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The Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University is an institution where knowledge is imparted; innovations are encouraged; and students are enabled to serve the country and lead a disciplined and positive life. These rules are, therefore, made under **Section 23 (r), Section 32 (1) and Section 32 (2)** of the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Regulation 2009 to have an orderly and congenial atmosphere in the university and likewise, realize a peaceful and productive academic environment on the campus.

Bye-Laws

1. Short Title and Commencement

- a. These Rules shall be called Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University *Students' Code of Conduct and Discipline rules 2018*
- b. These shall come into force from the date of approval by the Syndicate.
- c. These shall apply to all students admitted in teaching departments at all levels.

2. Definitions

These Rules, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them;

- a. **University** means Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University
- b. **Vice Chancellor** means Vice Chancellor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University
- c. **Student(s)** mean(s) student(s) admitted in different programs at the teaching departments of the university.
- d. **Discipline Committee** means a committee constituted under section 14 of the schedule appended with Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Regulation 2009.

All other terms and expressions shall have the same meanings assigned to them under the University Regulation 2009 or as explained in these Rules.

3. Students' Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct shall be adhered to by every student

- a. Truthfulness and honesty
- b. Respect of elders and politeness to all, especially to women, children, and needy persons
- c. Respect for all employees and students of the University
- d. Observance of religious duties, conscience, customs, and traditions
- e. Observing manners and etiquettes with integrity
- f. Devotion to studies and co-curricular activities
- g. Protection of the University or individuals' property
- h. Observance of University bye-laws, rules and regulations and laws of the State
- i. Non-indulgence in political activities; and
- j. Refraining from unethical or immoral activities

4. Prohibited Acts and Penalties/authorities thereof

- a. Indulgence in anything, which is repugnant to the honor and prestige of Pakistan in any way (Expulsion, Discipline Committee)
- b. Smoking in the classrooms, laboratories, library, work places, examination hall, auditorium, offices and during academic function, in short inside the University (Fine: minimum Rs.1000/- & maximum Rs. 5000/-, Chief Proctor)
- c. Consumption of alcoholic drinks or other intoxicating drugs within the University or during sports, cultural tours, survey camps or entering such places or attending any such tours or camps while under the influence of intoxicants (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- d. Organizing or taking part in any function on the campus or organization of any club or society of students without permission (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee)

- e. Indulgence in political activities, receiving or raising or collecting money for or on behalf of any organization or political party (Expulsion and/or fine up to Rs. 30,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- f. Collecting money or receiving funds or pecuniary assistance for or on behalf of the University, without the written permission of the person authorized in this behalf (Fine up to Rs. 5000/-, Discipline Committee)
- g. Staging, inciting or participation in or abetting any walk-out, strike or other form of agitation against the University, or its teachers, officers or authorities; inciting any one to violence, disruption of the peaceful atmosphere in any way, making inflammatory speeches or gestures which may cause resentment, issuing of pamphlets or cartoons, casting aspersion on the teachers or staff or authorities/bodies, or doing anything in anyway likely to promote rift and hatred among the students, issuing statements in the press, electronic media or social media and making accusations or lowering the prestige of the University (Expulsion and/or rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 50,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- h. Playing music in classroom/examination hall/laboratory/library/any other part of the University (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs.10,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- i. Secret and unauthorized audio/video recording or photography (Expulsion and/or rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 100,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- j. Misbehavior with any student or proctor or teacher or employee or person in authority (Expulsion and/or rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 100,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- k. Wearing political cap, scarf or displaying political banner or sticker (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee)
- l. Non-payment of fees, fines, or other dues payable under the laid down rules and regulations (Fine up to three times of the prescribed fee, Discipline Committee)
- m. Using indecent language, wearing immodest dress, making indecent remarks or gestures, or behaving in a disorderly manner; committing any criminal, immoral or dishonorable act (whether committed within the university or outside), or any act, which is prejudicial to the interest of the University; shall be liable to punishment for such acts as specified (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee or Chief Proctor or Provost)
- n. Non-observance of lawful orders of a teacher or other person in authority (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee)

- o. Continuous negligence of work or remaining absent from classroom without valid reason (Rustication and/or fine up to Rs. 10,000/-, Discipline Committee)

5. Offices of Students' Affairs

Office of the Chief Proctor and Office of the Provost or any other office/employee authorized by the Vice Chancellor shall be responsible for the implementation of these Rules.

