

Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct (2<sup>nd</sup> Issue), B.E. 2563 (2020)

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Whereas it is deemed appropriate to revise the Mahidol University Regulation to make it more suitable and equitable,

By virtue of Section 24(2) of Mahidol University Act B.E. 2550 (2007), the Mahidol University Council, at its 561<sup>st</sup> meeting on 21 October 2021, hereby issued the following regulations.

Clause 1 This regulation is referred to as "Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct B.E. 2563 (2018)."

Clause 2 This regulation shall come into force on the date after the announcement date onwards.

Clause 3 The following statement shall be added as Paragraph 2 of Clause 5 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct B.E. 2561 (2018)

"The President shall be authorized to issue an announcement to impose guidelines for disciplinary actions and disciplinary procedures as advised by Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee"

Clause 4 The statement in (4) of Clause 8 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be cancelled, and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"(9) Cheating on an examination or evaluation of the University's academic performance or plagiarism of a thesis or an independent study"

Clause 5 The statement in Clause 10 of Mahidol University Act on Student Code of Conduct shall be cancelled and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 10 In the case that any student who commits a minor offence and there are grounds to waive the penalty, the Head of Working Unit shall consider waiving the penalty by giving verbal warning without designating an investigation committee and may consider adopting Clause 13".

Clause 6 The statement in Clause 11 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student code of Conduct B.E. 2561 (2018), the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 11 In the case that any student commits a disciplinary offense that is not a serious one, the Head of Working Unit or the President shall be authorized to order the penalty under Clause 9(1) or (2).

In the case that any student who commits a serious disciplinary offense, the President shall be authorized to issue the penalties order under Clause 9(3), (4), (5) or (6).

The type and degree of penalties shall be considered according to severity in the circumstances and consequences of the offense.

To order the penalties under Clause 9(3) and (4), the President may authorize the Head of Working Unit to give an order instead and report to the President for acknowledgement."

Clause 7 The statement in Clause 12 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct shall be cancelled and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 12 To consider punishing a disciplinary offender, the offender's history, conduct, state of mind and environment, or the offense condition and other virtuous grounds shall be taken into account.

When the grounds for remission are found, the person who is authorized to order the penalty will issue an order of penalty less than what has been prescribed for that offense and may require the punished student to enter a self-development program or perform public service or work for an agency to provide opportunities for selfimprovement within a specified period of time. The grounds for remission are as follows: the offender has a mental problem; has done good deeds; feels guilty and tries to mitigate consequences of guilt; makes an apology to the University or the victim; gives facts to the University that is of benefit to the trial or other similar grounds considered by the University.

Cheating in examinations or evaluation of academic performance of the University, or plagiarism of theses or independent studies under Clause 8(9) are prohibited to apply grounds for remission. Except that at least two-thirds of the Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee who attend the meeting resolve to seek remission."

Clause 8 The statement in Clause 19 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct, B.E. 2561 (2018), and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 19 The Investigation Committee shall consider whether the accused student committed a disciplinary offense or not. If the student did, what type of disciplinary offenses he/she committed and how he/she should be punished. In addition, the grounds under Clause 12 shall be taken into account, and a report of investigation shall be prepared in writing to submit to the person who appoints the committee.

In case the Investigation Committee has considered that the student committed a disciplinary offense, the Committee shall submit the investigation results to the person who appoints the committee to put forward to the authorized person who issues the penalty order for further consideration of penalties.Except for the case that the Investigation Committee has considered that the student committed a serious disciplinary breach, and the Committee proposes the penalties under Clause 9(3), (4), (5) and (6), the Investigation Committee shall submit the investigation results to the Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee for consideration and propose the resolution to the President for further consideration of penalties.

In case the Investigation Committee has considered that the student did not commit a disciplinary breach, the Committee shall report the investigation results to the person who appoints the committee before he/she shall consider and order to terminate the case then notify the accused student as soon as possible." Clause 9 The statement in Clause 20 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be cancelled.

Clause 10 The statement in Clause 21 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be cancelled, and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 21 For the penalty orders under 9(1) and (2), the authorized person who issues the penalty order shall prepare them in writing, but in case of the penalty orders under Clause 9(3), (4), (5) and (6), the authorized person who issues the penalty order shall prepare them by issuing the University Orders.

After issuing the order of punishment, the rights to appeal under Clause 27 and Clause 28 shall be notified to the students, and in case of underage students, their parents or guardians shall also be notified of the penalties."

Clause 11 The following statement shall be added as chapter 3/1 Committee for Student Ethics and Code of Conduct Clause 22/1 to Clause 22/3 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct, B.E. 2561 (2018)

## Chapter 3/1

## **Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee**

Clause 22/1 The President shall designate a committee called Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee comprising

- (1) Vice President assigned by the President as Chairperson
- (2) An external expert as Committee Member
- (3) Three Working Unit Heads elected by the University Committee as Committee Members
- (4) A legal officer from Division of Legal Affairs as Secretary The President may appoint an assistant secretary.

Clause 22/2 The Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee has the following duties.

(1) Considering and screening the report on investigation results of disciplinary offenses proposed the punishments under Clause 9(3), (4), (5) and (6), and

giving opinions to the President for consideration of ordering disciplinary penalties

- (2) Suggesting additional amendments of the regulation or prescribing guidelines for disciplinary actions and disciplinary procedures
- (3) Other duties assigned by the President

Clause 22/3 The Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee has a term of office in accordance with the term of the President who orders the appointment, and if the President vacates office, the Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee shall also do the same.

In case the Student Ethics and Disciplinary Committee vacates office under Paragraph one, and a new committee has not been appointed, the same committee members shall continue to perform their duties until a new committee is appointed.

Clause 12 The statement in Clause 37 of Mahidol University Regulation on Student Code of Conduct, B.E. 2561 (2018) shall be cancelled, and the following statement shall be applied instead.

"Clause 37 When the Appeal Committee has passed a resolution under Clause 36, the Chairperson shall notify the University Council, the appellant for acknowledgement and notify the person who issues the penalty order to promptly proceed with the decision of the Appeal committee."

"In case the student is not of the legal age, the parents or the guardian of the student shall also be notified."

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