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NOTIFICATION

No. UoT/Reg./1131-9/2023. In pursuance of Section 24 (2) Clause (h) and Section 36 (2) of Balochistan Universities Act (Act No. XII of 2022), the draft of the Students Disciplinary Rules and Regulations 2023 of University of Turbat, having been approved by the University of Turbat Senate on 8th August, 2023, is hereby published as the University of Turbat Students Disciplinary Rules and Regulations 2023.

STUDENTS DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS <u>UNIVERSITY OF TURBAT</u>

1. Short Title, Commencement and Application: -

- (a) These rules, framed in pursuance of Chapter-VI (Statutes, Regulations and Rules), Section 36 (1) and 38 (1) of Balochistan Universities Act 2022, shall be called, "The STUDNETS DISCIPLINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS, UNIVERSITY OF TURBAT".
 - (b) They shall come into force at once and apply to all registered students (BS, MS/M.Phil and PhD) of the University of Turbat.

2. Definitions:

- (1) In these rules and regulations, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context: -
 - (a) "Campus" means University campus or premises.
 - (b) "Competent Authority" means Vice Chancellor of the University;
 - (c) "Department" means teaching department of the University.
 - (d) "Discipline Committee" means Discipline Committee of the University.
 - (e) "Faculty" means faculty of University.
 - (f) "Penalty" means punishment imposed under these rules and regulations.
 - (g) "Registrar" means the Registrar of University.
 - (h) "Student" means a BS/MS/M.Phil/Ph.D. student of the University against whom action is taken under these rules and regulations;
 - (i) Teacher means lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor and full professor. A visiting fellow or faculty is also a teacher.
 - (i) "University" means University of Turbat (UoT).

3. Discipline Committee:

As per Balochistan Universities Act 2022, Schedule-1 Section 14 (1), there shall be a Discipline Committee, which shall consist of the Pro-Vice Chancellor, who shall be its Chairperson, two Professor to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, one female teacher, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor on rotational basis, and the teacher or officer in charge of student affairs by whatever name called (Member- cum-Secretary).

The functions of the Committee shall be:

- To propose Rules/Regulations to the Academic Council relating to the conduct of University students, maintenance of Discipline and breach of discipline, and
- b. To perform such other functions as assigned to it.

Under the Balochistan Universities Act 2022, Schedule-1, Section 14, Subsection 4 (i), the Discipline Committee Proposes the under-mentioned students' disciplinary rules and regulations related to students' code of conduct within the University premises/ jurisdiction:

4. Students Disciplinary Rules and Regulations:

4.1 Students Code of Conduct:

The University of Turbat is committed to provide high quality education that is compatible with changing needs of the world. University of Turbat has right to expect from students to maintain principle values, pursue exceptional conduct and character in campus. At the same time, students have the responsibility to conduct themselves in a lawful manner and in compliance with the University's standards. The purpose of this Code is to specify acts of student misconduct for which an offending individual will be subject to disciplinary sanctions under the University Disciplinary Procedures. The Code of Conduct specifies behaviors that students should avoid as they are inconsistent with the essential values of the university. A student shall be held accountable through the University Discipline Process if he/she makes the decision to engage in these behaviors. The Code of Conduct behaviors include, but are not limited to:

(a) **Abuse/ Endangerment/ Intimidation of a Person:** Physically harming or threatening to harm any person, intentionally or carelessly causing harm to any person or creating a condition that endangers the reputation and safety of self or other students.

- (b) Violation of Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at University of Turbat, and all students of the University are expected to act in accordance with this principle. Students should act with personal integrity and respect other students' dignity and rights. Academic integrity includes a commitment not to engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception.
- (c) **Involvement:** A student shall not assist another student, group of students in committing or attempting to commit a violation of this Code of Conduct. A student who has knowledge that another person committing or attempting to commit a violation of the Code of Conduct, is responsible to stop him amicably or to convey such act/intention to the knowledge of University administration, and failure to do so when reasonable under the circumstances may be the basis for a violation of this policy.
- (d) **False Information:** Making a false or misleading oral or written statement that misrepresents the character, qualifications, or reputation of other students will be held accountable through the University Discipline Process.
- (e) **Alcohol, Drugs and Smoking:** University of Turbat has strictly prohibited Students to possess alcohol, using drugs and smoking in university campus and hostels; severe action shall be taken against those who found to be guilty in violation of the rule.
- (f) **Dangerous Objects:** The possession or use of any potentially dangerous object or weapon, including but not limited to: ammunition, hunting knives, swords, firearms, other explosives, is prohibited.
- (g) **Damage or Destruction:** Actions involving the students to endanger or actually harm or ruin University property are tantamount to breaching the code of conducts and shall be treated as a crime.
- (h) **Code of Honor:** The University of Turbat Honor Code is at once an objective and ruling. University of Turbat established in the year of 2012 with a mission to provide quality education and committed to excellence, tradition and innovation that makes it unique institute of the province and as well as in the country. The injunction is simple that students must have to follow it in order to preserve the smooth running of university activities. Students vow never to lie, steal or cheat and accept that the consequence for flouting this assurance is permanent

dismissal from the University. Students have to face grave consequences if they found breaching or violating code of honor.

