WOODBURY INTEGRATED STUDENT EXPERIENCE (WISE)

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

DEFINITION:

Civic engagement is “working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes.” (Excerpted from Civic Responsibility and Higher Education, edited by Thomas Ehrlich, published by Oryx Press, 2000, Preface, page vi.) (Definition used by AAA&U).

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. **Diversity of Communities and Cultures**
   Incorporates new approaches or perspectives as a result of engagement with diverse or communities culturally unfamiliar to the student.

2. **Knowledge in New Contexts**
   Applies knowledge from one’s own course, discipline or major to resolve challenges in the broader community.

3. **Intentionality**
   Provides evidence of civic engagement and reflects on how it has inspired learning, a new sense of identity, or a commitment to continued action.

4. **Communication**
   Develops effective communication strategies to foster community relationships and achieve civic engagement objectives.

5. **Proactive and Ethical Engagement**
   Acts independently when appropriate, collaborates proactively, and carefully considers the results of actions in order to maximize positive impact.

6. **Working Across Civic Contexts**
   Demonstrates ability and commitment to engage with all appropriate stakeholders or civic groups in order to achieve objectives.