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Definitions

In this Human Resource Plan, unless the context otherwise requires:

Abscondment Shall mean absence from duty without permission for a continuous period

of ten working days.

Academic Department Shall mean units under a faculty which run their own academic

programmes as approved by Council.

Allowances Shall mean monetary benefits an employee is entitled to receive to assist

with costs incurred for such items as housing, transport etc, which shall

vary from time to time.

Appointing Authority Shall mean the Council or the Campus Chief or his/her delegate acting

pursuant to the powers vested in him/her.

Appointment Shall mean the formal engagement of an employee in the service of

Campus, in accordance with the Council regulations.

Appointments Board Shall mean the Appointments Board of Mahakavi Devkota Campus which

is a committee of the Council

Basic Salary Shall mean the salary exclusive of allowances.

Casual worker Shall mean a person employed to perform unclassified tasks on a day to

day ad-hoc basis.

Conflict of Interest Shall mean a situation where an employee's personal interests disagree

with those of the Campus as defined in the Leadership Code Act.

Consolidated Salary Shall mean the basic salary plus allowances indicated in the letter of

appointment and reflected on the pay slip.

Contract Shall mean employment in the service of the Campus for a specific,

prescribed period under such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon and prescribed in a service agreement entered into between an employee

and the Campus.

Contract Gratuity Shall mean the terminal benefit an employee on contract will receive upon

completion of the respective period of service expressed as a percentage of

the employee's annual salary.

Disciplinary Panel Shall mean the people appointed by the Campus Council to hear

disciplinary cases or matters.

Dismissal Shall mean termination of the services of an employee by the employer

without giving the employee any benefits.

Employee Shall mean a person employed by the Campus under a contract of service

on permanent, temporary, probationary, or casual terms.

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Employee on permanent terms

Shall mean an employee who has satisfactorily completed the prescribed probationary period and has been confirmed in service and notified in writing to that effect.

Established Position

Shall mean the approved and declared job position as stipulated in the job categories under Section 2 of this Plan.

Faculty

Shall mean an academic unit comprising academic or research units.

Family Member

Shall mean spouse and four children below 18 years of age.

Grievance

Shall mean a complaint concerning an issue arising from an employee's work, workplace and/or work environment within the Campus.

Gross Misconduct

Shall mean a breach of the terms and conditions of service and/ or the service regulations, professional, ethical or other law in force at the time construed by the Appointments Board.

Gross neglect of duty

Shall mean neglect of duty to a level construed by the Appointments Board as severe.

Head

Shall mean a person appointed and designated by Council as being accountable for a unit administratively.

Immediate Family

Shall mean the employee's spouse and biological/legally adopted children registered with the Campus.

Increment

Shall mean the increase in salary granted to an employee on merit until the top of the salary scale is reached.

Industrial Training

Shall mean the attachment of a student to a Campus unit, for purposes of the student gaining hands on experience and knowledge.

Leave

Shall mean the official time off from the Campus work as provided for in this Manual.

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Management Committee Shall mean the informal committee set up by the Campus Chief to advise

him/ her on administrative matters.

Misconduct Shall mean a breach of the terms and conditions of service and/ or the

service regulations, professional, ethical or other law in force at the time.

Occupation category Shall mean a group of jobs within a career path with similar or related tasks

varying in degrees of complexity.

Over time Shall mean any additional hours worked in a day that is over and above

the normal hours an employee is expected to work.

Probation Shall mean a prescribed period for which an employee has to serve prior to

being appointed on permanent terms.

Resignation Shall mean termination of service with the Campus, at will by an employee,

after giving due notice as required by the regulations.

Retirement Shall mean permanently leaving service of the Campus at the age of

between 55 and 60 or on medical grounds by an employee who has been

on permanent terms of employment.

Spouse Shall mean one spouse only, notwithstanding that the employee may be

permitted by law or custom to have more than one spouse (The name of the spouse where applicable shall be submitted before commencement of

the employment contract).

Staff Shall mean all persons appointed by the Campus in the academic,

administrative and support categories.

Suspension Shall mean a situation where an employee is caused to stay off duty

temporarily pending investigations into the cause of the suspension.

Term Shall mean, in relation to an employee on contract, the period of service

with the Campus as stipulated in his/her contract.

Teaching Shall mean lecturing, actual teaching, drawing course outlines, setting

course works and marking, setting and marking examinations, supervision,

research, guidance and interaction with students.

Campus Secretary Shall mean the Secretary to the Campus Council.

The Campus Shall mean Mahakavi Devkota Campus (MDC).

Campus Chief Shall mean the Campus who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Campus.

Volunteer Shall mean an individual who is authorised to render services to the

Campus without pay.

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Abbreviations/ Acronyms

CC (AA)	Campus Chief for Academic Affairs
ACC (F&A)	Assistant Campus Chief for Finance and Administration
DAP	Deposit Administration Plan
DHR	Director Human Resources
DoHR	Directorate of Human Resources
DICTS	Directorate for Information and Communication Technology Support
HURIS	Human Resource Information System
ICT	Information Communication Technology
LA	Legal Assistant
MDC	Mahakavi Devkota Campus
PA	Personal Assistant
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PREAMBLE

Mahakavi Devkota Campus was first established in 2060 as a non-profit making community and is the oldest public Campus in Sunwal. This Planis a representation of the approved human resources policies and practices by the Campus Council which is the chief policy formulation organ of the Campus.

Mandate of the Campus

This subsection defines the mandate of a public Campus to be:

- The provision of higher education, promotion of research and advancement of learning;
- Dissemination of knowledge and giving opportunity of acquiring higher education to all persons including persons with disabilities wishing to do so regardless of race, political opinion, colour, or sex and
- c) The provision of accessible physical facilities to the users of the Public Campus

Vision

MDC will be an excellent academic center of higher education.

Mission

To develop globally competent and skilled human resources.

Core Values

Makerere Campus in the pursuit of its mission will be guided by the following core values:

- a) Allegiance to the Institution
- b) Integrity
- c) Customer responsiveness
- d) Professionalism
- e) Openness to diversity

The Campus Governance and Administrative Structure

The Campus Council is the supreme organ of the Campus responsible for the overall administration of the Campus. Senate is the organ responsible for the organisation, control and direction of the academic matters of the Campus and reports to Council. The Campus Chief is the ceremonial head of the Institution while the Assistant Campus Chief is its Administrative and Academic Head. (Refer to appendix I for the governance structure and appendix 1I for the administrative structure and appendix III fort the key job descriptions).

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Directorate of Human Resources (DoHR)

This Plan has been made by the Directorate of Human Resources which was established by Campus, to bring together the Human Resources (HR) functions that had been scattered in different Departments. The mandate of the Directorate is to manage and develop the Human Resources of the Campus.

1.2 Purpose, Accessibility and Revision of the Manual

a) Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to:

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- i. consolidate all Human Resource policies, procedures and practices in one document for ease of reference;
- define the obligations and rights of the employees of Campus; and,
- iii. serve as a reference framework for the Management of the Human Resources in the Campus.

Accessibility

The Director, Human Resources shall make the plan accessible to all employees of the Campus.

The Plan shall be reviewed from time to time. An employee or organ of the Campus may communicate in writing the need for revision or addition to any part of the Plan. Such recommendations shall be delivered to the Director, Human Resources who will present them to the Establishment and Administration Committee and finally to the Management Committee of Campus for consideration. The decision of the Management Committee of Campus shall be communicated in writing to all members of staff.

1.3 Provisions

- a) This Plan will be cited as the Campus Human Resources Plan as approved by the Campus Council.
- b) The Human Resources Plan shall constitute the Campus Terms and Conditions of Service for all categories of its employees. It shall complement and be read together with the employment contract and other Campus policies and regulations made there under and all relevant laws of Nepal that may be in force at any given time. In case of a conflict between the Law and this Plan, the Law shall prevail.
- If any matter arises which this Plan does not cover, it shall be brought to the attention of the Management Committee of Campus through the Establishment and Administration Committee for consideration and inclusion in the subsequent editions of the Plan.
- d) Matters not covered by this Plan but covered by other Campus policies passed by Management Committee of Campus shall be equally binding to the employee.

Implementation

a) Responsibility

The overall implementation of this Plan is vested into the Directorate of Human Resources in conjunction with Campus Chief and Coordinators at all levels of Department/Cells.

b) Commencement

This Plan shall come into force with effect from 1st January, 2024.

SECTION 2: EMPLOYMENT

Campus is an equal opportunity employer and appointment to all positions in the Campus service is based on the principle of MERIT. The Management Committee shall approve all the

establishments and shall be responsible for all appointments through the Appointments Board except as provided for otherwise.

2.1 Terms of Employment

Appointment into the Campus service shall be on the following terms:

a) Permanent Terms

Appointment on permanent terms shall be the type of employment where the period of service is up to the mandatory retirement age of 60 years subject to other provisions contained in this Plan.

Eligibility to such appointments shall be as follows:

- i. Assistant Lecturer below the age of forty (40) years;
- ii. All other academic staff below the age of fifty (50) years;
- iii. All administrative staff below the prevailing salary scale;
- iv. All administrative staff below the age of fifty (50) years; and
- v. All support staff below the age of fifty (50) years.

b) Contractual Terms

Appointment on Contract shall be the type of employment where the terms of employment are as defined in a particular contract of employment between the Campus and an employee. An employee may change status from permanent terms to contractual terms, and vice-versa through application, consideration for approval by the appointing authority.

Eligibility to such appointments shall be as follows:

- i. All new appointments at the age of fifty (50) years and above;
- ii. Professors and Associate Professors who have reached the mandatory retirement age of sixty (60) years and whose services are still needed;
- iii. Non citizens;
- iv. All new appointments at the level of Teaching Assistant not exceeding the age of 30 years;
- v. All administrative staff at Campus Policy salary scale and above who shall be employed on five year contractual terms which may be renewed upon satisfactory performance following an appraisal;
- vi. Temporary/administrative appointments authorized by the Campus Chief or a Committee;
- vii. Any exceptional cases as may be determined by the Management Committee of Campus.

c) Part-time Terms

Appointment on Part-time Terms shall be the type of employment where the working hours per month by an employee do not exceed 20 hours or as may be reviewed by Campus from time to time.

d) Casual Terms

Appointment on Casual Terms shall be the type of employment where an employee is engaged to perform defined tasks on a day to day basis and whose remuneration is on a piece rate basis.

e) Honorary Terms

Appointment on Honorary Terms is the type of employment which attracts no remuneration from the Campus and is only extended to persons of academic and/professional distinction as determined by Council.

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f) Adjunct Terms

Appointment on Adjunct Terms is the type of employment where a member of staff of one department may render part-time services to another department on agreed terms.

Categories of Employees 2.2

Employees of the Campus shall comprise of the following categories:

a) Academic Staff

Academic staff shall be staff engaged in teaching, research and outreach to the community in line with the mission of the Campus. They shall include the following:

- Principal of Campus;
- ii. Professor Emeritus;
- iii. Professor;
- iv. Associate Professor;
- v. Senior Lecturer;
- vi. Lecturer;
- vii. Assistant Lecturer;
- viii. Teaching Assistant;
- ix. Research Fellow;
- x. Research Assistant;
- xi. Honorary Chair; and
- xii. Library staff designated Academic.

b) Library Staff

Library staff shall comprise:

- i. Campus Librarian/Library Professor
- ii. Deputy Campus Librarian/Associate Library Professor
- iii. Other library staff designated as academic

c) Administrative Staff

Administrative staff shall be those engaged to render administrative support to fulfill the mission of the Campus. They shall include:

- i. Heads of administrative departments;
- ii. Library staff designated as administrative; and
- iii. All other non-teaching staff serving under senior terms of service.

d) Support Staff

Support staff shall be either senior or junior staff that renders support services to both academic and administrative staff.

e) Casual Staff

Casual staff shall be persons employed to perform defined tasks on an ad-hoc basis and remunerated accordingly.

