University Mission:

The University’s latest strategic plan Vision 2005, was developed by the University Planning Council and approved by the Board of Regents in Spring 2001. The mission statement from that document is as follows: The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic and cultural development of southeast Louisiana. Core values of Southeastern are as follows: Excellence, Caring, Community, Diversity, Integrity, Learning, Scholarship, and Service. (See: http://www.selu.edu/Academics/Provost/Planning/Vision2005/2005sp.htm)

FCS Mission:

The mission of the Southeastern Louisiana University Family and Consumer Sciences unit is to empower individuals and families as they strive to achieve social, physical, psychological, economic and environmental balance in their lives. Southeastern Louisiana University Family and Consumer Sciences emphasizes applied research consistent with faculty expertise and community needs. Our unique perspective is on the interrelationships among individuals, families, and their environment through concentrations in Family Studies, Fashion Merchandising, Foods and Nutrition and Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Education

Course work offers many opportunities to bridge learning to practice through a variety of educational techniques including student centered projects, laboratories, practical experiences, internships and service learning.

The mission of Southeastern Louisiana University is to lead the educational, economic and cultural development of southeast Louisiana, through the core values of excellence, caring, community, diversity, integrity, learning, scholarship and service.

The mission of the Family and Consumer Sciences Unit is to empower individuals, strengthen families and enable communities through the study of the common body of knowledge in Family and Consumer Sciences.
Goals and Objectives

**Long-Term Program Goal 1:** To provide students with a quality degree program representative of the body of knowledge in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

A. **Expected Outcome:** FCS faculty will seek to maintain accreditation from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Assessment:** FCS faculty will set goals and objectives, collect data and complete the biannual report required to maintain AAFCS program accreditation.

B. **Expected Outcome:** Students completing the baccalaureate program in Family and Consumer Sciences will express satisfaction with the overall quality of the degree program.

**Assessment:** Eighty-five percent of the students graduating in FCS will indicate on the Exit Survey that they are satisfied with the overall quality of the FCS program.

C. **Expected Outcome:** Students completing the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program will indicate satisfaction with effectiveness of faculty instruction and advising.

**Assessment:** Eighty-five percent of the students graduating in FCS will indicate on the Exit Survey that they were satisfied with the effectiveness of faculty as teachers and the academic advising received from their FCS advisor.

**Long Term Program Goal 2:** To provide students with experiences in the use of computer resources, technology in the classroom and facilities and equipment appropriate in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

A. **Expected Outcome:** Students completing the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program will indicate on the Student Exit Survey satisfaction with the computer resources, technology in the classroom and facilities and equipment appropriate in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Assessment:** Eighty-five percent of FCS student graduates and will indicate on the Exit Survey and satisfaction with the computer resources, technology in the classroom and facilities and equipment appropriate in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.
**Long Term Program Goal 3:** To recruit, admit and retain a culturally diverse student population in the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program.

A. **Expected Outcome:** To increase the number of minority students enrolled in the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program.

**Assessment:** Enrollment of minority students in the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program will increase by at least three percent.

B. **Expected Outcome:** To increase the number of minority students graduating in the Family and Consumer Sciences degree program.

**Assessment:** The graduation rate of minority students in Family and Consumer Sciences will increase by at least three percent.