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Statement from Provost David W. McLaughlin

New York University's current mission and its future goals are based on the University's defining and distinct characteristics: NYU is a large private global research University located in the major urban environment of New York City. These attributes form the foundation of the university which we have inherited, and they form the foundation of NYU's future.

First and foremost, NYU is a research University. The work of its faculty in the creation of new knowledge provides a basis for the educational programs of its students. NYU's global environment within New York City constantly influences the attitudes of its faculty and students, and often the specific topics of their scholarship. And the principles and resources of private education provide the University with the flexibility required for efficiency, improvement, and change.

Mission of the Provost

In my view, the mission of the Provost at New York University is founded upon two general principles:

1. Academic and educational priorities must be central to every major decision;
2. Faculty and students are the heart and soul of the University - with faculty providing the essential foundation of the permanent University, upon which our students build the future.

A diverse faculty, strong in research, scholarship, and the creation of new knowledge -fully engaged in teaching, advising and the complete enterprise of the University – will provide the best educational programs and environment for our students.

Major Roles of the Provost

Consistent with these general guiding principles, as Provost, I have three major roles:

1. A member and academic leader of the faculty and representative of its academic priorities;
2. A member and leader of the "Cabinet of the Deans"; and
3. A member (with the President, the Executive Vice President, the Senior Vice President for Health, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, and the Chief of Staff and Deputy to the President) of the Senior Administration of the University.

As the chief academic officer, I am responsible for developing and implementing an academic vision for the University; setting the University's academic priorities; working with the deans to develop the schools and colleges; identifying and cultivating interdisciplinary areas of excellence and collaboration within and between schools; overseeing academic appointments, promotions, tenure and faculty affairs; coordinating student programs and campus life; conducting program reviews; developing and maintaining the academic infrastructure of the library and information technologies at NYU; guiding academic aspects of enrollment planning, research support, strategic planning and housing issues; and ensuring the highest academic standards for our students and faculty throughout the University.