Volunteers

These shall be persons authorised in writing by the Campus Chief upon application to render services to the Campus through a specific unit for a specific period of time not exceeding six months.

ii. A volunteer shall not receive salary from the Campus but may be paid an allowance subject to availability of funds in the recipient unit.

g) Industrial Training/Attachment

- The Campus may accept students for attachment to any of its units for training purposes. Such students shall apply for attachment to the Campus Chief through Campus and the recipient
- ii. While on Industrial training, the students shall not be entitled to any remuneration but can be provided with Tea and Transportation allowance and must fully comply with all regulations as spelt out by the recipient unit.

2.3 Minimum Qualifications for Appointment

a) Academic Staff

The minimum qualifications a person should have in order to be appointed to an academic post at Mahakavi Devkota Campus are as stipulated in Section 6 of this Plan.

Criteria for Assessing Masters and PhD degrees for Appointments

A Masters or a PhD Degree by coursework and dissertation shall be rated higher than that by thesis or by coursework only or that which is designated as a Terminal Masters Degree. This is because a Masters or a PhD Degree by coursework and dissertation has a wider (broader) knowledge base which is more useful for teaching and should, therefore, carry more weight.

- b) Research Staff (see 6.2 Table 1.4)
- c) Library Staff (see 6.3 Table 1.5)

d) Administrative Staff

The minimum qualification to be eligible for employment as an administrative staff in the Campus service shall be a Bachelor's degree from a recognized institution. The other minimum qualifications shall be specified depending on the post in question (see 6.3 table 1.6) for Administrative Librarians.

e) Support Staff

The minimum qualification to be eligible for employment as a support staff in the Campus service shall be an Ordinary Level Certificate of Education or its equivalent. The other minimum qualifications shall be specified depending on the post in question.

2.4 Recruitment Procedures

a) Vacancies

Posts shall be deemed to be vacant as a result of the following:

- End of contract;
- ii. Retirement;
- iii. Resignation;
- iv. Dismissal;
- v. Death;
- vi. Restructuring/establishment
- vii. Rejection of appointment offered; and
- viii. Any other causes, and/or reasons.

b) Notification of Vacancies

Head of Academic or Administrative Department or unit shall immediately notify the Campus Chief of existing vacancies or positions expected to fall vacant within three (3) months of such occurrence.

c) Methods of Filling Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled through any one of the following methods:

i. Promotions

Where Head of Academic or Administrative Department or unit is satisfied that there is an employee who is competent to fill a vacant post, the responsible Head of Academic or Administrative Department or unit shall recommend that the vacancy be filled by promotion within the department, provided that no one still serving a period of probation shall be considered for promotion.

ii. Advertising

Where the responsible Head of Academic or Administrative Department or unit is satisfied that there is no qualified candidate from within the department/unit to fill the vacancy, they shall recommend that the vacancy be advertised. The advertisement may be internal to tap into internal capacity within the Campus or external if it is believed that such capacity is lacking within the Campus.

The job advertisements must contain sufficient details about the positions advertised, the type of person required and other relevant information.

iii. Secondment (See Section 9.1)

iv. Election

Election of Campus Chief /Director/ Head of Department shall be conducted as prescribed in the Campus Policy. Academic staff who would have attained the age of 60-years at the closure of nominations shall not be eligible for election as academic heads.

v. Re-appointment

- a) An employee on contractual or temporary terms may be re-appointed where re-appointment and the procedure thereof is specifically provided for in the initial contract.
- b) For contractual positions of teaching assistant re-appointment shall be based on performance appraisal by the appointing authority and expression of interest to be re-appointed shall be submitted to the appointing authority at least six months to the expiry of the running contract to give sufficient time to the appointing authority to conduct the appraisal and make a final decision.

vi. Other Appropriate Methods

Notwithstanding provision (i) to (v) above, the Campus may secure eminently suitable candidates through other appropriate methods as approved by Council from time to time.

d) Application

All persons seeking employment with the Campus shall do so through a written application addressed to the Mahakavi Devkota Campus or as may be advised depending on the type of employment sought.

e) Processing Applications and Verification

- The posts in the Campus are created by the Campus Council on the recommendation of the Establishment and Administration Committee. Appointments and promotions are made strictly in line with the Council established criteria.
- Applications are received by the Employment Division of the Directorate of Human Resources and either forwarded to the relevant department for review and assistance with the short listing or are processed by the Directorate in consultation with the user unit.

i. Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee

- The Department Appointment/Promotions Committee shall consist of at least 5 senior members of staff of the Department. The Committee shall consider applications at the rank of senior lecturer or equivalent and below. Where a department is understaffed and lacks quorum, the applications shall be considered at faculty level.
- 2. Only persons whose ranks are higher or equivalent to the person being considered for appointment or promotion, shall constitute the Committee.
- 3. The quorum for the Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee shall be three (3) members.
- 4. Where the Head of Department is a candidate, or where two or more members of the departmental committee are being considered, the Campus Chief shall assume the chair of the Departmental Appointments/Promotions Committee meeting called for that purpose.
- Where the Faculty cannot form a committee due to lack of eligible staff members, the Committee shall co-opt members from related fields to assess the application.
- 6. The task of the Committee shall be to scrutinize all applications for appointment and review employees for promotion. The Committee shall also evaluate employees annually and submit its recommendations to the Appointments Board through the relevant Campus Chief.
- 7. The decisions of the Committee shall be communicated to the Appointments Board in form of minutes which should bear the signatures of all members who attend the meeting and membership at any one time should not be below three.

ii. Faculty Appointments/Promotions Advisory Committee

- 1. A Faculty shall have a Committee which shall be chaired by the Campus Chief.
- 2. The Faculty Committee shall be made up of at least one representative from each Departmental Committee
- 3. Only persons whose ranks are higher or equivalent to the person being considered for appointment or promotion, shall constitute the Committee.
- 4. The quorum for the Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee shall be three (3) members.
- 5. The Terms of Reference of this committee shall be:
 - a) To receive recommendations from Departmental Committees and make recommendations to the Appointments Board using Campus guidelines;
 - b) To make recommendations to the Appointments Board on cases of appointment of Professors and Associate Professors;
 - c) To make recommendations to the Appointments Board on cases of conflicts; and

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- d) To handle cases of Appointment/promotion from understaffed departments.
- The decisions of the above committees shall be communicated to the Appointments Board in the form of minutes which should bear signatures of all the members who attend the meeting and membership at any one time should not be below three.
- 7. Where a faculty is understaffed and cannot constitute a committee, due to lack of eligible staff members, the committee shall co-opt members composed of Campus Chief/Professors in related fields to assess the application.
- 8. Where a Campus Chief/Director is the candidate, the committee shall appoint a Chairperson from among the members present to assess the application.
- 9. In case of controversy within a Department or lack of clarity on any issue, the relevant Campus Chief/Director/Head can be invited to appear before the Appointments Board to assist in resolving the problem.
- 10. An employee who is not satisfied with the Appointments Board's ruling can appeal to the Staff Tribunal.

iii. Verification of Documents

The Directorate of Human Resources reserves the right to authenticate in such manner as it shall deem necessary a prospective employee's employment and salary history, stated qualifications and references.

iv. Impersonation or falsification of documents

Cases of impersonation, falsification of documents or giving false /incomplete information whenever discovered either before appointment or afterwards, shall lead to automatic cancellation of candidature or appointment or dismissal or prosecution in the courts of law.

f) Short Listing

- i. Short listing of applicants shall be the responsibility of the Directorate of Human Resources which shall co-ordinate the exercise in close consultation with the user or technical department as the case may be.
- ii. The short-listing shall always be guided by agreed criteria as well as the provisions in the advertisement or other job related factors as may be considered applicable by the short listing committee. Meeting the minimum requirements stipulated in the advertisement is not a guarantee for being shortlisted.
- iii. Short-listing shall be done within a period of not more than **one month** from the closure of receiving applications.
- iv. Short-listed applicants shall be given reasonable notice for interviews specifying time, and place of interview by a posted or hand delivered letter.

g) Interview

The Board may invite an outsider(s) with technical expertise to assist in the interviewing process as need may arise. The technical persons co-opted shall only provide technical guidance and shall not participate in the scoring.

2.5 Selection Process

- a) The Appointments Board either as the Main Board or through its sub-committees shall select or appoint applicants to specific established posts.
- b) The selection process may take the following forms:
 - i. By interviewing candidates to get the most suitably qualified;

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- ii. By vetting the credentials of candidates to determine the most suitably qualified; and
- iii. By appointing those voted into office and are recommended for appointment by the Campus Chief.
- iv. Through performance appraisal for cases of re-appointment in respect of staff on contract
- c) Where applicable, selection tests shall be administered to verify the competency of the applicant for the post in question. This may be followed by a selection interview.
- d) Where the Appointments Board feels that a recommendation of an Appointments/ Promotions Committee is not satisfactory, the Chairperson of such committee shall be invited to appear before the Board to explain the recommendation before the Board makes a final decision.

2.6 Types of Appointment

Appointment into the Campus service shall be either permanent or contractual or temporary/administrative.

2.6.1 Appointment on Permanent Terms

Appointment on Permanent Terms shall be the type of appointment where the period of service is up to the mandatory retirement age of 60 years subject to other provisions contained Campus Policy.

2.6.2 Contractual appointments

Contractual appointments shall be where the terms of employment are as defined in a particular contract between the Campus and an employee as stated in Campus Policy.

2.6.3 Temporary/Administrative Appointments (short contracts)

- All temporary/administrative appointments shall be made by the Campus Chief on the recommendation of the Appointments and Promotions Committee of the unit in need through the Director Human Resources, provided that no such appointment shall exceed 12 months.
- ii. At the expiry of the temporary/administrative appointment, the position shall be advertised either internally or externally unless circumstances render it impossible to do so.
- iii. The temporary/administrative appointments of support staff shall be done by the Director Human Resources on behalf of the Campus Chief.
- iv.An employee appointed on a temporary basis shall enjoy such terms and conditions of service as may be specified in his /her letter of appointment.
- v. The qualifications of temporary staff shall be comparable to the rank they are appointed against
- vi. The appointments in (i) and (ii) shall be tabled before the Appointments Board for noting.

2.6.4 Other specific categories of administrative appointments

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The following shall comprise specific categories of administrative appointments.

2.6.4.1 Visiting Professors and Lecturers

- b) Appointment of Visiting Professor and Lecturers shall be made by the Campus Chief on the recommendations of the Heads of Department.
- c) Title/Status Visiting Professor or Lecturer shall be appointed by Campus based on their status from the parent institution as long as the parent institution where he/she is serving is a recognized Campus or an academic institution of repute.
- d) Tenure

A Visiting Professor or Lecturer shall be appointed for two years renewable on the recommendation of their respective unit and supported by their parent Institution. Their appointment shall not be subjected to age limits

- e) Administrative Roles In units where there may be no suitable staff to be appointed to occupy Headship, the Visiting Lecturer may be assigned such administrative role.
- f) Promotion of Visiting Academic Staff
 The Campus shall be responsible for the promotion of Visiting Academic Staff.
- g) Remuneration A Visiting Academic Staff shall not be entitled to earn a salary from the Campus but may receive honorarium as may be recommended by the recipient unit from its internally generated funds.