6. Discipline Committee

There shall be a student Discipline Committee as prescribed under the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Regulation 2009. It shall have the powers and functions as prescribed. The Discipline Committee may delegate any of its powers in writing to an office of the University for smooth functioning. When a case against a student is referred to the students' Discipline committee, it may, if it deems fit, suspend the student from classes till the finalization of the case.

7. Appellate Committee

There shall be an appellate committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor on recommendation of the Provost which shall have the powers to review the decisions of the Discipline Committee against which the appeals are lodged through the Provost. The committee shall ensure that these Rules have been implemented in true spirit and wherever some violation etc has been made it can review the decisions in light of the provisions.

8. Procedure in Case of Breach of Discipline

A teacher, staff member or Officer, in whose presence or in relation to whom an act of indiscipline has been committed, or who comes to know about such an act, may deal with the case himself/herself, or, if in his/her view, the case is one which can be more appropriately dealt by another authority, or a penalty of greater magnitude than he/she is competent to impose, is called for in the case, he/she will refer the case to the Chief Proctor (secretary Discipline Committee) for appropriate action. A Show Cause notice may be served upon a

student, prior to an action, who has violated any of the regulations specified in section 2 in order to provide him/her a reasonable opportunity to present his/her point of view.

9. Rustication and Expulsion

a. Rustication

- I. This penalty, when imposed on a student, will always mean the loss of one/two semesters in so far as attending classes and appearance in the University examinations is concerned.
- II. The name of rusticated student will be struck off the rolls and no refund of fees/dues paid shall be permissible.

b. Expulsion

- I. The recommendation regarding expulsion of a student shall be made by Discipline Committee for approval of the Vice Chancellor.
- II. The name of the expelled student shall immediately be removed from the rolls.
- III. A student expelled shall not be re-admitted to the University.
- IV. Cases of expulsion will be registered in the University records and announced to all departments/institutions of the university as well as to other universities in the country

c. Authority to withdraw rustication before expiry of period

The authority, which has the power to rusticate, shall also be competent to withdraw the said order before its expiry.

d. Defense by an expelled student

A student expelled from the University may be given a chance within three days of the decision of the appellate committee to put a review appeal to the vice chancellor through the Provost who may dispose the appeal off or may refer the same to the joint meeting of the appellate and Discipline Committee for review and appropriate recommendation to the Vice Chancellor thereof.

e. Appeals

The student will file an appeal against the penalty of rustication/expulsion with the Chief Proctor office within 15 days of announcement of the punishment (decision of Discipline Committee/Vice Chancellor).

- I. Appeal against the punishment of cancellation of admission, rustication or expulsion shall be laid before the Appellate Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor. The Committee will forward its recommendations to the Vice Chancellor in case of expulsion and decide thereon rustication or fine.
- II. No appeal shall lie against the decision of an authority imposing a penalty, other than cancelation of admission, rustication or expulsion, except on the ground that such authority has imposed a penalty, to which it was not competent to impose.
- III. An appeal on the ground that an authority has imposed a penalty that it was not competent to impose shall lie with the body or person of higher authority than the one who has imposed the penalty.

f. Compensation for Loss

The Head of the Department/Institution or any teacher or officer to whom the Vice Chancellor may delegate the powers, may instruct a student to pay compensation for any loss or damage of property belonging to the University or to a fellow student or to an employee.

10. Repeal and Saving

Subsequent to the approval of these Rules for students' conduct and discipline at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University all existing rules and bye-laws pertaining to conduct of students at any Department/College/Institute/Centre of the university shall stand repealed. However, the actions taken under the existing rules/bye-laws shall stand.