

PENALTIES /SANCTIONS FOR DRUG-RELATED MISCONDUCT

At its meeting of Wednesday, September 26, 2018, the Senate approved the penalties/sanctions for drug-related misconduct as recommended by the Committee set up to consider an appeal from the Students Disciplinary Board for Review of Penalties stipulated for Drug-Related Misconduct. The penalties/sanctions for drug-related misconduct are indicated below:

N o	MISCONDUCT	SENATE APPROVED PENALTIES
1.	Student caught with drugs for the first (1 st) time and/or who tested positive for low amount of narcotics as stated in the University document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2-Semester Rustication ➤ Mandatory rehabilitation process as established by the University
2.	Student caught with drugs for the first (1 st) time and/or who tested positive for high amount and multiple narcotics with evidence of long history of use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 4-Semester Rustication ➤ Mandatory rehabilitation by NDLEA Office. ➤ Presentation of a clean bill from the University Medical Centre before re-absorption into the University. ➤ Mandatory undertaking of good behavior to be signed by Parent/Guardian/Sponsor.
3.	Students verified as inadvertent user of drugs by the University Medical Centre/Student Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shall not be processed to the Student Disciplinary Board but given appropriate treatment and 1counseling.
4.	Second time offenders caught with drugs for the second time and/or tested positive to drug for the second (2 nd) time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expulsion
5	Students found to be peddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Expulsion

In addition to the penalties/sanctions approved for drug related misconduct, the following additional approvals were granted by Senate for implementation:

- i. Students with the presence of high level of Vitamin C or diuretics such as Thiazides in their system, suggestive that they could be trying to flush or veil the presence of illicit substances, should be subjected to further toxicology tests;

- ii. The constitution of a taskforce that would work incognito with the NDLEA to identify, apprehend and prosecute peddlers of illicit substances on campus;
- iii. Substance abuse shall be handled in line with international best practices. A rehabilitation process which might not necessarily be funded by the University could be established. The University could also collaborate with existing rehabilitation centres run by Non-Governmental Organisations such as the Nigerian Red Cross Society;
- iv. A “holding point” rehabilitation centre shall be identified and located within the University Medical Centre which would be cost effective to students who seek help with drug abuse;
- v. The University should provide equipment that shall provide both qualitative and quantitative toxicology tests to detect any substance that could veil illicit drug use;
- vi. Periodic campaign/awareness to tackle drug abuse carried out by the Student Affairs Division in conjunction with relevant stakeholders should be intensified. There should be sensitization programmes through jingles, billboards and banners to dissuade students from drug abuse;
- vii. The names of offenders should be published as “social misconduct” and not as “drug related offence”. However, this list should be moderated by the University;
- viii. The UBA park should be lit up at night and security beefed up around Faculty of Environmental Sciences;
- ix. Students that voluntarily approach the University for help shall not be processed to the Student Disciplinary Board;
- x. Faculty parties/student end of the year parties and Hall week outside the University should be discouraged;
- xi. Toxicology test should be part of the prerequisite for registration for students who wish to reside in the hostels;
- xii. Students Medical Screening (SMS) should be mandatory and conducted annually;

- xiii. Lecturers should be humane and endeavour to counsel suspected drug abusers where possible, but should avoid being confrontational.
- xiv. Lecturers should be vigilant to identify violent suspected drug abusers and promptly report to the appropriate authority without the knowledge of the student(s);
- xv. The student populace should be informed to be vigilant and report anyone with unruly behaviour to the appropriate authority;
- xvi. The University should as a matter of urgency commence a ten-minute module on healthy living and social aspects of survival, drug use/addiction and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). The module should be introduced/taught by lecturers at the beginning of lectures from 100 level to 300 level of study.

In conclusion, Senate consented to the design and adoption of a robust psychoactive substance use policy for the University, in accordance with international best practice for students and staff.

7. Suspension and Rustication

- i. Rustication is as indicated on the Senate approved penalties of Academic/Social Misconduct.
- ii. A student is suspended following his or her failure to appear before a misconduct (academic/social) panel. **Suspension for 2 semesters is issued after which non-appearance leads to Expulsion.**

1. Re-Admission after Rustication

Re-admission is what a student having served out a rustication period applies for. A student who has served out his or her period of rustication (as sanction for academic or social misconduct) needs to apply for re-admission into the University.

Procedure:

- i. The application for re-admission is made to the Director, Academic Affairs by the student at the end of his or her rustication period.
- ii. For academic misconduct, a re-admission letter is issued by the Head, Examinations Unit.
- iii. However, for social misconduct, the Director must be satisfied that the student is repentant before he or she can be re-admitted. Thereafter, a letter of re-admission is issued to the student.

2. Policy on Change of Name

At the meeting of Provost and Deans held on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, modalities to address requests that emanate from students for change of name was discussed. It was decided that for a request for name change to be considered, the following criteria must be adhered to:

- a. Request should only be for surname
- b. The change of name must have predated the application for admission at either undergraduate or postgraduate level,
- c. Production of sworn affidavit and newspaper publications, and
- d. The date of birth and other names must be consistent.

All recommendations for change of name should be forwarded to the Registrar for approval before the change is implemented. Similarly, all other applications by current students for name change should not be entertained except on reasons of marriage, with other names being consistent.

3. Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar is uploaded on University website at the commencement of every session. Staff and students are encouraged to download from there.

4. Certification

On completion of academic programmes, certificates of graduates are available for collection on the Convocation day after due clearance procedures are completed. The Clearance Form for Collection of Certificate is available on the University website: www.unilag.edu.ng (Please Turn Over for a copy of the Clearance Form):

Senate Approved Date: September 26, 2018