

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**UDC RESOLUTION 2014- \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUBJECT: Approval of the University Mission, Vision, and Core Values**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.01 (b) The Board of Trustees has the authority to adopt, prescribe, amend, repeal, and enforce bylaws, rules, and regulations it considers necessary for the governance and administration of the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the University leadership, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, embarked on a formal re-visioning and planning process entitled “2020 Vision: A Roadmap for Renewal, Innovation, Success & Sustainability” (commonly known as the “Vision 2020” process) March 2013 following the implementation of the Right-Sizing Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the University’s various constituencies, including students, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, and Trustees closely examined the University’s operations and proposed recommendations for the direction of the institution between March and August 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, over 75 University representatives attended a two-day retreat in August 2013 to share ideas and recommendations for the future of the University including their proposals for the University’s Mission, Vision, Core Values, Goals, and Objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the ideas and recommendations generated during the Vision 2020 process represents the work of hundreds of members of the University community, recommendations from higher education experts, feedback from dozens of regional employers, views of the wider District of Columbia community, recognition of the importance of the District of Columbia’s economic development goals, and many additional important items;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board approves and adopts the following Mission Statement for the University:

“The University of the District of Columbia is a pacesetter in urban education that offers affordable and effective undergraduate, graduate, professional, and workplace learning opportunities. The institution is the premier gateway to postsecondary education and research for all residents of the District of Columbia. As a public, historically black, and land-grant institution, the University’s responsibility is to build a diverse generation of competitive, civically engaged scholars and leaders.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approves and adopts the following Vision Statement for the University:

“The University of the District of Columbia will empower its graduates to be critical and creative thinkers, problem solvers, effective communicators, and engaged, service-driven leaders in the workforce and beyond.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board approves and adopts the following Core Values for the University:

1. Excellence
2. Collaboration
3. Sustainability
4. Innovation
5. Integrity

Approved by Board of Trustees:

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Elaine Crider  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

November 19, 2013  
Date