4.2 Staff Responsibilities vis-à-vis Students Code of Conduct:

- a) Every member of University teaching staff shall have the responsibility to check any disorderly or improper conduct, or any breach of the Disciplinary Rules and Regulations by students in any part of the Campus.
- b) The Chairpersons or Directors of the Department/ Institute shall be responsible for maintenance of discipline in their respective Departments/ Institute.
- c) The Dean of the Faculty shall be responsible for maintenance of order and discipline within the Faculty.
- d) The Librarian shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and order in the Library.
- e) The Provost and Wardens shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and order in the University hostels.
- f) The Director Sports/ Teacher-Incharge of Sports Affairs shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and order among the students on or near playgrounds or otherwise under his charge/ responsibility while participating in inter-universities and national games.
- g) Director/Incharge Student affairs shall be responsible for the maintenance of discipline and order among the students, on the campus and for checking behavior detrimental to the good name of the University. It will make every effort to detect and pre-empt undesirable activities on the campus.
- h) The Registrar with the support of the Provost hostels, Chief Security Officer, and Incharge Student Affairs shall be responsible for maintenance of law and order, and other security related issues, problems and conflicts on the campus.
- i) The entire setup of the University in general and that of the Registrar, Provost and Chief Security Officer (CSO) in particular, shall work in close coordination by providing timely information, help and assistance to each other in case of any mishap and emergency.
- j) Transport Officer (TO) shall be responsible for ensuring proper use of University vehicles and strictly check misuse of vehicles and misconduct with the students using the facility.
- k) The Controller of Examination (CoE) shall be responsible to make adequate arrangements to maintain peaceful environment during examinations.

4.3. Indiscipline and Prohibited Acts:

The Discipline Committee shall penalize/ punish the students violating the abovementioned University Code of Conduct and Committing following prohibited acts:

- i) Smoking in the classrooms, university buses, laboratory, examination hall, workshops, library, auditorium or convocation hall and at all other places where academic activities are conducted.
- ii) The possession and consumption of alcoholic drinks or other prohibited drinks and intoxicating drugs within the Campus and hostels or during any curricular or extra-curricular activity, sports activity, study tours, internship camps or entering such places or attending any such tour or camp.
- iii) The possession of any kind of licensed or unlicensed arms, ammunition, weapons, firearm, bayonet knife etc. within the campus and hostel. If anyone found with the possession of any kind of weapon will be handed over to the local police with an FIR on behalf of the University.
- iv) Collecting money, raising funds, receiving funds or financial assistance for or on behalf of the University except for with the written permission from the Competent Authority. In case of collecting money for the financial help of a needy student or any permissible social activity within the campus, the organizing students must get prior permission in written from the Registrar Office of the University.
- v) Making agitation speeches, staging, inciting or participating in, or abetting any walkout, strike, rally or other form of agitation including procession, demonstration, picketing and hooliganism against the University or its teachers or officials.
- vi) Inciting/ provoking anyone to violence, disruption of the academic atmosphere of the University, boycotting of classes, stopping University bus/vehicles, closing class rooms and obstructing main gate, and using social media/ print media/ electronic media which may defame, pressurize or harass other students, teachers and University officials.
- vii) Propagating party politics, motivating and recruiting students for political parties or student organizations, and activities in the name of any political organization or group within the campus.
- viii) Insulting or misbehaving with the teachers and University officials or passing derogatory remarks against teachers to malign their prestige and reputation.
- ix) Promoting hatred and polarization among the students on the basis of ethnicity, linguistics, tribe, caste, creed, gender, religion/ sect, colour etc. which are detrimental to the sanctity of the University.

