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GUIDELINES ON BANNING RAGGING AND ANTI RAGGING MEASURES

(This Policy is made in accordance with section 8 (iii) of the Regulation on Directorate of Student Affairs)

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(Under Section 8 (iii) of the Presidency University Regulation on Directorate of
Student Affairs)

1. PREAMBLE/BACKGROUND

Ragging is a cognizable offence and Presidency University will take strict action against offenders. The University ensures that no ragging takes place by instituting stringent anti ragging measures and provisions for strict punishments to defaulters.

2. SHORT TITLE AND APPLICATION

2.1. This document shall be called the “Presidency University Guidelines on Banning Ragging and Anti Ragging Measures”.

2.2. This shall come into effect from the date of approval by the Academic Council of Presidency University and ratified by appropriate higher bodies, if need be.

3. EXTENT AND APPLICABILITY

3.1. These guidelines shall apply to individual Students, Student Groups, and Student Organizations;

3.2. The conduct of students both on and off campus shall be governed by these guidelines. Students and recognized student organizations are expected to follow all applicable policies in provided in the University documents and publications;

3.3. These guidelines shall apply at all locations of the University including hostels and university transport, university-sponsored events, and events sponsored by recognized student organizations;

3.4. This is also applicable to actions and behaviors of students and recognized student organizations that are exhibited directly or otherwise, either in person and/or through use of any electronic medium.

3.5. Applicability of these guidelines regarding student behavior:

- i. occurring in any University facility or on any University property (including Hostels and University Transport);
- ii. occurring in connection with any University sponsored, recognized, or approved program, visit, or activity;
- iii. that adversely affects the University’s pursuit of its mission or policies; or
- iv. that otherwise threatens the health or safety of any member of the University Community.

4. ANTI-RAGGING MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UNIVERSITY

Pursuant to the directives of the Honourable Supreme Court of India and in accordance with the UGC Regulation, on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, and section 116 of Karnataka Education Act, the University has constituted the Anti-Ragging Committee and Anti-Ragging Squads for overseeing the strict and meticulous implementation of all the directives. The names of members of the anti-ragging committee and anti-ragging squads along with their mobile numbers are being displayed for the benefit of the students, especially the newly admitted students.

- a) The University educates the students enrolled for various programs, at the beginning of each academic year, about the Anti-Ragging Policy and Zero-Tolerance for ragging at the University.
- b) Each student, as well as his/her Parents/Guardian, are mandatorily required to submit online separate undertakings in the form of an official declaration at the time of admission by clicking on <http://www.antiragging.in> to the effect that they are aware of the prohibition of ragging & the punishment prescribed both by the penal laws and these regulations. All students must submit Acknowledgement Number to their Class Coordinator.
- c) Anti-ragging hoardings, banners and billboards are displayed at prominent places in the University campus, including hostels, canteens, messes, cafeterias, buses, playgrounds, lawns, labs, etc.
- d) Surprise checks of hostels/canteens/cafeteria/bus stop are carried out regularly. A close and regular liaison is maintained with the local police to guard against any instance of ragging.
- e) An FIR will be lodged in the Police Station on all reported ragging cases. Daily briefing for the new students is carried out by Counselors and Coordinators.
- f) An Anti-Ragging Committee of the students is also formed. In case any student encounters ragging by any of the senior students, he/she is immediately required to contact the members of the anti-ragging committee, who will take immediate corrective action and necessary proceedings will be initiated against the culprits engaged in ragging activities.

5. DEFINITION OF RAGGING

The University considers the definition of ragging as per UGC's "Curbing the menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions (third amendment), Regulations, 2016" which states that:

"Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins,

linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.”

According to the UGC Regulation on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Institutions, 2009, ragging constitutes one or more of any of the following acts:

