The Society will:

- provide a thoughtful, stimulating, and knowledgeable forum for the analysis and discussion of issues with particular impact on the lives of African Americans at Duke University;
- address the organizational and structural issues that impede the trust, candor and broad participation necessary for the development of a sense of community at Duke;
- examine the historical experiences of various cultures and nationalities in order to develop an enlightened appreciation of the struggles and values of each;
- work to enhance Duke University's capacities for becoming a truly inclusive community;
- assess the University's progress toward the achievement of these objectives.