

Appendix B

The Statement of Commitment to Civility

“The Department of Housing, Living & Learning Programmes of the Nelson Mandela University is committed to the advancement of learning and service to society. This is accomplished in an atmosphere of mutual respect and civility, self-restraint, concern for others and academic integrity. By choosing to join this community,

I, accept the obligation to live by these common values and commit myself to the following principles;

- 1. I will commit myself to the pursue of knowledge with personal integrity and academic honesty;*
- 2. I will contribute to the development of a caring community where compassion for others and freedom of thought and expression are valued;*
- 3. I will support the culture of diversity by respecting the rights of those who differ from myself;*
- 4. I will respect the sanctity of the learning environment and avoid disruptive and deceitful behaviour toward other members of the campus community;*
- 5. I will embrace the concept of a civil community which abhors violence, vandalism, theft, and exploitation of others; and*
- 6. I will honour, challenge, and contribute to the scholarly heritage left by those who preceded me and work to leave this a better place for those who follow.*

By endorsing these common principles, I accept a moral obligation to behave in ways that contribute to a civil campus environment and resolve to support this behaviour in others. This commitment to civility is my promise to the Department of Housing, Living, and Learning Programmes, the University, and its community.

Signed: _____ Date: _____