- x) Disrupting University seminar/ conference/function or official activity in any manner or attending foregoing events in intoxicated state or under influence of any kind of banned drugs.
- xi) Causing colossal damage to University property (moveable and immovable); labs. and equipment, bus vehicles, hostel and class rooms accessories, library books etc. Stealing the assets of fellow students in hostel or classrooms.
- xii) Unauthorized use of University computers, digital labs., or internet network system for cyber-related crimes.
- xiii) Printing, production and distribution of unlawful pamphlets, posters, hateful materials and displaying pictures/ cartoons of offensive nature.
- xiv) Harassing other students in the name of orientation or ragging in class rooms, hostels and within the premises of the University.
- xv) Intimidating, assaulting, harassing or molesting any student (male/female) within the premises of the University campus.
- xvi) Taking unauthorized pictures or making unauthorized movie of students in the class rooms, functions, conference, seminar, university bus/vehicle or any kind of official function of the University.
- xvii) Use of filthy and abusive language, undesirable remarks or gestures, fighting or quarreling with fellow students.
- xviii) Indulging in any criminal, unethical, immoral and ignominious act within the University premises.
- xix) Committing or involvement in any act of deceit, fraud, forgery with University students, staff or teaching faculty.
- xx) Violating the University students' code of conduct; including undertaking/agreement submitted by the student at the time of admission.

The Chairpersons/ Directors/ Deans/Provost/COE/TO/CSO/Librarian of University shall refer the indisciplinary and prohibited act within their departments/ faculty/ sections to the Disciplinary Committee of the University through the Registrar.

4.4 Penalties and Punishments:

The Discipline Committee shall have the powers to impose following penalties and punishments on ground of breaching the Students Code of Conduct or committing any offence mentioned in the indiscipline and prohibited acts:

a) Minor Penalties and Punishments:

- i) Counseling of the student (s).
- ii) Censure/ warning, but not more than two times.

- iii) Calling the parents/ guardians (elder brother, paternal or maternal uncles) of student to give undertaking/assurance that student would not resort to unlawful/indisciplinary acts in future.
- iv) Fine of Rs 2000 to Rs 10,000/- depending upon the nature of offence.
- v) Stopping the financial scholarship of any or all semesters.
- vi) Recovery of loss/ colossal damage to University moveable and immoveable property.
- vii) Exclusion from sports other extra-curricular activities.
- viii) Expulsion from hostel.
- ix) Withholding/stopping semester/exam result for indefinite period.
- x) Withholding DMC and Degree for an indefinite period.
- xi) Temporary suspension of admission and banning entrance into University.
- xii) Placing on probation (extendable) to improve the student conduct.

b) Major Penalties and Punishments:

- i) Rustication for one or up to four semesters on gross breach of University discipline. Transfer of credit hours or migration not allowed.
- ii) Termination/ cancellation of admission on gross breach of University discipline. Transfer of credit hours or migrations not allowed.
- iii) Banning for re-admission in University on gross breach of University discipline.
- iv) Lodging of FIR on gross breach of University discipline.

The Registrar Office shall communicate any minor or major penalty and punishment from the Discipline Committee to the office concerned of University for implementation. The penalty and punishment imposed upon the student shall also be intimated to the parents/ guardians of the students (s) concerned.

5. Initiation of Disciplinary Proceedings:

An indiscipline or prohibited act shall be reported to the Discipline Committee through the Department Chairperson, Dean of Faculty and Registrar without any delay. After receiving the matter from Department Chairperson and Dean Faculty, the Registrar will then forward the complaint to the Competent Authority, who shall refer the matter to the Discipline Committee through the In-charge/ Director Students 'Affairs, who is the Secretary of the Discipline Committee. The Competent Authority can take notice of disciplinary situation within the campus or outside the campus related to the discipline of the University, and then refer the matter to the Discipline Committee.

On the urgent matter, the Discipline Committee call/ convene its meeting immediately, however, in normal situation, the Discipline Committee shall deal the matter within a period not exceeding a time of two weeks. The Discipline Committee shall give an opportunity of hearing (in-person appearance) to the student (s) guilty of breaching University Code of Conduct and committing Indiscipline and Prohibited Act. The Secretary of Discipline Committee shall issue notices to the guilty student (s) for inperson appearance before the Discipline Committee. The decision of the Discipline Committee to impose penalty and punishment would be on the basis of opinion of the majority of members present in the meeting. The recommendations based on the proceedings of Discipline Committee shall be placed before the Competent Authority for approval and implementation.

6. Right to Appeal:

The student has the right to appeal to the Competent Authority against the minor or major penalty and punishment within 15 days of the decision of the Discipline Committee communicated to him/her. The Competent Authority can reject the appeal or refer it back to the Discipline Committee for consideration and review. The Discipline Committee shall call/convene its meeting for review of its decision within a month. The Discipline Committee, if necessary, can call the student for personal appearance while reviewing its previous decision. The Discipline Committee can reject the appeal, revise/lessen or abolish the penalty and punishment. However, the Competent Authority, after rejection of review appeal from Discipline Committee, can refer it to the Academic Council of University for further review and re-consideration. The decision of the Academic Council shall be final in this regard, which cannot be challenged/contested in any forum of the University except for the court of law.