2.6.4.2 Acting Appointments

- a) There shall be two types of acting appointments namely where one acts in a vacant post; and where one acts in the place of an incumbent who is temporarily out of office.
- b) All acting appointments except for the Campus Chief shall be authorised in writing by the Campus Chief or a delegatee for formal appointment by the Director, Human Resources. The Director Human Resources shall report such appointments to the Appointments Board for noting.
- c) Conditions for an Acting Appointment in a vacant post
 - i) An employee shall receive a written letter of appointment to act for a continuous period not exceeding one year.
 - ii) An appointment that has not been terminated shall normally lapse one year from the date of appointment unless it is renewed in writing by the appointing authority for an additional period not exceeding 3 months.
 - iii) An employee in an acting Appointment shall be entitled to all benefits attached to the post and shall be paid an acting allowance which shall be the difference between the employees' current salary and the bottom of the salary scale where he/she is acting.
 - iv) In order to qualify for an acting allowance, an employee shall have worked for a minimum period of 30 continuous working days.

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v) To enable development of the potential of other in-service staff, normally, an employee shall not hold more than one acting position at the same time.

2.6.4.3 Special Duty Appointments

A Special Duty Appointment shall be one where a member of staff is officially required to carry out additional duties and responsibilities of a vacant post. It occurs in circumstances which do not qualify for acting appointment, or when the post to which responsibilities relate is vacant, or the substantive holder is not performing the functions of the office for any reason, or when reorganization/structural changes entails performance of extra duties. The authority to make a special duty Appointment is vested in the Campus Chief. The conditions for special duty appointment are as follows:

The employee shall be properly appointed in writing by the appointing authority for a continuous period of not less than one calendar month; and shall not exceed three months renewable once.

- a) The appointment that has not been terminated shall automatically lapse 90 days from the date of appointment and may thereafter be renewed for a maximum of 30 days only.
- b) An employee appointed on special duty under this provision shall be remunerated at a rate not exceeding 25% of his or her monthly salary.

2.6.4.4 Honorary Appointments

- a) This shall be a non salaried appointment of distinguished scholars in their various academic disciplines and/or areas of professional specialization. A proposal for an honorary position within an Academic Unit should demonstrate a significant contribution to one or more of the following areas:
- i) Training/Teaching, for example in curriculum development, programme design or delivery with emphasis on practical skills
- ii) Research, for example, of direct contribution to research collaboration.
- iii) Influence where an appointment could significantly benefit the Unit's objectives
- iv) Strategy development where an appointment contributes significantly to the development of strategy in any of the areas of current or future Campus activity.

b) Criteria for Honorary Appointment:

Candidates must demonstrate achievement at a level appropriate to the title in at least one of the following areas:

- i) Teaching/training
- ii) Research or
- iii) Professional eminence or Entrepreneurship

c) Procedure for appointment

- i) Nominations for honorary positions should originate from a Faculty;
- ii) The CV or profile of the applicant, together with a full publications list should be submitted to the Campus Chief Office.

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- iii) Applications should be accompanied by a letter of support from a head of Department familiar with the work of the applicant;
- iv) Applications will be handled following the Campus guidelines for appointment of academic staff;
- v) The respective Faculty and Department committee will discuss the applicant's level and nature of the mutual commitment and these will be communicated to the appointing authority
- vi) Recommendations for appointment will be submitted to the Campus Chief if the appointment is for one or less than one academic year and to the Appointments Board if the appointment is for a period longer than one academic year
- vii) After approval, by the appointing authority, letter of appointment shall be issued by the Director, Human Resources; and
- viii) If an appointment is not approved, this will be communicated to the applicant and the sponsor by the Director, Human Resources

d) Renewal of Honorary Appointments

- i) Honorary appointments shall have a limited tenure of three (3) years maximum.
- ii) Renewal shall be subject to satisfactory performance in the post and will require evidence of continuing positive contribution to the strategic objectives of the host faculty;
- iii) Holders of honorary appointments shall be required to provide annual reports of their activities
- iv) Applications for renewal shall be submitted at least three (3) months before expiry of the running appointment

d) Appointment Letters

Honorary academics shall be issued with appointment letters to serve for a period of two years and renewable once on the recommendation of the respective Department and Faculty.

e) Ranks

Honorary academics shall be assessed and ranked based on their credentials/qualifications as follows;

- i) Honorary Lecturer/Honorary Research Fellow;
- ii) Honorary Senior Lecturer/Honorary Senior Research Fellow;
- iii) Honorary Associate Professor/Honorary Associate Research Professor
- iv) Honorary Professor/Honorary Research Professor.

f) Appointment Guidelines for Honorary Lecturer

1. General requirements

- i. Be a professional or holder of a scientific or middle managerial post;
- ii. Have a major academic, teaching, research or management interest in matters relevant to the position;
- iii. Accreditation in their specialty from the appropriate Professional Institute or equivalent professional body; and
- iv. Having a Masters or higher degree or equivalent is an added advantage.

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v. Track record of ethical Conduct

2. Teaching

Evidence of, or potential to make, a successful contribution to teaching, including practical / clinical work

3. Research

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- Evidence of, or potential to make, productive research collaboration with the Campus;
- ii) Evidence of, or potential to publish conference papers/research presentations at conferences;
- iii) Being capable of obtaining external funding for research.

Professional eminence

- Appropriate status within a profession or occupation;
- Academic qualifications at an appropriate level;
- iii) Professional activity;
- iv) Practical / Clinical work (where appropriate); and
- v) Membership of learned societies/professional bodies.

Appointment Guidelines for Honorary Research Fellow i)

1. General requirements

- i) ave research skills in matters relevant to the interests of a particular Campus Academic Unit; and
- ii) Be undertaking a post with a substantial research component, or a full-time research post.
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2. Research

- i) Evidence of a productive collaboration with a Campus or clear evidence of intention to collaborate;
- ii) Evidence of other successful collaborations;
- iii) Being capable of obtaining external funding for research; and
- iv) Evidence of having been invited to present National Conference Papers and or evidence of National Conference Papers presented.

j) Appointment Guidelines for Honorary Senior Lecturer

1. General requirements

- i) The individual will normally follow any three of the following requirements:
- ii) Be a senior professional or hold a senior scientific or managerial post;
- iii) Have a major academic, teaching, research or management interest;
- iv) Have accreditation in his/her specialty from the appropriate Professional Institute or equivalent professional body; and
- Have a Masters or higher degree or equivalent is an added advantage. Track record of ethical

2. Teaching

- i) Evidence of a successful contribution to teaching, including clinical teaching if applicable, in a
- ii) Contribution, at an appropriate level, to the development of new modules and pathways in a Campus;
- iii) Contribution, at an appropriate level, to curriculum review;
- iv) Innovative methodologies/pedagogy;
- v) Author of subject text book or chapter;
- vi) Possession of technical/subject expertise;
- vii) Mentoring or potential to mentor junior colleagues in the Faculty; and
- viii) Evidence of support and supervision of research students.

Research

i) Evidence of a productive collaboration with a Campus or clear evidence of intention to collaborate;

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- ii) Evidence of other successful collaborations;
- iii) Being capable of obtaining external funding for research;

4. Professional eminence

- i) Appropriate status within a profession or occupation;
- ii) Academic qualifications at an appropriate level;
- iii) Professional contributions;

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- iv) Successful technology transfer;
- v) Entrepreneurial activity;
- vi) Clinical work (where appropriate); and
- vii) Membership of learned societies/professional bodies.

Appointment Guidelines for Honorary Associate Professor

1. General requirements

The individual will normally fulfill three (3) of the following requirements:

- i) Be a leading professional or hold a senior/leading scientific or managerial post;
- ii) Have a major academic, teaching, research or management interest;
- iii) Have accreditation in his/her specialty from the appropriate Professional Institute or equivalent professional body; and
- iv) Having a Masters or higher degree or equivalent is an added advantage.
- (v) Track record of ethical

2. Teaching

Evidence of a successful contribution to teaching/training, including clinical teaching, in a Campus:

- Contribution, at an appropriate level, to the development of new modules and pathways in a Campus;
- ii) Contribution, at an appropriate level, to curriculum review
- iii) Innovative methodologies/pedagogy;
- iv) Author of a subject text book or chapter;
- v) Possession of technical/subject expertise;
- vi) Mentoring or potential to mentor junior colleagues in a College or Campus; and
- vii) External examining.

3. Research

- i) Evidence of a productive collaboration with a Campus or clear evidence of intention to collaborate;
- ii) Significant research output over career;
- iii) Successful external funding over career, including as lead applicant in grants;
- iv) Invited speaker at international conferences, workshops and meetings;
- v) Leadership of research group(s);
- vi) Member of international research groups;
- vii) Successful postgraduate supervision;
- viii) Referee, editor or member of editorial board for major journals;
- ix) Invited assessor for major grant awarding Bodies;
- x) National/international subject association Executive;
- xi) Leading expert in subject field; and
- xii) Member of Research Council sub-committees.

4. Professional eminence

- i) Outstanding professional achievement;
- ii) Recognized as leading expert within profession or occupation;
- iii) Academic qualifications at an appropriate Level;
- iv) Professional contributions;
- v) Successful technology transfer;
- vi) Successful entrepreneurial activity; and
- vii) Invited assessor for major grant awarding bodies.

Other considerations

- i) Service on local, regional, national or international committees or advisory bodies; and
- ii) Management work of relevance and/or benefit to the Campus.

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- i) Be a leading professional or hold a senior/leading scientific or managerial post;
- ii) Have a major academic, teaching, research or management interest;

- iii) Have accreditation in his/her specialty from the appropriate Professional Institute or equivalent professional body; and
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2.6.4.5 Part-time Appointment

- A part-time employee is appointed where a vacancy exists and it has not been possible to fill that vacancy substantively on fulltime basis.
- b) The working hours on part-time basis shall be as determined by the Campus Council from time to time. The current maximum is twenty hours a week.
- c) For academic staff, part-time appointments shall be renewable every academic year upon need and mutual consent.
- d) Part-time appointments for non-academic staff, shall be made by the Director, Human Resources on the recommendation of the recipient unit.
- e) Part-time staff who serve for up to six (6) months shall be appointed by Coordinator on recommendation of the Campus Chief/Director of a particular Faculty.
- f) The qualifications of part-time staff shall be comparable to the rank such staff are appointed against

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2.6.4.6. Joint/Cross Appointment

a) Joint/Cross Appointment is where an employee from one discipline or Department offers service in another and the service offered could be any scholarly activity like teaching or participation in research.

b) Procedure/Guidelines

- i. The Terms and Duties under joint appointment shall be agreed upon by both departments.
- ii. There shall be a formal agreement signed between the parent and service unit and witnessed by the Director, Human Resources or an authorised representative. This agreement shall, among other things, specify the terms of recognition of the service to be rendered and the period to be covered in terms of hours per semester or academic year.
- iii. The contract for joint appointment shall range from 2 to 5 years.
- iv. The primary (parent) unit shall remain responsible for handling the appointment and promotion of an employee on cross appointment.
- v. Joint appointments shall not affect staff establishment (i.e. staff appointment under this arrangement should not fill existing positions).
- vi. Joint appointment shall not lead to double salary payment on the pay roll. Payment if any shall be on the basis of hours offered or honorarium as agreed between departments.
- vii. The rank an employee currently holds will be the equivalent rank he/she shall be appointed to in the secondary unit.
- viii. That academic staff in administration may be recommended for promotion or appointment at an appropriate level by secondary unit as long as they continue to engage in scholarly work. This is in recognition of the fact that the administration is not an academic unit.

2.7 Recruitment of Non-Citizens

- a) A non-Citizen shall be appointed
- b) He/ she shall be required to present copies of his/ her passport and work permit before taking up his/ her duties with the Campus.
- c) All non-Citizens shall be employed on **local contractual terms** or in exceptional circumstances, on terms negotiated by both parties prior to appointment.
- d) Non citizens shall not be subjected to age limits for appointment into Campus service. The ability for the applicant to serve shall be the major assessment factor

2.8 Medical Examination

All appointments shall be conditional upon receipt of a satisfactory medical report issued by Certified Hospital.

