The nixipi lab Manifesto

Objective: To maintain a workshop that will provide the tools and support necessary for student-initiated creative projects.

Philosophies:

1. Embrace the Maker Culture: making things yourself for the love and fun of it
   There's been a cultural movement among determined individuals who want to create their ideal cultural or technical product, without the complete aid of businesses. This cultural movement includes hackerspaces and whatever that is showcased in Make Magazine. We look upon their geekistry* for inspiration.

2. Be a Collaborative and Helpful Community
   One of the major hurdles that students face when starting a project is being stuck on a problem they can't solve. Having knowledgeable members to ask will alleviate this problem.
   Another problem is that students work alone on a project where collaboration can improve the hands-on experience.

3. Have a Playful and Artsy Character
   Art is a social beast, so having an appealing image surround our organization will have word of our projects spread to more people.
   Many technically inclined hackers create neat projects, but go unheard of because they aren't presented properly. Good design will alleviate that problem.

4. Safety and Security is a Priority
   What's the point of having a workshop when your members and stuff are always in risk of leaving the workshop via an ambulance or a getaway car?

5. Open When Necessary: there is ever so many people a workshop can accommodate for.
   We can't have every student on campus use our workshop, but at the same time we don't want to isolate ourselves like an art collective. Balancing exclusivity and how open we are to share with the public will be a major issue that we will juggle with, but the point is that **students will have a low-barrier to entry**.

6. Interdisciplinary: but not in the forced sense.
   Geekistry can be applied to anything. From computer science and engineering, to arts and craft, to even food. Members are free to collaborate with any person that has a set of skills they see fit to implement their creative projects.

*Geekisty: When a person obsessed with certain fields of study combines components s/he finds appealing and creates a cultural and technical product.