizens. We need to prepare students for a very mobile society by not only helping them but teaching them to be responsible and help themselves.

LONG RANGE GOALS

- I. Enhance and improve our Enrollment Management plan through increased emphasis on data-driven targeted recruiting, focused retention efforts, increased efforts in identifying at-risk students, effort to increase quality and diversity of student population.
- II. Encourage and require in-house staff development. (personal and professional)
- III. Increase emphasis and programming designed for character education and development.
- IV. Move toward automation and increase technology services in every area of Student Affairs.
- V. Provide student services which are effective and efficient to support our institutional mission.

SHORT RANGE GOALS

- I. More effective use of performance appraisal. Ensure that results are being used in strategic planning and programs.
- II. Programs to emphasize life skills, thinking and communication skills, responsibility and character development.

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

GENERAL DUTIES

- University Disciplinary Process
- Regular Student Employment (RSE) a program for the general population
- Student Insurance
- University Chapel and chapel activities
- University Marquee (Announcement for the University activities)

The following departments in the Division of Student Affairs guide the student in their journey at Delta State University. This journey involves their initial contact with our Admissions/Recruitment office, New Student Orientation, Student Development, Student Activities, Student Financial Assistance, University Police Department, Housing and Residence Life, the H.L Nowell Student Union, the Counseling Center, Student Health services, University Laundry, Intramural and Recreational Sports, and Career Services and Placement.

We enrolled 4,091 students (headcount) for Fall 2007. DSU has six (6) recruiters who are assigned to territories and they are responsible for the high schools and prospective students in their area. The University employs a Dean of Enrollment Services and Assistant Director of Admissions along with clerical staff. There is a coordinator of Community College Relations and one other admission/recruiter assigned to transfer students. We have a full time recruiter that lives in the Jackson area and a full time recruiter living in the North Mississippi area. Delta State University maintains an active and aggressive marketing campaign designed to attract prospective students. Delta State hosted five (5) New Student Orientation sessions to acquaint our new students with the university and general policies. There are three (3) sessions for freshman and two (2) sessions for transfers. Parents of new students are invited to attend the sessions with their student.

Delta State University provides financial assistance for our students to assist with the rising cost of higher education. The University distributed over 30 million dollars of financial assistance during the 2007-08 school years. This consisted of the Pell Grant, Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized) college work study and scholarships for our students. The University Housing and Residence Life Department worked on a Housing Master Plan during the 2007-2008 year and implemented Phase I in the Fall of 2008. We now house over 1,000 students in Residence Halls and Campus Apartments. Plans for a new 400 bed facility are being prepared. Extensive programming and support services add to the quality of campus life in the Residence Halls. Each Hall has a computer room and an industrial laundry area. Our campus at Delta State is adequately protected by the University Police Department who are on duty 24 hours a day 365 days a year. The University Police Department is instituting a mass text messaging system for emergency notifications in the Fall of 2008. They also now utilize ATV's for campus patrol to save on fuel costs. Many programs on security and safety are conducted by our Police Department.

The O.W. Reily Health Center houses Student Health Services and the University Counseling Center. Student Health is open 24 hours a day Monday through Friday with Doctors on call each morning Monday through Friday. They provide Health and Wellness programs for students and have two (2) major health screening days. Our Health Center is a 16 bed facility with overnight care Sunday through Thursday. All visits are free and most medications distributed to student are free. The counseling center is also housed in the same building and provides individual counseling and programs for students with personal concerns. This office also serves as the testing center and coordinates our ADA program.

The Division of Student Affairs has the Student Center under its jurisdiction. The Union/Student Development Office coordinates the advisement of the SGA (Student Government Association) and the UPC (Union Program Council) and 108 recognized organizations and clubs on campus. Entertainment programs and activities are provided on a weekly basis.

The Student Affairs Division also provides a laundry service for all full time students living in the Residence Halls at Delta State. The Division coordinates an Intramural Recreational program that includes 12 team sports and 14 individual activities.

The Division of Student Affairs concludes the student journey with a very active Career Services and Placement operation. The office conducts workshops for interview skills, resume writing, and general conduct for a successful job hunt. The office hosts Career Day, Health Services Day, and numerous opportunities for students to make contact with prospective employers. This completes the cycle of the journey in higher education at Delta State University. Recruit - Educate - Job Placement! A successful graduate and one with a positive undergraduate experience is your best recruiter.