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2.9 Offer of Appointment and Acceptance

- a) Offer of Appointment shall be made in writing by the Director, Human Resources. Campus Chief and Heads of relevant departments shall receive copies of such offers of appointment.
- b) The Appointment letter shall embody the following: name of appointee, effective date of appointment, rank appointed to, reporting relationship, terms of appointment, validity period of appointment, salary scale and allowances, any other entitlements as applicable and the acceptance option.
- c) The appointee shall be required to indicate in writing their offer of acceptance, attach three copies of passport size photographs of their current likeness, indicating the earliest time they would be available to take up the post.
- d) All new employees shall be required to fill the personal data form which captures their bio-data and other information required by the Campus during and after their tenure of employment.
- e) It shall be the responsibility of the appointee to provide up-date information about their bio-data to capture significant changes during their tenure of employment.

2.10 Induction/Orientation

Induction is the first step in building a two-way relationship between the Campus and the employee. The induction shall serve the purpose of introducing the new employee to the work environment as well as to the various aspects of the employees work.

- a) Induction shall be mandatory to properly initiate all new staff (hired, promoted or transferred) into their new tasks.
- b) The induction programme shall be arranged by both the Directorate of Human Resource and the relevant head of department or immediate supervisor as soon as the employee reports. The induction programme shall not exceed one month.

2.11 Probationary Period

- a) The maximum length of a probationary period is **six months**, but it may be extended for a further period of not more than six months with the agreement of the employee.
- b) An employee shall not be employed for a probationary period of service **on more than one occasion** by the Campus unless he/she is engaged for work of a different nature.
- c) A contract for a probationary period may be terminated by either party by giving not less than fourteen days' notice of termination, or by payment of fourteen days' wages in lieu of notice by either party.
- d) New employees on contractual terms may also be subjected to probation for a period as may be specified in their contract with the Campus.
- e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) above, the appointing authority **may waive** the whole or part of the probationary period of service in certain cases especially where the employee has offered prolonged service beyond the probationary period on temporary terms.
- f) An employee shall not be promoted during his or her probationary period of service.

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2.12 Confirmation

An employee who has successfully completed his/her probation may be confirmed in the Campus service with effect from the date of expiry of their probationary period.

The procedure for confirmation shall be as follows:

- (a) An employee concerned shall, through the Head of Academic or Administrative Department/Unit, submit an application, a Curriculum Vitae and a statement of achievements to the Director, Human Resources, two months before the expiry of the probationary period.
- (b) Where the performance of an employee due for confirmation is found satisfactory, the Head of Academic or Administrative Department/Unit, shall forward to the Director, Human Resources, a recommendation from the Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee that the employee should be confirmed.
- (c) Where the Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee finds the performance of an employee due for confirmation to be unsatisfactory, the head shall so inform both the appointing authority and the employee in writing and indicate clearly the recommendation of the committee.
- (d) After a year of continuous service, an employee at the rank of Assistant Lecturer shall be eligible for confirmation in the Campus service provided he/she has registered for a PhD degree programme in addition to satisfactory progress.
- (e) Confirmation in all cases must be processed within the probationary period of an employee. In the event that this is not done and the probationary period expires, the employee shall be entitled to have their confirmation back dated to the date it was first due.
- (f) Heads of unit who fail to process confirmations of employees within the probationary period shall face disciplinary action as shall be determined by the Appointing Authority.

SECTION 3: REMUNERATION

Remuneration shall be in form of salary and allowances and any other forms of remuneration payable to the various categories of employees as shall be determined by Council from time to time.

3.1 Salary

- a) All posts in the Campus shall be classified by title and salary scale in accordance with the duties and responsibilities carried by the post as established by the Campus.
- b) For full time employees salary is payable into the employee's salary bank account at the end of every month.
- c) Part time employees shall be paid a month wise as determined by Council from time to time to a maximum of 20 hours per month. The salary of a part-time employee and the transport refund shall be paid upon submission of a duly filled and signed claim form through the Head of Department.

3.2 Allowances

Some allowances shall form part of the consolidated salary for some categories of staff as indicated in their appointment letters.

The rest of the allowances shall be as indicated below and are payable subject to availability of funds as authorised and budgeted for:

a) Acting allowance

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b) Air time allowance

Air time allowance shall be payable to an employee to facilitate communication in the execution of Campus duties as recommended by the supervisor when need arises.

c) Extra Load allowance

- Extra load allowance shall be payable to an employee who has obtained prior authority from the Director, Human Resources to work beyond the recommended minimum hours to cover work assigned to them in excess of the normal work load.
- ii. For administrative units the recommendation shall be given by the Head of Department and for academic units the recommendation shall be given by the Campus/Director.

d) Supervision allowance

Supervision allowance shall be payable to employees in respect of supervision of research work by postgraduate students and graduate students.

e) Baggage allowance

Baggage allowance shall be payable to an employee:

- i. On First appointment
- ii. Return from studies abroad (refer to the Human Resource Development policy)
- iii. Upon retirement

f) Campus Chief/Directorship allowance

Campus Chief/Directorship allowance shall be payable to Campus Chief/Directors on a monthly basis as approved by Council from time to time.

g) Fuel allowance

Fuel allowance shall be payable to senior staff to cover home to office fuel expenses and forms part of the consolidated salary.

h) Head of Department allowance

Head of Department allowance shall be payable to Heads of Academic Department on a monthly basis as approved by Council from time to time.

i) Honorarium

Honorarium shall be payment to an individual who has rendered services of a special nature to the Campus but not on a pre-determined basis.

j) Hospitality allowance

Hospitality allowance shall be payable to members of top Management/Directors for entertainment of official guests at a rate that shall be determined by Council from time to time.

k) Lunch allowance

Lunch allowance shall be payable to an employee serving in a key position which necessitates staying in office during lunch hours.

Secretaries in Top Management offices and any other staff called upon to work during lunch hours shall qualify for lunch allowance.

1) Mileage

Mileage shall be payable at a rate determined by Council from time to time to officers who may be authorised to use their personal motor vehicles to carry out Campus work.

m) Out of Pocket allowance

Out of pocket allowance shall be payable to cover miscellaneous expenses where official travel is fully sponsored. (Also refer to Section 13.2(b))

n) Overtime allowance (Support Staff)

Over time allowance shall be payment only to employees on salary scales who work beyond the gazetted working hours upon recommendation by the immediate supervisor to the Director Human Resources.

o) Responsibility allowance

Responsibility allowance shall be payable to specified categories of employees to cover expenses related to their responsibility burden and it shall form part of the consolidated salary.

p) Day Travel/Safari day allowance

Day travel (Safari day) allowance shall be payable to an employee on official duty, off station for a period exceeding six hours but not amounting to one night. (*Refer also to Section 13.5*)

q) Sitting Allowance

Sitting allowance shall be payable to specified persons who attend specified meetings of the Campus at a rate as determined by Council from time to time.

r) Per diem /Subsistence allowance

Per diem shall be payable to an employee who will be required to travel on duty away from their duty station for at least a night (Refer also to Section 13.2(a))

s) Telephone allowance

Telephone allowance shall be payable to specified categories of employees to cover official telephone expenses and shall form part of the consolidated salary.

t) Transport on first Appointment

Refer to Section 13.6

u) Transport on Retirement

Refer to Section 13.6

v) Inland Travel allowance

- a) Inland Travel allowance shall be payable to an employee to meet transport costs in respect of official inland travel both within and outside Nepal.
- b) It shall be determined according to distance.
- c) Staff shall be eligible for additional allowance in respect of children aged below four years.

w) Transit allowance

Transit allowance shall be payable to an employee to cater for incidental travel expenses at airports at a rate to be determined by Council from time to time. (Also refer to Section 13.3)

x) Top Up allowance

Top up allowance shall be payable to an employee to supplement salary based on the salary scale as shall be determined by Council from time to time.

y) Warm Clothing allowance

Warm clothing allowance shall be payable to an employee on official travel to a temperate zone to cater for warm clothing needs. (Also refer to Section 13.4)

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SECTION 4: WORKING HOURS

4.1 Academic Staff

- a) The minimum and maximum teaching load is 10 and 12 contact hours per week, respectively.
- b) A contact hour shall be equivalent to one hour of lecture/tutorial/ or two hours of practical/fieldwork abbreviated as: LH-Lecture Hour, TH-Tutorial Hour, PH-Practical Hour, and CU-Course Units.
- c) Teaching refers to the preparation one makes, the actual imparting of knowledge to learners and evaluating their performance. It involves activities such as: drawing course outlines, presenting knowledge to learners through lectures and other forms of teaching, setting and marking coursework assignments and examinations, supervising students as well as counselling and guiding them.
- d) Provision (a) above notwithstanding, a teaching load lower than ten hours a week may be granted under special circumstances mutually agreed with the relevant Committee of the Faculty for such reasons as studentship, supervising graduate students, special duties, illness, etc.
- e) Subject to sections 4.1 (a) & (c) above and flexibility as duty may demand, the normal working day for academic staff shall be from Sunday to Friday.

4.2 Administrative and Support staff

- a) The maximum working hours for an employee shall be forty eight hours per week subject to sections 4.2 (b) and (c) below.
- b) The minimum working hours per week shall be forty hours.
- c) Subject to provisions in sections 4.2 (a, b and e) and to flexibility as duty may demand for some categories of staff, the normal working time for an employee shall be at least eight (8) hours per day from Sunday to Friday as follows:

Morning: 6:10 am to 9:50 am

Afternoon: 11:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

- d) Excess hours worked shall be compensated as provided for in 3.2 (c and n) and 4.2 (h).
- e) Hours of work shall not, except as provided for in section 4.2 (d) above, exceed ten hours per day or fifty six hours per week.
- f) Where persons are employed in shifts, it shall be permissible to employ persons in excess of ten hours in any one day or forty eight hours in any one week, where the average number of hours over a period of three weeks exceeds neither ten hours per day, nor fifty six hours per week.
- g) A one-hour lunch break shall be granted each day to the employee.
- h) Where hours in excess of eight hours per day or forty eight hours per week are worked, they shall, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, be remunerated at the minimum rate of **one and a half times** of the normal hourly rate, if the over time is on the normal working days and at **two times** the hourly rate where the overtime is worked on gazetted Public holidays.

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4.3 Special duty

Employees on special duty shall have special working schedules suitable for the type of duty.

4.4 Attendance Register

All administrative units in the Campus are required to maintain an attendance register to keep track of the reporting and departure time of staff. The head of unit shall monitor, evaluate and follow up on the employees records on the attendance register.

4.5 Absence from duty

- a) Absence from duty shall be subject to permission by the supervisor who shall make appropriate arrangements to make up for the employees schedule of duties during the absence.
- b) In circumstances where prior permission may not be possible, notification to the supervisor or head of unit must be done within six hours (6) of the absence.
- c) Failure to comply with the above regulations shall attract disciplinary action to the discretion of the appointing authority.

4.6 Public holidays (As per prescribed by Government of Nepal)

SECTION 5: CONDUCT

5.1 General Code of Behaviour

Code of behaviour shall refer to the employee's conduct, relationship with others and professional behaviour during one's employment. An employee shall be guided (among others) by the following code of behaviour breach of which shall constitute sufficient grounds for disciplinary action against such employee.

- a) An employee shall act at all times in a reasonable and responsible manner.
- b) An employee shall always comply with the laws of Nepal as well as the Campus's prescribed policies rules, standing instructions and procedures.

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- c) An employee shall at all times be rated and recognized primarily on the basis of integrity, punctuality, diligence, competency, efficiency, effectiveness and personal conduct.
- d) An employee shall at all times exercise courtesy towards other persons, civility, self control and confidentiality.
- e) Being drunk at work, abuse of drugs, quarrelling and assault at work, constitute a breach of conduct which shall call for disciplinary action against the employee.
- f) Each employee shall be individually held responsible and accountable for observing and maintaining the Campus's safety and security regulations as may be prescribed from time to time.
- g) An employee shall not be engaged in any activity involving conflict of interest between the employee and the Campus.
- h) The Campus shall have zero tolerance towards corruption, fraud, discrimination, and abuse of office.
- i) Neat and decent personal appearance shall be expected of each employee at all times.
- j) Campus Chief and Department of Head shall exercise restraint and fairness in the treatment of employees under them at all times in all matters.
- k) The Campus shall exercise zero tolerance to insubordination exhibited by any employee.

