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Effective Date: 25/05/2023

Approved By: University Council

Review Date: Not later than 3 years

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the principles of academic honesty, promote a culture of trust and respect, and ensure that the academic work produced by students, faculty, and staff is a true reflection of their own efforts. This policy outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and procedures for maintaining academic integrity across all programs and disciplines at the University.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, faculty, researchers, and staff of D. Y. Patil Education Society (Deemed to be University), Kolhapur. It covers all academic work, research outputs, examinations, assessments, projects, and publications.

3. Definition of Academic Integrity

Academic integrity involves:

- **Honesty:** Presenting original work, ideas, and research findings without fabrication or distortion.
 - **Trust:** Upholding the confidence of academic communities by citing and accrediting sources accurately.
 - **Fairness:** Engaging in assessments and evaluations in a manner that is unbiased and equitable.
 - **Respect:** Acknowledging the contributions of others, including their ideas, work, and intellectual property.
 - **Responsibility:** Being accountable for one's own learning, conduct, and adherence to academic standards.
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4. Expected Standards of Conduct

- **Originality:** Students and academic staff must submit work that is solely their own, and any assistance received must be properly acknowledged.
 - **Citation and Referencing:** All sources, ideas, and direct quotations must be cited accurately according to the prescribed referencing style.
 - **Examination Conduct:** Students must not engage in any form of cheating, copying, or unfair collaboration during examinations.
 - **Collaboration:** Where collaborative work is permitted, contributions must be clearly identified, and work must be the result of genuine joint effort.
 - **Research Integrity:** Research activities must adhere to ethical standards, including the accurate reporting of data and findings, and the respect for participant rights.
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5. Violations

Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to:

- **Plagiarism:** Submitting work (in whole or in part) that is not the original creation without proper acknowledgment.
- **Cheating:** Unauthorized use of materials, copying during assessments, or sharing exam content.
- **Fabrication:** Making up or altering data or results.
- **Collusion:** Unauthorized collaboration or using another individual's work as one's own.
- **Impersonation:** Falsely representing oneself or someone else in academic submissions or assessments.

Any form of violation will be treated seriously and may result in disciplinary action, which can include failing grades, suspension, or expulsion, in accordance with the University's disciplinary regulations.

6. Responsibilities

Students:

- Uphold the highest standards of academic conduct.
- Familiarize themselves with and adhere to the University's policies on academic integrity.
- Report any suspected breaches of academic integrity to the appropriate authorities.

Faculty and Staff:

- Model ethical academic behavior and enforce the policy within the classroom and research settings.
- Use appropriate tools and techniques (e.g., plagiarism detection software) to monitor compliance.
- Provide clear instructions regarding acceptable academic practices and collaboration.

Administration:

- Ensure this policy is disseminated and understood throughout the University.
- Establish a fair and transparent system for handling academic integrity violations.
- Provide training and support to both faculty and students about academic integrity standards.

7. Procedures for Handling Violations

- **Reporting:** Alleged breaches of academic integrity should be reported to the appropriate department head or the Academic Integrity Committee.
- **Investigation:** Reported cases will be investigated promptly and fairly, ensuring confidentiality for all parties involved.
- **Hearing and Sanctioning:** A formal hearing will be arranged where evidence is reviewed. Sanctions will be decided based on the severity of the violation and in accordance with established disciplinary procedures.
- **Appeals:** Affected individuals have the right to appeal decisions as per the University's grievance redressal mechanism.

8. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years or sooner if required by changes in academic regulations or institutional priorities. All members of the University community are encouraged to provide feedback on the policy to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

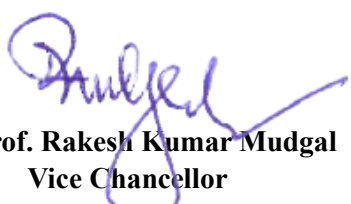
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