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In compliance of the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, the University has constituted the following University Academic Integrity Panel (UAIP):

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| a. Chairperson nominated by the Vice Chancellor | Prof S.K. Jain,
Vice Principal-TMMCRC |
| b. One senior academician from University nominated by the Vice Chancellor | Prof Anurag Verma
Principal-Pharmacy |
| c. One External member to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor | Prof Harsh Dwivedi
Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer |
| d. One member well versed with anti-plagiarism tools, nominated by the Vice Chancellor | Dr Pradeep Agarwal
Controller of Examinations, TMU |

The tenure of the Committee members including the Chairperson, shall be three years from the date of this notification. The quorum for the meetings shall be 3 out of 4 members including the Chairperson.

A. Functions:

- The UAIP shall consider the recommendations of College level AIP.
- The UAIP shall also investigate cases of plagiarism as per the provisions mentioned in the regulations.
- The UAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff of University.
- The UAIP shall have the power to review the recommendations of College level AIP including penalties with due justification.
- The UAIP shall send the report after investigation and the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the Vice Chancellor through Registrar within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of recommendation of College level AIP/complaint / initiation of the proceedings.
- The UAIP shall provide a copy of the report to the person(s) against whom inquiry report is submitted.

B. Penalties:

Penalties in the cases of plagiarism shall be imposed on students pursuing studies at the level of Masters and Research programs and on researcher, faculty & staff of the HEI only after academic misconduct on the part of the individual has been established without doubt, when all avenues of appeal have been exhausted and individual in question has been provided enough opportunity to defend himself or herself in a fair or transparent manner.

B.1 Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis and dissertations

University Academic Integrity Panel (UAIP) shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism.

- i. **Level 0:** Similarities upto 10% - Minor Similarities, no penalty.
- ii. **Level 1:** Similarities above 10% to 40% - Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
- iii. **Level 2:** Similarities above 40% to 60% - Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
- iv. **Level 3:** Similarities above 60% -Such student registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism- Such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree/credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the UAIP and approved by the Vice Chancellor.

B.2 Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

- I. **Level 0:** Similarities up to 10% - Minor similarities, no penalty.
- II. **Level 1:** Similarities above 10% to 40% ; Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- III. **Level 2:** Similarities above 40% to 60%
- i) Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
 - ii) Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
 - iii) Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of two years.
- IV. **Level 3:** Similarities above 60%
- i) Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
 - ii) Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.
 - iii) Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative. In case level 3 offence is repeated then the disciplinary action including suspension/termination as per service rules shall be taken by the University.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the benefit or credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of benefit or credit obtained as the case may be then his/her benefit or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by UAIP and approved by the Vice Chancellor.

C. College Academic Integrity Panel (CAIP):

All colleges shall notify a CAIP whose composition shall be:

- Chairperson Principal of the concerned College
- Senior Academician outside the College but from the University to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor as the member
- One member well versed with the anti-plagiarism tools.

Note:

- i. The Chairperson of UAIP and CAIP cannot be the same.
- ii. The term of members at sr. no. b & c shall be two years.

Functions of CAIP:

- i. The CAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff.
- ii. The CAIP shall have the power to assess the level of plagiarism and recommend penalty(ies) accordingly.
- iii. The CAIP after investigation shall submit its report with the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the UAIP within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of complaint / initiation of the proceedings.

This is issued with the approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.



Dr. Aditya Sharma
(Registrar)

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4. Associate Dean (Academics)
5. Controller of Examinations
6. Principals of all Colleges
7. Members as above