5.2 Representation of Campus

- (a) No employee shall officially represent the Campus without permission from the Campus Chief and breach of this rule shall attract disciplinary action against such employee.
- (b) An employee appointed to represent the Campus shall be required to submit a report to the Campus Chief on the subject matter of representation.

5.3 Professional Code of Conduct

- a) An employee who subscribes to a particular professional body shall observe that body's Code of Conduct alongside that of the Campus.
- b) Where an employee is faulted by his/her professional body for having violated their Code of Conduct, the Campus shall likewise treat the case of that employee as a disciplinary matter.

5.4 Spouse and Family Relationships

- a) The Campus shall not to employ both wife and husband or family member in the same department except in professional areas like research, academic departments or in a specialized unit.
- b) An employee shall declare their interest to the Campus whenever a family member applies to join the Campus service and such employee shall not participate in the interview, recruitment, supervision and promotion processes relating to the said family member. Breach of this regulation constitutes sufficient grounds for disciplinary action against such employee.

5.5 Time Management and Execution of Duties

Each employee shall observe time as a non renewable resource in the execution of his/her duties. An employee's perpetual failure to manage time i.e.: late arrival at work and for meetings, early departures, failure to observe deadlines shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

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5.6 Management of Campus Property

An employee shall keep and maintain Campus property that comes into his/her possession in the course of his/her employment, in a clean and functional condition; and such property shall be exclusively used for the benefit of the Campus.

Proven misuse of or damage to Campus property shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

5.7 Misconduct

Offences such as the following when committed shall constitute misconduct which attracts disciplinary action.

- 1. Drunkenness on duty;
- 2. Consumption of illegal drugs;
- 3. Wilful insubordination or disobedience and refusal to take lawful orders;
- Refusal, negligence or omitting to perform one's official duties and/or discharge official responsibilities duly assigned;
- 5. Incompetence or inefficiency in the performance of prescribed duties;
- Persistent late coming and/ or absence from duty without permission;
- 7. Use of abusive or insulting language or behaviour or assault;
- Acts or omissions that are prejudicial to the proper performance of duties or the Campus's image or status, whether within or outside the Campus;
- 9. Misuse of or damage to Campus property;
- 10. Slander;
- 11. Tendencies of discrimination;
- 12. Forgery, falsifying or presenting false documents and/or records for the purposes of disseminating wrong information, obtaining money or reward or favour;
- 13. Abscondment from duty;
- 14. Breaching or contravening the Campus's prescribed operating rules, regulations and procedures likely to cause financial loss or damage of Campus property;
- 15. Persistent failure or negligence of a Head to enforce discipline or follow prescribed Campus rules, procedures and standing instruction;
- 16. Theft, fraud, or embezzlement of Campus's funds and property;
- Unauthorized access or removal, alteration, mutilation or destruction of Campus documents, records, or information;
- 18. Taking part in an illegal strike;
- Acts likely to endanger the safety or life of or which may result in injury to another person, including gross negligence or misconduct, violence or fighting;
- 20. Soliciting or accepting bribes; and
- 21. Plagiarism and;
- 22. Non adherence to any other Campus policies

5.8 Gross Misconduct

Any of the above offences may be construed as gross misconduct by the appointing authority depending on the circumstances and gravity of the offence.

5.9 Disciplinary Measures

There shall be four principle forms of disciplinary measures namely: warning, suspension, termination and dismissal depending on the gravity of the offence. The appointing authority shall exercise its

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discretion to impose disciplinary measures upon an employee for misconduct as it may consider appropriate.

a) Warning

There shall be two types of warning.

- i. Verbal warning shall be given once to a first-time offender deemed to have committed light offence.
- ii. Written warning shall be given where an employee fails to correct his/her behaviour or commits another offence after being given a verbal warning. A written warning shall specify:
 - 1. The identified deficiencies or inadequacies and improvements required;
 - 2. Any recommendations to assist the employee reform
 - 3. The period within which an employee must show improvement beyond which subsequent disciplinary action shall be taken.
 - iii. A second written warning shall be served as the **final warning** and shall be given where an employee has failed to achieve the improvement required within the given period.

b) Suspension

The power to suspend services of an employee shall be vested in the Campus Chief or the appointing authority.

- i. Failure of an employee to reform after the second written warning, shall lead to suspension on half pay for a period not exceeding 90 days or the duration of an inquiry whichever is shorter.
- An employee shall be suspended from duty on half pay to enable commencement of investigations into allegations.
- iii. An employee may also be suspended from duty on half pay where such an employee has been apprehended on account of an offence that requires investigations or is charged in a court of law or is remanded pending criminal proceedings.
- iv. The appointing authority shall take a decision in the case of a suspended employee at the expiry of 90 days or conclusion of an inquiry into the case, whichever comes first.
- v. Where an employee is re-instated, he/she shall be entitled to claim the half pay of the salary withheld during the suspension period.

c) Termination

The power to terminate the services of an employee shall be vested in the appointing authority.

- i. The appointing authority shall terminate an employee's employment contract with or without notice should it believe that the continued employment of such a person would prejudice or affect other employees' performance or compromise the Campus's interest.
- ii. Termination shall be with benefits as the appointing authority shall decide.

d) Dismissal

The power to dismiss an employee shall be vested in the Appointing Authority.

- i. Both gross misconduct and gross neglect of duty are punishable by dismissal from employment.
- ii. An employee who is dismissed from service as a result of criminal conviction shall neither be given notice nor paid salary in lieu.
- iii. An employee who is dismissed following suspension shall forfeit the half salary withheld during the period of suspension as well as any other benefits.
- iv. The provision in (iii) above shall not apply to personal contributions to the terminal benefits scheme(s).

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5.10 Grievance Procedure

- a) An employee with a grievance shall present it to the Head of Section or Department in writing for resolution.
- b) Where the head of department or section fails to resolve the grievance, such grievance shall be referred to the Director Human Resources who shall after consultations with the relevant head of department or section and the workers REPRESENTATIVE where applicable, handle the grievance and conclude it or forward it to an ad hoc grievance committee constituted and chaired by the Campus Chief with a membership of not less than five (5)
- c) An employee has a grievance with the Director, Human Resources, shall present such grievance in writing to the Campus Chief.
- d) Any grievance which cannot be resolved by the ad hoc committee in (b) above shall be referred to the Staff Tribunal within fourteen (14) days after the decision by the Committee.

5.11 Employees facing Criminal Charges

- a) Where criminal proceedings are instituted against an employee in any court of law, no proceedings for his or her dismissal upon any grounds involved in the criminal charge shall be taken or proceeded with until the conclusion of the criminal proceedings and the determination of any appeal there from.
- b) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as prohibiting or restricting the Appointing Authority or its delegate, the power to suspend such an employee.
- c) Upon suspension, an employee shall be on half salary until acquitted. Suspension of an employee on half salary shall not extend later than the acquittal unless another charge is still pending.
- d) Any employee convicted of a criminal offence shall be deemed to have been summarily dismissed. However, where an employee is acquitted the Campus shall refund the employee concerned any salary lost during the suspension.

5.12 Gender and Sexual Harassment (*refer also to Sexual Harassment Policy*) Campus reaffirms its policy of **zero-tolerance to sexual harassment** and is committed to creating an environment that respects and protects the rights of all its members, male and female.

This policy applies to all students and employees of Campus as well as to others who participate in Campus programmes, activities and employment in both on-and off-campus settings.

5.13 Discrimination

- (a) Campus does not condone any form of discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment on grounds such as race, colour, sex, religion, status, disability or ethnic origin.
- (b) Any form of discrimination shall constitute misconduct and sufficient grounds for disciplinary action against the offender

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5.14 Right of Appeal

- An employee may appeal to the Campus Tribunal against the decision of the appointing authority within 14 (fourteen) days after being notified of the decision.
- b) In any appeal under subsection (a) the Tribunal may confirm, vary, amend or set aside the decision appealed against or give such decision as the case may require.
- c) Where an employee has been removed from employment by the Appointments Board they shall be deemed to be on suspension until the expiry of the period allowed for appeal, at which date the removal shall become effective or where an appeal has been lodged in time, the suspension shall remain in force until the tribunal determines the appeal.

SECTION 6: PROMOTION

6.1 Academic Staff

a) Policy Objectives

- To promote Academic Staff whose performance demonstrates particular merit in teaching (and related duties) including student supervision, research, scholarship and creative activity, administration, service and leadership in the Campus and professional practice including service to the community;
- ii. To provide a fair and equitable method of assessment so as to encourage a diverse range of applicants to get appointed and promoted.
- iii. To enable flexibility in assessment in order that the various ways in which staff contribute to achievement of the Campus's vision can be rewarded on the basis of consistently applied standards.
- b) PhD or MPhil Requirement as a Prerequisite for Promotion/Appointment to Lecturer Position
 The qualification of PhD for Lecturer position shall be applied for appointment and promotion to all positions and disciplines Applicants who hold a second class (pass) bachelor's degree plus a PhD degree are eligible for appointment to the position of lecturer since the PhD qualification is an indicator of academic maturity.
 - a) Multi-Tracks in Handling Promotions/Appointments

In recognition of varied capacity and knowledge creation among members of staff in the Campus, Campus shall use a flexible promotions and appointments criteria as follows: -

- (i) Ordinary Track Promotion: Shall require a number of publications plus a number of years of teaching in a position.
- (ii) Fast Track Promotion: Shall require at least twice as many publications or exhibitions as required on Ordinary Track minus the required number of years in teaching in particular position. A member of staff may invoke either track when they feel that they meet the required criteria or criterion.

b) Provision for New Entrants Track

- c) At least two of the following shall constitute evidence of pedagogical skills as defined under teaching experience
- 1) Teaching
- 2) Mentoring to a particular group of people
- 3) Supervision of other staff, research team, consultancy team

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- 4) Team building
- 5) Supervision of students
- 6) Qualification in pedagogical skills
- ii) The period of publications shall be specified as follows:
 - a) Senior Lecturer

Two (2) recognized publications in the area of specialization and at least three (3) publications, within the last three years at the time of application

a) Associate Professor

Three (3) recognized publications in the areas of specialization and at least three (3) new publications within the last three years at the time of application

b) Professor

Five (5) recognized publications in the area of specialization and at least five (5) new publications in the last three years at the time of application

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Table 1.1 NEW ENTRANTS' REQUIREMENTS: (Provision for new entrants at all academic levels shall be as indicated in this table)

Post	Minimum Academic Qualifications	Years of Teaching	Publications	Supervision of Graduate Students to completion	Contribution to Community
Teaching Assistant	Master Degree with a First Class or Second Class –Upper Division Degree or the equivalent	Required	Required	Required	Not required
Assistant Lecturer	Master's Degree with a First Class or Second-Class Upper Division or the equivalent	Required	Required	Required	Required
Lecturer	PhD or MPhill or Master's Degree	Required	Required	Required	Required
Senior Lecturer	PhD or MPhill or Master's Degree	Evidence of pedagogical skills	Two (2) recognised publications in the area of specialisation and at least three (3) of the publications within the last three years at the time of application.	Required	Required
Associate Professor	PhD or MPhill or Master's Degree	Evidence of pedagogical skills.	Three (3) recognised publications in the area of specialisation and at least three (3) publications within the last three years at the time of application.	Required	Required
Professor	PhD	Evidence of pedagogical skills.	Five (5) recognised publications in the area of specialisation and at least five (5) new publications within the last three years at the time of application.	Required	Required

*As per Campus by Law

i) Provision for fast Track Promotions

The teaching experience required shall be as follows:

a) Senior Lecturer

Two years of actual teaching experience

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b) Associate Professor

Three years of actual teaching experience and supervision of at least two (2) graduate students to completion. Applicants who have not supervised PhD students shall be required to supervise additional two (2) Master's students to completion.

c) Professor

Four years of actual teaching experience and supervision of at least six (4) graduate students to completion **one** of whom should be a PhD student. Applicants who have not supervised PhD students shall be required to supervise addition three (3) Master's students to completion.

