



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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POLICY ON CULTURAL AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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1. PREAMBLE

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has emphasized on the promotion of Cultural, and Extracurricular activities for the overall development of the learner. In line with this, the Extracurricular, and Cultural Activities Policy aims to create an enriching and inclusive environment at Presidency University. By providing robust support, infrastructure, and opportunities for sports, extracurricular, and cultural activities, PU seeks to enhance the overall educational experience, nurture talent, and promote holistic development amongst its students. Through these activities, the University aims to cultivate leadership skills, foster a sense of community harmony and celebrate the diverse talents and cultural heritage of our nation through the talent expose.

Presidency University believes that participation in Extracurricular and Cultural activities can enhance learning while offering a base for students to express themselves and explore their strengths. Participation in cultural programs and extra-curricular activities is an outlet for one's emotional expression and is a social interaction and a source of inspiration and development of self-confidence.

Presidency University is committed to ensuring the successful implementation of this policy and expects to witness the growth, achievements, and fulfillment of students' ambitions through their participation in Extracurricular, and Cultural activities.

2. SHORT TITLE & COMMENCEMENT

2.1 This Policy shall be called the “**Policy on Cultural and Extra-Curricular Activities**”.

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

3. EXTENT AND APPLICABILITY

3.1. This Policy shall apply to all students of the University.

3.2. To achieve the objectives of this Policy, all students and faculty are responsible for coordinating extra-curricular and cultural activities to adhere to this Policy.

4. SCOPE

This Policy aims to establish guidelines and procedures for promoting and supporting Extracurricular, and Cultural activities within the University. The policy seeks to foster a well-rounded educational experience by encouraging student participation, developing talent, promoting physical and psychological well-being, and nurturing cultural diversity and creativity.

5. OBJECTIVES

- i. **Promote Cultural Harmony:** Facilitate interactions between diverse cultures, promote cultural exchanges, and celebrate diversity to foster an inclusive and

- harmonious environment within the institution and the community
- ii. **Cultural Exchange Initiatives:** Establish platforms for cultural exchange and understanding within the institution and the community. Organize cultural festivals, events, and exhibitions to showcase the diversity of the community and encourage dialogue and appreciation among different cultures.

6. DEFINITIONS

In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

- i. "Act" means the Karnataka Act No. 41 of 2013 and the Presidency University Act 2013.
- ii. "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University.
- iii. "Board of Management" means the Board of Management of the University
- iv. "Sponsoring Body" means the A.H. Memorial Education Trust, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- v. "Sports and Cultural Committee" means the Sports and Cultural Committee of the University.
- vi. "University" means the Presidency University, Itgalpur, Rajanakunte, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, Karnataka (hereinafter referred to as the University)
- ix. "Vice Chancellor" means the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act.

7. SPORTS AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE:

7.1. The Sports & Cultural Committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.

7.2. The main objective of the Sports & Cultural Committee shall be to focus on the cultural, and extracurricular activities either being organized within the campus or outside the campus.

7.3. The Sports and Cultural Committee shall constitute of

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| i. | Dean (Student Affairs) | Chairman |
| ii. | One Faculty
[nominated by the Dean of the Faculty] | Member |
| iii. | Student Representatives from each
School nominated by the Dean | Member(s) |
| iv. | Assistant Dean (Student Affairs) | Member Secretary |

7.4. The functions and responsibilities of Cultural Committee shall be:

- i. To create zeal amongst students and faculty towards extracurricular and cultural activities.
- ii. To promote team spirit by organizing healthy competitions in the field of extracurricular and cultural activities.
- iii. To organize and guidance for cultural and extracurricular activities.
- iv. To provide the necessary infrastructure required to organize extracurricular and

cultural activities.

- v. To maintain the necessary accessories required for such activities.
- vi. To liaise with the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for cultural competitions.
- vii. To prepare a budget for organizing extracurricular and cultural activities.
- viii. To maintain discipline and to create rules for the attendance of students participating in student activities within and outside the University.
- ix. To promote various student clubs and create a calendar of the activities to be organized by such clubs.
- x. To maintain records of events organized, either within the institution and to maintain records of the student's activities in which they have excelled in competitions either within or outside the University.
- xi. To prepare an annual report based on:
 - a) Number of events participated by the students;
 - b) Number of events conducted;
 - c) Expenses incurred; and
 - d) Distinction and awards won by the Students/Faculty Members

8. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

In order to promote Extracurricular activities, the University shall:

- i. Encourage students to explore and develop their non-academic interests and talents.
- ii. Provide a platform for creative expression, leadership development, and personal growth.
- iii. Foster a vibrant campus culture and community spirit.

9. STUDENT CLUB AND SOCIETIES:

Student Clubs and Societies play an important role in promoting Sports and Extra-Curricular activities. Therefore, the University shall:

- i. Support a wide range of student clubs and societies encompassing diverse interests such as music, drama, literature, debate, photography, and more.
- ii. Students shall have the freedom to establish new clubs, subject to reasonable guidelines and approval processes.
- iii. The University shall ensure that these clubs promote community development and that students participate in extension activities.
- iv. Adequate funding, facilities, and resources shall be provided to student clubs and societies.

10. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:

The Objectives are to:

- i. Celebrate the rich cultural heritage of India and other diverse cultures.
- ii. Promote cultural awareness, understanding, and harmony among students.
- iii. Provide platforms for students to showcase their cultural talents and creativity.

11. GUEST ARTISTS AND WORKSHOPS:

The University shall invite renowned artists, performers, and experts to conduct workshops, lectures, and masterclasses, enriching students' cultural experiences and providing learning opportunities.

12. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation responsibility of this Policy rests with the following:

- i. Department of Student Affairs/Welfare, in coordination with designated departments and committees
- ii. Faculty Members, Staff, and Student representatives shall actively contribute to the planning and execution of Extracurricular and Cultural Activities.

13. AMENDMENTS

This Policy shall be reviewed periodically to rectify anomalies, (if any), and to incorporate feedback received from the stakeholders through impact analysis, and deliberations of the Focus Group, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor.