

DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES

Mission, Vision, Values & Guiding Principles, and Goals

*Campus Recreation – Career Services
Children’s Center
Counseling & Career Development Center
Dean of Students Office – Health Center
Housing & Residence Life – Kirkhof Center
LGBT Resource Center – Multicultural Affairs
Student Life & Special Event Services
Women’s Center*

Mission

Engaging students in a vibrant educational community to enhance meaningful learning.

Vision

The Grand Valley State University student body is recognized for its active engagement in meaningful learning experiences in and beyond the classroom. GVSU faculty and staff embrace opportunities to support active student learning that connects academic endeavors, community service, and personal growth in the context of a holistic liberal arts experience. The Grand Valley community recognizes the key role of student affairs educators in creating collaborative services, programs and environments that support the personal, social, intellectual, cultural, and professional growth of students.

Values & Guiding Principles

Community

We believe that individuals achieve their highest potential when they are members of a caring community that challenges and supports them, encouraging both independence and interdependence.

Integrity

We value integrity as reflected in our personal and organizational commitment to openness, honesty, inclusiveness and high ethical standards.

Inclusion and Intercultural Awareness

We believe that a culture of inclusion, in which diverse perspectives are acknowledged, encouraged, respected and appreciated, is critical to both individual well-being and organizational effectiveness.

Service

We value a commitment to active citizenship through service to our communities and to our profession.

Goals:

1. Challenge students to be active participants in a comprehensive array of co-curricular offerings that incorporate liberal learning, diversity, and inclusiveness.
2. Facilitate student learning about communication, citizenship, critical thinking, self-reflection, leadership, intercultural competence,

relationships, global awareness, and sustainability.

3. Develop learning goals and outcomes for co-curricular offerings.
4. Increase student participation in study abroad, internship, and service learning activities.
5. Provide accessible support services that focus on skills needed for academic and personal success.
6. Provide affordable health and childcare services to address student needs.
7. Develop and maintain an infrastructure that supports safety and security for the university community.
8. Highlight student, faculty, and staff success stories both internally and externally to enhance the reputation of the university.
9. Assist students and staff participate and present at local, state, regional, and national conferences.
10. Collaborate with the College of Education faculty to enhance the College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL) graduate program.