- ii) The period when an applicant is not involved in teaching such as study leave, shall not count for purposes of teaching experience
- iii) The teaching experience shall be cumulative with effect from appointment to the rank of Lecturer
- iv) An applicant for promotion under the Fast Track provision shall be required to serve for a period of **one year** at each level before being considered for promotion to the next level

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Fable 1.2: PROVISIONS FOR FAST TRACK PROMOTIONS (The promotion to the various academic) positions under the Fast Track option is as indicated in the table below)

Post	Minimum Academic Qualifications	Years of Teaching	Publications	Supervision of Graduate Students to completion	Contribution to Community
Lecturer	MPhil	Required	Required	Required	Required
Senior Lecturer	PhD or Mphil	Two Years of actual Teaching Experience and having served for a period of at least one year at the rank of Lecturer.	Four recognised publications in the area of specialisation since promotion to the rank of Lecturer	Supervision of at least 1(one) Graduate Students to completion	Required
Associate Professor	PhD or MPhil	Five Years of actual Teaching Experience and having served for a period of at least one year at the rank of senior Lecturer.	Five recognised publications in the area of specialisation since last promotion to the rank of Senior Lecturer	Supervision of at least 2 (two) Graduate Students to completion since last promotion.	Required
Professor	PhD	Six Years of actual Teaching Experience and having served for a period of at least one year at the rank of Associate Professor.	Six new recognised publications since last promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.	Supervision of at least 3 (three) Graduate Students to completion since last promotion.	Required

d) Provision for Ordinary Track Promotion

Promotions to various academic positions under the Ordinary Track option shall be as indicated in the table below:

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Post	Minimum Academic Qualifications	Years of Teaching	Publications	Supervision of Graduate Students	Contribution to Community
Teaching Assistant	Master's Degree with a First Class or Second Class Upper Division	Required	Required	Required	Required
Assistant Lecturer	Master's Degree with a First Class, Upper or Master's Degree	Required	Required	Required	Required
Lecturer	Mphil or Master's Degree	Required	Required	Required	Required
Senior Lecturer	PhD or Mphil	Two Years of Teaching Experience	Three recognised publications in the area of specialisation. At least one of the publications should have been produced since appointment or promotion to the rank of Lecturer.	Supervision of at least two Graduate Student to completion	Required
Associate Professor	PhD or MPhil	Five Years of Teaching experience	Three new recognised publications in the area of specialisation since promotion to the rank of Senior Lecturer	Supervision of three Graduate Students to completion. At least 2 (two) Graduate Students to completion since last promotion.	Required
Professor	PhD or Master's Degree in Clinical Sciences	Six Years of Teaching experience	Five new recognised publications since promotion to the rank of Associate Professor	Supervision of five Graduate Students to completion. At least 2 (two) Graduate Students to completion since last promotion.	Required

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6.2 Research Staff

The Campus shall use the criteria indicated in table 1.4 to appoint research staff.

Table 1.4: Minimum Qualifications and Experience for Research Staff

	Terms of	Minimum Qualifications and	
Post	Service	Requirements	Area of Specialization
Director (M3)	Contract 5 Years Renewable once	PhD 1. A minimum of ten (10) years of proven research 2. A minimum of twelve (12) publications (of which eight (8) are in refereed Journals or Books and two (2) are books 3. Evidence of successful grant proposals 4. Ability to shoulder heavy administrative duties 5. Recognized service to the community. 6. Membership to Professional Organizations	Candidate may fall in any discipline within the wider Campus or fall within MISR's current areas of research. 1. Governance and Civil Society 2. Health 3. Education 4. Environment and Natural Resources 5. Micro and Macro Economics 6. Resettlement, Migration and Urbanization 7. Agriculture and Rural Development
Research Professor (M3)	Permanent	PhD 1. A minimum of ten (10) years of proven research 2. A minimum of twelve (12) new publications in refereed Journals and/or four (4) books. 3. Evidence of successful research grants proposals. 4. Recognized service to the community. 5. Membership to Professional Organizations.	Candidate must fall within any of the current areas of specialization: 1. Governance and Civil Society 2. Health 3. Education 4. Environment and Natural Resources 5. Micro and Macro Economics 6. Resettlement, Migration and Urbanization 7. Agriculture and Rural Development
Research Associate Professor (M4)	Permanent	PhD 1. A minimum of ten (10) years of proven research 2. A minimum of eight (8) new publications in refereed Journals and/or two books. 3. Evidence of successful research proposals 4. A significant contribution to the intellectual life in their area of specialization. 5. Recognized service to the community. 6. Membership to Professional Organizations.	Candidate must fall within any of the current areas of specialization: 1. Governance and civil society 2. Health 3. Education 4. Environment and Natural Resources 5. Micro and Macro Economics 6. Resettlement, Migration and Urbanization 7. Agriculture and Rural Development
Senior Research Fellows (M5)	5-Year Renewable Contract	 PhD A minimum of five (5) years of proven research. A minimum of six (6) new publications in refereed Journals Not less than ten (10) Research reports Contribution to the intellectual life in the area of specialization 	Candidate must fall within the current area of specialization 1. Governance and civil society 2. Health 3. Education 4. Environment and Natural Resources 5. Micro and Macro Economics 6. Resettlement, Migration and Urbanization 7. Agriculture and Rural Development
Research	5-Year	PhD	Candidate must fall within the current

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	Terms of	Minimum Qualifications and	_
Post	Service	Requirements	Area of Specialization
Fellow (M6)	Renewable Contract	1. A minimum of three (3) years of proven research.	area of specialization
		2. A minimum of three (3) refereed	Governance and civil society
		publications	2. Health
		3. At least two (2) research reports	3. Education
			4. Environment and Natural Resources
			5. Micro and Macro Economics
			6. Resettlement, Migration and
			Urbanization
			7. Agriculture and Rural Development
Graduate	5-Year	Masters Degree (Coursework and	Candidate must fall within any area of
Fellow	Renewable	Dissertation), Bachelors Second Class-	specialization in Humanities and/or
(M7)	Contract	Upper Division or its equivalent	Social Sciences
Research	Permanent	PhD	Candidate must fall within the current
Secretary (M4)		A minimum of ten (10) years of proven research.	area of specialization
		2. A minimum of six (6) publications in	 Governance and civil society
		refereed Journal(s)	2. Health
		3. Proven work experience of public	3. Education
		relations activities.	4. Environment and Natural Resources
		4. Evidence of previous administrative	5. Micro and Macro Economics
		work experience and skills.	6. Resettlement, Migration and
			Urbanization
			7. Agriculture and rural Development

6.3 Library staff

The Campus shall have two cadres of Library staff namely Academic and Administrative Library staff.

a) Academic Library Staff

The **Academic Librarians** shall be expected to conduct research, publish, and carry out other academic activities as a contribution to the academic growth of the Campus.

i. Promotion and Appointment Criteria

This shall be composed of the following elements:

- 1. Academic and professional qualifications
- 2. Publications
- 3. Professional Library work/ Professional Practice.
- 4. Research
- 5. Information Literacy Instructions and Innovations
- 6. Other Academic Activities (Conferences/seminars attended and papers presented, lecturing, editors of periodicals, developing Library/Information courses, supervision of students, etc.)
- 7. Service to the Campus and the Community
- 8. Membership to Professional Bodies
- 9. Conduct

ii. Promotional Interval

- 1. No member of staff shall be promoted while on probation.
- Staff serving on probation shall be eligible for confirmation after 6 months of service.
 Confirmation in the Campus Service shall be based on favourable appraisal reports from the Supervisor.
- 3. Staff shall be eligible for promotion after they have served in the lower grade for a period of not less than **three** years.

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iii. Promotional outlet

As is the case with other academic staff in the Faculties, promotion of Library academic staff shall not be limited to available established posts. The main consideration for the promotion of any member of staff from one scale to another, i.e. between M6 - M4 scales, shall take into account the satisfaction of the academic professional qualifications, professional proficiency or ability, research, publications and other requirements for the higher position.

iv. Comparison with the teaching academics

Except for the two areas of Teaching and Supervision of Graduate students, which have been substituted with Professional Library work and Information Literacy Instructions, the rest of the elements for the Library Promotional criteria are exactly the same as those of the teaching academics. In addition, some Librarians teach various Campus courses/programmes and carry out various other academic activities.

v. Promotion of Academic Librarians

The promotion of Academic Librarian I (M6) to Senior Librarian equivalent to Senior Lecturer (M5) and then to Deputy Campus Librarian/Associate Library Professor (M4) should be based on the academic/scholarly activities carried out by Librarians.

The requirement of a PhD, as it is the case for teaching academics, shall apply to Librarians' promotion starting from Senior Librarian position. This is because the Librarian I position combines the Assistant lecturer and Lecturer positions.

The Librarian 1 position is responsible for handling routine library tasks and duties, which do not require a PhD. Promotion to the position of Librarian 1(M6) requires a Master's degree in LIS¹, some research and professional library work experience shall suffice.

An administrative Librarian who attains a PhD in Library and Information Science focusing on a topic relevant to Makerere Campus library work shall be allowed to change from administrative to academic terms.

vi. Promotion to/Appointment at M7

The promotion/appointment and promotion of Academic Librarian II (M7) shall follow the existing guidelines governing the promotion appointment of other academic staff at M7.

The promotion and appointment of administrative Librarian II (M7) shall follow the guidelines governing the appointment of other administrative staff at M7.

vii) The Position of Campus Librarian

- a) The position shall be externally advertised, when it falls vacant or is due to fall vacant and the incumbent is not eligible for or does not merit re-appointment.
- b) The Campus Librarian shall have a Master in LIS. He/she shall have served for at least 12 years in an academic library environment, 3 of which at a managerial level. He/she shall have mentored LIS professionals by teaching or supervising their research work and/or setting up LIS units. Five (5) new publications/conference papers will be required.
- c) At the end of the contract of an incumbent, he/she may remain in the Campus Library service as a Library Professor

¹ LIS = Library and Information Science, which is restricted to Librarianship, Information studies, Publishing studies, Archives/Archival studies and Information Technology applicable to libraries.

Table 1.5: Promotion/Appointment of Academic Library Staff

Scale	Post	Minimum Academic Qualifications	Years of Professional Library Work	Publications	Information Literacy Instructions	Contribution to Community
M7	Librarian II Assist. Lib. I*	Bachelor's Degree with an Upper or First Class in BLIS		Not required	Not required	Not required
M 6	Librarian I Archivist	Masters degree in LIS	Three Years	Not required	Required	Required
M 5	Senior Librarian	Master in LIS	Six Years	Three new recognised publications in the area of specialisation since last promotion	Required	Required
M 4	Associate Library Professor Chief Cataloguer	Master (LIS)	Nine Years	Three new recognised publications in the area of specialisation since last promotion	Required	Required
M 3	Library Professor	Master (LIS)	Ten Years	Five new recognised publications since last promotion	Required	Required
M 3	Campus Librarian/ Professor	Master (LIS)	12 Years + managerial experience	Five new recognised publications since last promotion	Required	Required

b) Administrative Librarians

The promotion of Administrative Librarians shall follow the procedure as approved for promotion of administrative staff in the Campus. On the basis of the above measures, the Campus Council approved the new Campus Library structure for categorization of staff as academic and administrative and also the criteria for appointment, promotion and titles of Library staff.