- i. Any conduct by any student or students whether by words spoken or written or by an act which has the effect of teasing, treating or handling with rudeness a fresher or any other student.
- ii. Indulging in rowdy or undisciplined activities by any student or students which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, hardship, physical or psychological harm or to raise fear or apprehension thereof in any fresher or any other student.
- iii. Asking any student to do any act which such student will not in the ordinary course do and which has the effect of causing or generating a sense of shame, or torment or embarrassment so as to adversely affect the physique or psyche of such fresher or any other student.
- iv. Any act by a senior student that prevents, disrupts or disturbs the regular academic activity of any other student or a fresher.
- v. Exploiting the services of a fresher or any other student for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual or a group of students.
- vi. Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on a fresher or any other student by students.
- vii. Any act of physical abuse including all variants of it: sexual abuse, homosexual assaults, stripping, forcing obscene and lewd acts, gestures, causing bodily harm or any other danger to health or person.
- viii. Any act or abuse by spoken words, emails, post, public insults which would also include deriving perverted pleasure, vicarious or sadistic thrill from actively or passively participating in the discomfiture to fresher or any other student.
- ix. Any act of physical or mental abuse (including bullying and exclusion) targeted at another student (fresher or otherwise) on the ground of colour, race, religion, caste, ethnicity, gender (including transgender), sexual orientation, appearance, nationality, regional origins, linguistic identity, place of birth, place of residence or economic background.

6. PROHIBITION OF RAGGING

- i. Ragging within the University Campus including its Institutions / Departments and Hostels is strictly prohibited.
- ii. Ragging in any form is prohibited also in the private lodges/buildings where these University students are staying.
- iii. Ragging in any form is prohibited in Hostel, Mess, Canteen, Cafeteria & Transport (University provided & privately arranged).
- iv. No person including students / staff / faculty shall participate or abet or propagate ragging in any form

7. PUNISHMENT FOR RAGGING

- i. Lodging FIR against offender.
- ii. Filing a case at the jurisdictional court of law which may lead to rigorous Imprisonment for up to 3 years
- iii. Fine up to Rs. 2, 50,000/-. (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
- iv. Expulsion from Presidency University and consequent debarring from admission to any other academic institution in the country.

8. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Anti-Ragging Committee

- i. University shall form an “Anti-Ragging Committee” headed by the Chairperson, appointed by the Vice Chancellor. It will comprise of selected faculty members, parents, students from the fresher’s category as well as seniors and selected non-teaching staff.
- ii. This Committee will be fully and totally responsible to ensure that no incidence of ragging as given in this regulation takes place and will also monitor and ensure that the instructions of this regulation are followed fully at all times.
- iii. The Committee will also maintain alert vigil at all times and ensure that the Anti-Ragging Squads of the Institution carry out their functions properly

8.2. Anti-Ragging Squads

- i. The Chairperson of Anti Ragging Committee will constitute a number of Anti-Ragging Squads. The number of squads will be based on the number of blocks / floors and strength of the students so that the Anti-Ragging Measures can be effectively implemented.
- ii. Anti-Ragging Squads will comprise of senior faculty members and responsible representatives of senior students and freshers. Its function will include going around / patrolling the Department and the Campus common areas, maintain vigil at all times on all days by rotation as decided by Dean (Student Affairs) & Chief Proctor, Director/Deputy Director/Programme Coordinator and act if they notice any incidence of ragging in their Department or any other Department or in the Campus premises.
- iii. The Squads will also have the responsibility to investigate incidences of ragging and to report to the Anti-Ragging Committee for immediate action / punishment wherever required.
- iv. Director/Deputy Director/Programme Coordinator/Proctor will forward the names of Faculty & Staff Members nominated in Anti-Ragging Squads to the University Anti-Ragging Monitoring Cell.
- v. On the report of Anti-ragging Squad or any other person who witnesses the

incidence of ragging or on the complaint of any fresher student, immediate action will be taken by the Anti -Ragging Committee to decide appropriate punishment from the list of punishments in the Regulation and award it with intimation to the University Administration.

9. ACTION PROCEDURE

- i. Anti-Ragging Squads will immediately report any incidence of ragging or abetment of ragging noticed by them to the Chief Proctor/Secretary Anti-Ragging Committee.
- ii. Chief Proctor/Secretary of the Anti-Ragging Committee will take immediate action as per the situation which may include:
 - Recommendation of Immediate suspension of involved students
 - Sending reinforcements and/or any medical help if required.
 - Forward the main gist / report of incident to the Chairperson of Anti-Ragging Committee.
- iii. The Anti-Ragging Committee will examine the report and recommend appropriate punishment through the Directorate of Student Affairs with intimation to the Vice Chancellor.

10. AMENDMENTS

This guideline will be reviewed periodically to rectify anomalies, if any, and to incorporate feedback received from the stakeholders, impact analysis and deliberations of the Focus Group, constituted by the Vice Chancellor.