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### GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL MECHANISM REGULATION

1. **Short Title**

These regulations shall be called as Grievance Redressal Mechanism for students of the University.

2. **Objective**

To provide opportunities for redress of certain grievances of students already enrolled in the University, as well as those seeking admission to the University, and a mechanism thereto.

3. **Definitions**

- (a) "aggrieved student" means a student, who has any complaint in the matters relating to or connected with the grievances defined under these regulations.
- (b) "University Student Grievance Redressal Committee" (USGRC) means a committee constituted under these regulations.
- (c) "Commission" means the University Grants Commission established under section 4 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (d) "declared admission policy" means such policy, including the process there under, for admission to a course or program of study as may be offered by the University by publication in the prospectus.
- (e) "grievance" means, and includes, complaint(s) made by an aggrieved student in respect of the following :
  - (i) admission contrary to merit determined in accordance with the declared admission policy of the University.
  - (ii) irregularity in the process under the declared admission policy of the University.
  - (iii) refusal to admit in accordance with the declared admission policy of the University.
  - (iv) non-publication of prospectus by the institution, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.
  - (v) publication by the University of any information in the prospectus, which is false or misleading, and not based on facts.
  - (vi) withholding of, or refusal to return, any document in the form of certificates of degree, diploma or any other award or other document deposited by a student for the purpose of seeking admission in the University, with a view to induce or compel such student to pay any fee or fees in respect of any course or program of study which such student does not intend to pursue.
  - (vii) demand of money in excess of that specified to be charged in the declared admission policy of the institution;
  - (viii) violation, by the University, of any law for the time being in force in regard to reservation of seats in admission to different category of students.



- (ix) nonpayment or delay in payment of scholarships or financial aid admissible to any student under the declared admission policy of the University, or under the conditions, if any, prescribed by the Commission.
  - (x) delay by the University in the conduct of examinations, or declaration of results, beyond the schedule specified in the academic calendar of the University, or in such calendar prescribed by the Commission;
  - (xi) failure by the University to provide student amenities as set out in the prospectus, or is required to be extended by the University under any provisions of law for the time being in force.
  - (xii) non-transparent or unfair practices adopted by the University for the evaluation of students.
  - (xiii) delay in, or denial of, the refund of fees due to a student who withdraws admission within the time mentioned in the prospectus, or as may be notified by the Commission.
  - (xiv) complaints of alleged discrimination of students from the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Women, Minority or persons with disabilities categories.
  - (xv) denial of quality education as promised at the time of admission or required to be provided.
  - (xvi) harassment or victimization of a student, other than cases of harassment, which are to be proceeded against under the penal provisions of any law for the time being in force.
- (f) "Prospectus" means and includes any publication, whether in print or otherwise, issued for providing fair and transparent information, relating to the University, to the general public (including to those seeking admission in the University) by the University or any authority or person authorized by such institution to do so.
- (g) "Region" means a geographical territory, comprising of States, so determined, for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of these regulations; namely, South-Eastern Region comprising Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar, and Tamil Nadu; South-Western Region comprising Kerala, Karnataka, and Lakshadweep; Western Region comprising Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu; Central Region comprising Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan; Northern Region comprising Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh; North-Eastern Region comprising Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Nagaland; and Eastern Region comprising West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha.
- (h) "Student" means a person enrolled, or seeking admission to be enrolled, in the University.