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Table 1.6 Campus Library Structure for Administrative Librarians

Position/Rank	Minimum Qualifications	Salary scale
Senior Librarian	MLIS	M5
	9 yrs exp.	
Librarian I	MLIS	M6
System Administrator 1	MSc-CS	M6
Head Binder	MFA+ Bindery	M6
	6 yrs. Exp.	
Librarian II	BLIS	M7
System Adm. II	BSc-CS	M7
Assistant Binder	BFA	M7
Administrative Assistant	B.Sc./ B.A	M7
	3 yrs exp. Age flexible	
ICT Technician	Dip ICT	M10

6.4 Assessment Criteria

Refer to the policy document effective from 2024 ("Policy on Appointment and Promotion of Academic Staff as Reviewed and Approved by the Campus Council") for the following assessment criterial

- a) Points system criteria for academic staff appointment and promotion used at the Faculty/Departmental Level
- b) Criteria for appointment and promotion points system for research staff
- c) Weighting and point scoring system for the appointment and promotion criteria for academic library staff

6.5 Other Provisions

Other important provisions relating to appointment and promotion of academic staff are detailed in section 14 of the appointments and promotions policy document effective 2024 ("Policy on Appointment and Promotion of Academic Staff as Reviewed and Approved by the Campus Council")

6.6 Scoring System for Post Retirement Contract Staff

The performance of staff who applies for contracts shall be appraised and scored based on the following:

i) Teaching ability 40%

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	c) Supervision of Graduate Students
	d) Mentoring Junior staff
ii)	Research and Publication 40%
	a) Involvement in Quality Research Programme.
	with credible research results which solve society's
•	problems or and advance knowledge20
	b) Having an on-ground publication record
	in books or scholarly journals at least one in the
	last five years or contract period20
iii)	Service to Campus and Community 20%
	a) Participation in the democratic process of Campus
	Service such as Committee Membership5
	b) Quality Assurance Procedures of an Institution such as
	Appraisal, Vetting, Moderation, Editorial Board
	c) Participation in community service e.g. External
	Boards, External bodies offering consultancy service
	1 An academic staff member at the rank of Associate Professor shall be

- 1. An academic staff member at the rank of Associate Professor shall be given a contract up to the age of 65 years broken into two (3,2) to allow for review with the first contact being 3 years and the second one 2 years;
- 2. An academic staff member at the rank of Professor shall be given a contracts up to the age 70 years broken into three (4,4,2) for review with the first contract being 4 years, second contract being 4 years and third contract 2 years;
- 3. Staff who are awarded contracts shall not block staffing positions to be filled by younger staff to allow for planned continuity of establishment; and
- 4. Academic staff members who are on contract shall not be allowed to serve in administrative positions of Deans, Directors, Deputy Deans, Deputy Directors or Heads of Department in the Campus.

6.7 External Vetting of Publication

Promotion to the ranks of Associate Professor and Professor shall take into account an external vetting process based on the following guidelines:

6.7.1 Scoring System for External Vetter

Assessors should be requested to submit the following information on each publication. Assessment of the publication in relation to:

- a. Originality and contribution to knowledge.
- b. Relevance to the academic discipline.
- c. Relevance and currency of literature.
- d. Relevance or consistency to the individual's own specialization in an academic discipline.
- e. Quality of published work.
- f. Overall quality.

6.7.1.2 For each aspect (a) to (e) above, a grade should be given as per the grading system shown below. A score of A (Excellent) should only be awarded when indicators in (a),(b) and (c) are highly regarded. For number (f) above (i.e. overall quality), the grade should reflect the average of numbers (a) to (e) above.

Grade	Points	Comment
A	6	Excellent
B+	5	Very Good
В	4	Good
С	3	Average
D	2	Poor

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Evaluation Form

Paper/ Book	(a) originality and contribution	(b) Relevance To academic discipline	(c) Relevance and currency of literature	(d) Relevance or consistency to individual's own specialization in academic discipline	(e) Quality of published work	(f) Overall quality
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.7.1.3 Overall Assessment (Promote/ Do not promote; Appoint/Do not appoint)
7.1.4 Any other comments / suggestions/recommendations (Please attach any other relevant additional information).
Assessors brief bio-data
Assessor's name:
Name of Institution
Academic Qualifications:
Title:
Signature

6.8 Promotion of Administrative Staff

a) Procedure

i. Each administrative department shall have a committee charged with the task of reviewing staff promotions for both administrative and support staff. The committee, made up of three or four members (preferably the most senior) chaired by the head of department shall meet to review the progress of each member of staff for promotional consideration.

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- ii. Where a head of department is a candidate or where two or more members of the department are being considered or where the department has fewer members, the committee shall **co-opt** members from a higher status committee.
- iii. The committee shall make recommendations to the Appointments Board using the Campus guidelines for appointment or promotion as defined in 6.4 (b).
- iv. No member shall be recommended for promotion to a post more than one grade up the ladder.
- v. No employee shall be recommended for promotion until he/she has served in the lower grade for a minimum period of three years.

The Promotional Criteria

The promotional criteria for the Administrative staff shall be composed of the following elements:

- i. Years of relevant experience
- ii. Academic/professional qualifications
- iii. Performance appraisal based on Annual Progress Reports.
- iv. Added advantage
- v. Conduct

c) Promotional interval

i. Probation

- 1. No employee shall be promoted while on probation.
- An employee serving on probation shall be eligible for confirmation after six (6) months of service and promotion when appointed to a new job category i.e. support to administrative shall be mandatory
- 3. Confirmation in Campus service shall be based on favourable appraisal reports from the supervisor.

ii. Years of subsequent promotional interval

- 1. The promotional interval from one post to the next shall be 3-years except under special circumstances of outstanding performance.
- 2. Notwithstanding (i) above, the number of years of experience at a particular job grade may be waived by the appointing authority in cases where an employee has attained a higher qualification sufficient to enable him/her gain the minimum professional point score.

d) Supernumerary Promotion (personal to holder)

- i. In instances where an employee merits promotion due to outstanding performance and yet there is no vacant position at the next level, such an employee may be promoted on supernumerary basis or personal to holder basis.
- ii. Notwithstanding (i) above, supernumerary promotion shall only apply to positions below M.3.
- iii. Posts established to cater for supernumerary promotion shall be personal-to-holder.

e) Promotion across job categories

Promotion from one job category to another i.e. from support category to the administrative category is not automatic. Available vacancies shall be advertised internally or externally and shall be competed for by all eligible candidates.

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6.9 Promotion of Support Staff

a) Application Procedure

An employee seeking promotion shall make an official application for the promotion to the Director – Human Resource through both the immediate supervisor and the head of department.

b) Consideration of the Application

- i. The Appointments and Promotions Committee of the department shall consider the application subjecting it to the assessment criteria in 6.4 (b).
- ii. The minimum score to merit promotion under the criteria shall be 60 points out of 100.
- iii. All the applications for promotion shall be forwarded to the appointing authority by the head of department together with appropriate recommendations contained in Minutes of the Departmental Appointments and Promotions Advisory Committee.
- iv. The appointing authority shall make the final decision depending on the availability of a vacancy.

c) Promotional Interval

The promotional interval shall be a minimum of 3 years except under special circumstances arising out of outstanding or exemplary performance.

6.10 Re-designation

- i. Re-designation shall not amount to promotion. It shall be a lateral re-assignment of duties and responsibilities at the same level deemed administratively prudent. The Director Human Resources shall in consultation with the Deputy Campus Chief (Finance & Administration) re-designate employees as shall be deemed necessary to promote efficient human resource utilisation.
- ii. Where duties and responsibilities remain unchanged, re-designation shall not apply. A change of title without a change in the substance of the job does not call for re-designation but an automatic change of title.

SECTION 7: WELFARE AND BENEFITS

7.1 Medical Care

- a) The Campus shall subscribe to a suitable Medical Scheme or any other scheme as approved by Council to which both the Campus and the employee shall contribute.
- b) The ratio of contribution between the Campus and the employee shall be determined by Council from time to time.

7.2 Travel Insurance

The Campus shall provide insurance cover for employees travelling by air on official duty.

7.3 Risks and Hazards Insurance

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The Campus shall provide insurance cover to employees against risks and hazards in the process of employment.

7.4 Salary Loans

- a) The Campus may assist employees to access salary loans from financial institutions on terms and conditions as agreed upon between the Campus and the Financial Institutions.
- b) The Campus may recommend employees to obtain loans against their salary from financial institutions on terms and conditions mutually agreed upon between those institutions and in line with other Campus regulations.
- c) An employee who is a student on study leave shall not be eligible for a salary loan since it would amount to a double loan.
- d) The Campus shall only recommend and not act as a guarantor for salary loans.

7.5 Recreational Facilities

The Campus recognises that the health of its employees is very critical in their efficient and effective delivery of services. Various recreational facilities such as clubs, playgrounds, swimming pool, canteens, etc. are available and employees are encouraged to use them.

7.6 Counselling services

Counselling services are available to employees, their spouses and registered children under 18-years who may need such services at the Campus Counselling Centre.

7.7 Spiritual Services

The Campus shall recognize and respect freedom of worship.

7.8 Financial Services

Employees' Cooperative Saving Schemes

There are schemes which employees may voluntarily join where they can save and borrow money.

(i) Campus Employees Cooperative Scheme

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SECTION 8: LEAVE

8.1 Annual Leave

- a) Every employee shall be entitled to go for annual leave with full pay, in accordance with the various leave entitlements as approved from time to time by Council.
- b) An employee shall apply for annual leave on a prescribed Annual Leave Form (see appendix 9)
- c) An employee shall not proceed for leave until approval has been obtained in writing.
- d) The annual leave for the various categories of staff is as follows:
 - i. Employees within salary scale M 1 -M 15......30 Working days
 - ii. Employees within salary scale MA P....... 18 Working days
- (e) In compelling circumstances, days off may be granted against leave.
- (f) Leave not taken when due shall be forfeited except where permission to defer such leave has been granted by the Director of Human Resources on the recommendation of the Head of Department.
- (g) Annual leave shall not be accumulated in excess of 12 (Tweleve) working days.
- (h) Every employee shall be required to take leave in full unless recalled or rescheduled.
- (i) Where an employee is recalled from leave prematurely, the remainder of the leave shall be deferred, and the Campus shall meet the travel expenses for returning to duty and going back.
- (j) Where an employee fails to resume duty upon expiry of leave, such employee shall be regarded as being absent from duty without permission and therefore liable for disciplinary action.
- (k) Where such absence exceeds ten (10) working days without written notification and permission of absence, such employee shall be deemed to have absconded from duty.
- (l) The period an employee is on suspension, study leave or sabbatical leave shall not earn Annual Leave.

8.2 Leave Schedules

- a) It is the responsibility of the Head of Department to schedule leave for all employees in the department.
- b) Every department shall have a **leave roster** at the beginning of each calendar year a copy of which shall be availed to the Director of Human Resources.
- c) In order to enable proper planning and processing, it is important that employees apply for leave, to their Heads of Department, at least two months in advance.

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- d) Before departing for leave, all employees shall inform their Head of Department and provide addresses where they can be contacted if need arises.
- e) All employees proceeding on annual leave shall submit a comprehensive handover report to the satisfaction of the immediate supervisor

8.3 Sick Leave

- a) Sick leave shall be the period during which an employee is genuinely absent from duty owing to sickness.
- b) The employee must have a medical certificate by a registered medical practitioner endorsed by the Director of the Hospital recommending the sick leave for a period of time.
- c) The maximum period of sick leave with full pay. After this period, if the employee is still in ill health, the Campus Council shall appoint a Medical Board to advise on the matter while the employee is on half pay for a further period of three months.
- d) Council reserves the right to terminate the services of an employee after continuous sick leave.

