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Policy on Anti Ragging

Purpose and scope of responsibilities:

Ragging is a menace pervading the educational institutions of the country. BML Munjal University (BMU) believes in inculcating discipline and social integration among its students. In furtherance of this objective and with the aim of protecting its students from immoral and inhumane act of ragging, BMU has adopted BMU Anti- Ragging Policy (ARP) to take care of preventive, procedural and punitive aspects of ragging. These Regulations are for the purpose of and by way of implementation of the University Grants Commission Regulations (UGC Regulations) on curbing the Menace of Ragging in the Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.

Ragging is prohibited at BMU and the university shall ensure that:

- 1. BMU shall make all endeavours to prevent ragging at the institutional level and take measures to eliminate ragging within BMU and outside. For this purpose BMU shall implement all measures prescribed under Regulation 6 of the UGC Regulations.
- 2. BMU shall take action in accordance with Regulation 9 of the UGC Regulations against those found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging actively or passively, or being part of a conspiracy to promote ragging.

Membership:

As per the UGC regulation on curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009 (Under section 26 (1) (g) of the University Grant Commission Act, 1956), the BMU shall constitute the Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC) and Anti-Ragging Squad (ARS). Below are the details of membership:

- 1. The Vice Chancellor shall be the chairperson of the Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC) and appoint the following other members:
 - a. One Representative from civil administration ;
 - b. One Representative from police administration;
 - c. One Representative from the local media;
 - d. One Representative of NGOs involved in youth activities;
 - e. Two Representatives of Faculty members;
 - f. One representative of parents;
 - g. Two representatives of students;
 - h. Two non- teaching staff members of the University:

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2. The Vice Chancellor shall constitute the Anti-Ragging Squad (ARS) which will work under the overall guidance of the Anti-Ragging Committee (ARC).

3. The ARS shall not have any outside representation and its members shall be appointed from different sections of BMU whose representation the Vice Chancellor Deems necessary.

Operating guidelines:

On receipt of the recommendation of the Anti-Ragging Squad or on receipt of any information concerning any reported incident of ragging, the Dean of School shall immediately determine if a case under the penal laws is made out and if so, either on his own or through a member of the Anti-Ragging Committee authorized by him in this behalf, proceed to file a First Information Report (FIR), within twenty four hours of receipt of such information or recommendation, with the police and local authorities, under the appropriate penal provisions relating to one or more of the following, namely;

- i. Abetment to ragging;
- ii. Criminal conspiracy to rag;
- iii. Unlawful assembly and rioting while ragging;
- iv. Public nuisance created during ragging;
- v. Violation of decency and morals through ragging;
- vi. Injury to body, causing hurt or grievous hurt;
- vii. Wrongful restraint;
- viii. Wrongful confinement;
- ix. Use of criminal force;
- x. Assault as well as sexual offences or unnatural offences;
- xi. Extortion:
- xii. Criminal trespass;
- xiii. Offences against property;
- xiv. Criminal intimidation;
- xv. Attempts to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvi. Threat to commit any or all of the above mentioned offences against the victim(s);
- xvii. Physical or psychological humiliation;
- xviii. All other offences following from the definition of "Ragging".

Provided that the Dean of the School shall forthwith report the occurrence of the incident of ragging to the District Level Anti-Ragging Committee and the Nodal officer of the University. Provided further that the University shall also continue with its own enquiry initiated under clause 9 of these Regulations and other measures without waiting for action on the part of the

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police/local authorities and such remedial action shall be initiated and completed immediately and in no case later than a period of seven days of the reported occurrence of the incident of ragging.

BMU shall on admission or enrolment or registration of freshers:

- 1. provide to the freshers a copy of the ARP, informing them that the ARP contains the telephone number and email id of the 24-hour Anti- Ragging Toll-Free Helpline established by the UGC to help students in distress to get immediate assistance;
- 2. provide the names and telephone numbers of the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic), members of the ARC and the ARS
- 3. explain to the freshers the arrangements made for their induction and orientation which is intended to promote efficient and effective means of integrating the freshers fully as students with those already admitted to BMU in previous years; and
- 4. instruct students that they should desist from doing anything, with or against their will, even if ordered to by a senior student, and promptly report any attempt of ragging to a member of the ARS or to the Warden or an assistant warden or to the Registrar, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) or Vice Chancellor, as the case may be.
- 5. obtain an affidavit from every fresher and his/her parents as required under clauses (d), (e) and (g) of Regulation 6.1 of the UGC Regulations at the time of admission or registration, as the case may be, during each year.
- 6. shall maintain a proper record of the affidavits and ensure its safe upkeep thereof; including maintaining the copies of the affidavit in an electronic form, to be accessed easily when required.

The Vice Chancellor shall possess the sole authority for any interpretation, modification or amendment to the ARP. The Vice Chancellor shall in his discretion amend or repeal any clauses of the ARP which the Vice Chancellor finds unsatisfactory.

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