#### 4. Student Grievance Redressal Committees

##### Faculty/Departmental Student Grievance Redressal Committee

- (a) A complaint by an aggrieved student relating to a Faculty/Department of the University shall be addressed to the Faculty/Departmental Student Grievance Redressal Committee to be constituted at the level of the Faculty/Department, as the case may be, and with the following composition :
- (i) Dean of the Faculty/Head of the Department, by whatever designation known as Chairperson



- (ii) Two Professors, from outside the Faculty/Department to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor as Members
- (iii) A member of the faculty, well-versed with the mechanism of grievance redressal to be nominated by the Chairperson as Member
- (iv) A representative from among students of the Faculty/Department to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor based on academic merit/excellence in sports/performance in co-curricular activities as a Special Invitee
- (b) The term of the Chairperson, members of the Committee, and the special invitee shall be of two years.
- (c) The quorum for the meeting, including the Chairperson, but excluding the special invitee, shall be three.
- (d) In considering the grievances before it, the committee shall follow principles of natural justice.
- (e) The committee shall submit its report with recommendations, if any, to the Head of the Dean of the Faculty/Vice Chancellor, with a copy thereof to the aggrieved student, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of the complaint.

#### **University Student Grievance Redressal Committee**

- (a) The Vice Chancellor of the University shall constitute the University Student Grievance Redressal Committees to consider grievances unresolved by the Faculty/Department Student Grievance Redressal Committee may take up grievances arising from Faculty/Departments, on the basis of the jurisdiction assigned to it by the Vice Chancellor. The composition of the committee shall be as given below :
  - (i) A senior Professor of the University as Chairperson
  - (ii) Dean, Student Welfare or equivalent as Member
  - (iii) Two Deans drawn from the Faculties, other than those connected with reports of Faculty/Department Student Grievance Redressal Committee under review, to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as Members
  - (iv) One Professor of the University as Member
  - (v) A representative from among students of the Faculty to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor based on academic merit/excellence in sports/performance in co-curricular activities as Special Invitee.
- (b) The Chairperson, members and the special invitee shall have a term of two years.
- (c) The quorum for the meeting, including the Chairperson, but excluding the special invitee, shall be three.
- (d) In considering the grievances before it, the University Student Grievance Redressal Committee shall follow principles of natural justice.
- (e) The University Student Grievance Redressal Committee shall send its report and recommendations, if any, to the Dean of the Faculty relating to the grievance with a copy thereof to the aggrieved student, within 15 days of the receipt of the grievance.
- (f) Any student aggrieved by the decision of the University Student Grievance Redressal Committee may prefer an appeal to the Ombudsperson, within in a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of such decision.

#### **5. Procedure for Redressal of Grievances by Student Grievance Redressal Committee**

- (a) The University shall have an online portal where any aggrieved student may submit an application seeking redressal of grievance.



- (b) On receipt of an online complaint, the University shall refer the complaint to the appropriate Student Grievance Redressal Committee, along with its comments within 15 days of receipt of complaint on the online portal.
- (c) The Student Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall fix a date for hearing the complaint which shall be communicated to the aggrieved student.
- (d) An aggrieved student may appear either in person or authorize a representative to present the case.
- (e) Grievances not resolved by the University Student Grievance Redressal Committee shall be referred to the Ombudsperson, within the time period provided in these regulations.
- (f) The University shall extend co-operation to the Ombudsperson or the Student Grievance Redressal Committee(s), as the case may be, in early redressal of grievances; and failure to do so may be reported by the Ombudsperson to the Commission, which shall take action in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.
- (g) The Ombudsperson shall, after giving reasonable opportunities of being heard to both parties, on the conclusion of proceedings, pass such order, with reasons there for, as may be deemed fit to redress the grievance and provide such relief as may be appropriate to the aggrieved student.
- (h) The University, as well as the aggrieved student, shall be provided with copies of the order under the signature of the Ombudsperson, and the University shall place it for general information on its website.
- (i) The University shall comply with the recommendations of the Ombudsperson; and the Ombudsperson shall report to the Commission any failure on the part of the University to comply with the recommendations.
- (j) The Ombudsperson may recommend appropriate action against the complainant, where a complaint is found to be false or frivolous.

**6. INFORMATION REGARDING OMBUDSPERSONS AND STUDENT GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEES**

The University shall furnish, prominently, on its website and in its prospectus, all relevant information in respect of the Student Grievance Redressal Committee(s) coming in its purview, and the Ombudsperson for the purpose of appeals.

  
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