

POLICY ON MANDATORY DRUG TEST FOR NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS

Preamble

Taking into account that drug use often emboldens students to engage in activities that could lead to self-injury, loss of lives, destruction of properties, disturbance of peace and disruption of activities in the University, propagate cult activities, harass students, threaten teachers and the University administrators and generally engage in other unlawful or dubious activities.

Recognizing that the University already has in place a zero-tolerance policy on drug use which is contained in the University's Students Handbook, the violation of which is enforced as a social misconduct for which students who commit such misconduct are punished.

The University now finds it necessary to extend its zero-tolerance policy on drug use to newly admitted students, and thus states as follow:

1. Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of this policy are to:

- (a) Promote among newly admitted students the value the University attaches to academic community that is devoid of the deleterious effects of the use of drug and other psychotropic substances as defined in this Policy;
- (b) Discourage students upon registration from engaging in the use of drugs;
- (c) Minimize in the University incidence of lawlessness, commission of crimes, propagation and sustenance of unlawful associations and cult activities, destruction of lives and properties and disruption of activities in the University, which are often associated with drug abuse;
- (d) Encourage students to partake in academic and social activities with decorum and respect for one another and to teachers and university administrators, with a view to deploying their talents for full development of their capabilities in all respects.

2. Definition of Drug

For the purposes of this Policy:

“drug” or “psychotropic substances” include marijuana, opium (that is morphine, heroine, codeine, pentacozine), cocaine (COC), d-Amphetamine (AMP), benzodia-zepine (BZO); d-methamphetamine (MET).

3. Implementation of Policy

The University shall

- (a) Conduct drug tests on all newly admitted students to ascertain their drug-use status;

- (b) Publicize the Policy on the University website, especially on Admissions Office portal, Foundation Programme portal and in some of the national dailies, in order to sensitize parents and students applying for admissions into any of the University programmes about the Policy on drug use;
- (c) Reserve the right to charge a fee for the drug test as part of the medical screening charge;
- (d) Communicate the results of the tests to students.

4. **Penalty for Testing Positive of Drug Use**

- (a) The university shall withdraw admissions of newly admitted students who test positive for drug use;
- (b) Withdrawal or forfeiture of admission for testing positive for drug use shall apply notwithstanding that the University conducts the test after registration.

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