

SECTION 2.10 INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

The mission statement and guiding principles for the consolidated ASU, which were [approved by the Board of Regents](#) of the University System of Georgia at its March 9, 2015 meeting, are The new ASU Mission Statement and Guiding Principles that emerged from consolidation planning are as follows:

Albany State University Mission Statement

Albany State University, a proud member institution of the University System of Georgia, elevates its community and region by offering a broad array of graduate, baccalaureate, associate, and certificate programs at its main campuses in Albany as well as at strategically-placed branch sites and online. Committed to excellence in teaching and learning, the University prepares students to be effective contributors to a globally diverse society, where knowledge and technology create opportunities for personal and professional success. ASU respects and builds on the historical roots of its institutional predecessors with its commitment to access and a strong liberal arts heritage that respects diversity in all its forms and gives all students the foundation they need to succeed. Through creative scholarship, research, and public service, the University's faculty, staff, students, and administrators form strategic alliances internally and externally to promote community and economic development, resulting in an improved quality of life for the citizens of southwest Georgia and beyond.

The new mission statement is guiding the decisions of all 79 Operational Working Groups and the coordinating Consolidation Implementation Committee as they complete assigned consolidation tasks in preparation for SACSCOC approval to consolidate, effective January 2017, and full implementation of consolidated institution operations at the beginning of fall semester 2017, and the required Substantive Change Committee visit at that time. It is important to note that no substantive reduction is expected in the types and delivery locations of existing