Proposed Mission Statement for the University of Richmond

**Background:** The University of Richmond must provide a mission statement for the upcoming Southern Association of Colleges and Schools re-accreditation review. Currently the university has a “Statement of Purpose”, but does not have a mission statement per se. The draft statement proposed below will be circulated broadly for comment in the fall of 2004. A final version is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Trustees in spring of 2005.

Mission statements should be concise yet contain the essence of specific outcomes that can be assessed. Once the university mission statement is adopted, the mission statements of each unit within the university should be reviewed for consistency in support of the main mission.

**Vision:** Transforming Bright Minds into Great Achievers

**University Mission Statement** (proposed):

The mission of the University of Richmond is to sustain a collaborative learning and research community that supports the personal development of its members and the creation of new knowledge. A Richmond education prepares students to lead lives of purpose, thoughtful inquiry, and responsible leadership in a global and pluralistic society.

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