8.4 Study Leave (Refer to the Human Resource Development Policy Section 12.2.4)

8.5 Maternity Leave

- a) Maternity leave shall be sixty (60) working days.
- b) Where a female employee is absent from her work or remains absent for a longer period as a result of illness, certified by a qualified medical practitioner, arising out of pregnancy or confinement and rendering her unfit for work, the provisions under sick leave shall apply.

8.6 Paternity Leave

This shall be the leave given to a male employee whose spouse has given birth and it shall be 4 (four) working days yearly.

8.7 Compulsory Leave

Compulsory leave shall be where an employee is sent on leave under any of the following circumstances:-

- a) Failure to take annual leave when due
- b) To allow for free investigation or inquiry
- c) Sickness warranting seclusion

8.8 Sabbatical Leave (Refer to the Human Resource Development policy Section 12.2.5)

8.9 Compassionate Leave

(a) At the discretion of the Director Human Resources, Compassionate Leave on full pay may be granted to an employee under special circumstances such as sickness/hospitalization/death of a spouse, biological/legal child, or parent. Such leave shall not exceed five (5) working days.

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- (b) Compassionate Leave may be granted on **not** more than **two (2)** occasions in a year. Any deviation from this must be approved by the Director, Human Resource as circumstances may warrant. Any other additional days taken will be deducted from accrued annual leave.
- (c) Where the Head of Department notices that owing to advanced stages of pregnancy a female employee is clearly unable to carry out her duties in the Campus, the said employee shall be asked to take compassionate leave not exceeding 3 (three) days.

8.10 Special Leave

Special Leave shall be granted to an employee only by the Vice-Chancellor to carry out special duties beneficial to the Campus for a period **not exceeding three months**.

8.11 Public holidays:

Employees take leave on public holidays (Refer to Section 4.6)

SECTION 9: SECONDMENT AND CONSULTANCY

9.1 Secondment

The Campus shall **receive or give** staff on secondment by authority of the Staff under the following terms and conditions:

a) Internal Secondment

- i. An employee may when circumstances so demand, be internally seconded to another Unit within the Campus by authority of the staff for a specified period of time, following necessary consultations.
- ii. The duties, terms of service and any change in the remuneration shall be specified in the letter of secondment issued by the staff.
- iii. All applicable allowances shall be paid to the employee by the receiving Unit.
- iv. Upon expiry of the period of secondment the employee shall revert to their original Unit.

b) External Secondment

- i. Employee Received on Secondment
 - 1. Such an employee shall serve for a specified period of time as agreed between Campus and the employee's parent employer.
 - 2. Campus shall remunerate such an employee as shall be agreed upon between the two parties as long as such remuneration shall not amount to payment of double salary.
 - 3. Such an employee shall not be entitled to terminal benefits as applicable to Campus employees on permanent or contract terms.

ii. Employee Given on Secondment

1. Such an employee shall serve the recipient organization for a period **not exceeding two** years.

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- The employee on secondment to another organization may continue drawing their basic salary from Campus but the allowances and other forms of remuneration shall be the responsibility of the recipient organization.
- 3. An employee on secondment shall draw a salary from either Campus or the organisation of secondment but not both
- 4. Upon expiry of the period of secondment, the employee shall return to their original position in Campus. In the event that such an employee does not return after the period of secondment without formal resignation, after ten consecutive working days such employee shall be deemed to have absconded.
- 5. The period of secondment shall NOT be treated by Campus as a break in service.

9.2 Consultancy

- (a) The Campus may be contracted to do consultancies and assign an employee to perform these duties. The Campus shall retain at least 30% of the remuneration of the contract.
 - (b) Subject to the Campus Intellectual Property Management Policy, an employee, through the immediate supervisor may be permitted by the Assistant Campus Chief (Finance & Administration), to do private consultancy work on condition that this does not prevent such employee from performing the Campus duties diligently.

SECTION 10: EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

10.1 Records Policy

The Campus shall have a records policy and all Campus records both Planand electronic shall be managed within the provisions of that policy.

10.2 Bio data Form

- (a) All employees shall be required to complete a bio data form capturing basic details about them (see Appendix 4)
- (b) The record shall be continuously updated and it is incumbent upon the employee to provide the updated information for example marital status, family members, academic qualifications, etc.
- (c) The initial records provided shall be taken as the true and authentic record and any changes thereafter shall require proof of authenticity beyond any doubt to the Director, Human Resources.
- (d) The date of birth provided at the time of an employee's first appointment SHALL NOT BE ALTERED under any circumstances in the course of one's employment.
- (e) All employees shall provide photographs attached to their bio data forms to be updated after every five (5) years.

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10.3 Personal Files

- (a) All records about an employee shall be kept on their personal file.
- (b) There shall be at least two sets of personal files; one kept and maintained in the Central Registry and the other kept and maintained at the Department/Unit.
- (c) An employee shall not access their personal file.

10.4 Records Management

All records are confidential and shall only be accessed upon express request to the Head, Records and Information.

10.5 Update of Record

- a) All requests for updating records shall be communicated to the Director, Human Resources as soon as need arises but in any case all employees shall be required to update their records after every five years.
- b) No requests for change of date of birth shall be considered.
- c) Falsification of records when discovered at whatever stage shall lead to disciplinary action, to the discretion of the appointing authority.

SECTION 11: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

11.1 General Provisions

- a) Performance Management shall be a continuous process involving an agreement between employee and supervisor on performance targets in every unit for every employee, formulating strategies to achieve the targets, evaluation and review of performance and agreeing on new targets.
- b) It shall aim at improving the productivity and development of all Campus employees.
- c) Performance reports shall be the basis for determining performance gaps and training needs, promotion and other forms of rewards, review of job designs, and disciplinary action.
- d) Performance Management shall be very critical to the achievement of the individual targets and Campus objectives. The performance management cycle shall be as summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1.7: The Performance Management Cycle

Months of the Performance Year	Performance Management Activity	
1	Reviewing and Setting targets	
2-5	Implementation (Phase I)	
6	Mid-term review and adjustment of targets	
7-10	Implementation (Phase II)	
11	Appraisal	
12	Feedback	

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11.2 Appraisal

- a) Appraisal shall be one of the key tools in performance management.
- b) It shall be transparent and participatory involving the employee, peers, supervisor and clients.
- c) Each employee shall be entitled to feedback of the appraisal from the immediate supervisor.
- d) All appraisal reports from immediate supervisors shall be submitted through the Heads of Department to the Director, Human Resources.
- e) On the basis of the appraisal reports the appointing authority or Director Human Resources shall take appropriate action, including but not limited to: promotion, training, retirement, recognition, special awards, disciplinary proceedings, etc.

11.3 Appraisal Instruments

Appraisal shall be conducted using specifically designed instruments for each occupation category (refer to Appendices 5, 6, 7).

11.4 Appraisal Interval

Periodical appraisal reports shall constitute an essential record on every employee of the Campus and therefore all members of staff shall be appraised at least once a year but the supervisor may appraise an employee as and when necessary.

11.5 Participation

- a) Employees, supervisors, line managers, HR personnel and Campus Management shall be duty bound to participate in the appraisal process at their respective levels.
- b) An employee who fails to perform/play their role in the stipulated time shall face disciplinary measures.
- c) An employee with a grievance about the appraisal process shall present it to the Director Human Resources in writing.
- d) Where an employee has a grievance about the appraisal process that involves the Director, Human Resources, they shall present it in writing to the Assistant Campus Chief (F & A).
- e) The Director, Human Resources, after consultation with the complainant's Head of Department/Unit shall handle the grievance and conclude it or present it to an ad-hoc Grievance Committee chaired by the Assistant Campus Chief (F&A) with a membership of not less than five.

11.6 Recognition and Awards

- As a means of motivating employees, the Campus shall encourage units to exercise innovativeness in terms of developing and implementing appropriate schemes of staff recognition and awards.
- b) The Directorate of Human Resources shall coordinate the formulation of frameworks for determining excellence deserving recognition and awards across the different occupation categories.

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SECTION 12: HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

12.1 Human Resources Development Policy

12.1.1 Preamble

The Campus is committed to:

- a) Promoting a culture of learning that nurtures and encourages continuous learning in the workplace;
- Ensuring that human resources are trained and developed in compliance with government regulatory requirements and as a strategy for skills' development and employment equity; and
- c) Use education and training, prudently and systematically, in motivating individuals into excelling while fulfilling their potential talents for the mutual benefit of the Campus and self.

12.1.2 Objectives of the Human Resources Development Policy

The objectives of the policy are to:

- a) Uphold the vision and mission, as well as foster values and commitments of the Campus.
- b) Ensure the integration and uniformity of all human resources development initiatives, practices and processes.
- c) Enhance employee job satisfaction, employability and advancement.
- d) Redress the imbalances in equity and equality resulting from the past, including but not limited to gender inequality.
- e) Make development opportunities accessible and available to all employees.
- f) Ensure a high level of legitimacy among all stakeholders.
- g) Ensure rational and optimal use of resources available for human resources development.

12.1.3 Principles of the Human Resources Development Policy

The following principles shall guide this Policy:

- a) Demand-driven;
- b) Value for money;
- c) Professionalism;
- d) Transparency; and
- e) Equity and equality.

12.1.4 Provisions of the Human Resources Development Policy

- a) An employee shall be entitled to attend academic, professional, and/ or work place skills training programmes and shall be allowed to attend/ take up development opportunities, wherever possible.
- b) Regulations shall provide the context and procedures for the different types of training in line with the Campus's Mission Statement.

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- c) The identification, monitoring and provision of human resources development initiatives shall be based upon a framework for thorough training needs assessment using professionally recognized methods that are sensitive to women and men staff needs.
- d) The development needs of the Campus shall always take precedence over those of the individual employee.
- e) Each employee shall obtain permission to attend all and any type of training programme of any duration, irrespective of the source of funding; and, thereafter, maintain contact with the Campus Administration, during and after the training period.
- f) Beneficiaries of human resources development initiatives shall share the acquired knowledge with the Campus community within the framework as shall be stipulated in the Regulations from time to time.
- g) The opportunities and funds available for Human Resources Development programmes shall be approved by the Campus Council and communicated periodically to stakeholders.
- h) This Policy shall be implemented in line with the accompanying Regulations as well as relevant provisions in the Campus's policies and regulations as contained in the Human Resources Plan and other documents.
- i) The Campus's Human Resources Development priorities and the Regulations shall be reviewed, when need arises, through a consultative process with all stakeholders.

12.2 REGULATIONS

12.2.1. Priorities for Human Resources Development

(i) The Development Needs of the Campus and the Individual

- (a) The development needs of the Campus are derived from and intended to address the Campus's Mission and Strategic Objectives.
- (b) The development needs and priorities of the Campus shall take precedence over those of an employee, irrespective of the source of sponsorship.

(ii) Supporting employees in the context of a changing Information Technology (IT) environment

Given the impact of continuing change, the pace of development of the IT infrastructure in general, and the fact that most of the Campus's work has become computer dependant, there is need to support all employees in keeping abreast of IT developments as they affect their work.

(iii) Bolstering the work of academic and other managers (Management Development)

There are development needs to be met for top managers (academic and others), if current and future leadership potential is to be realised. There is also a definite and continuing need for appropriate forms of advice and support before, during and after becoming a head of Unit, Section, Department, Faculty (College), and indeed the Campus Chief of the Campus. In particular, the needs of employees that are assuming management responsibilities for the first time, when they have had little time to prepare for an increasingly demanding management role, should be addressed.

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(iv) Academic training and professional development of employees

The Campus shall support employees in Academic training and professional development with a view to improving their performance and output.

3. The professional development of researchers

Given the place of research in the mission and strategic focus of the Campus, there is need to ensure that employees involved in research, at different stages of their careers (post-doctoral through to principal investigator), are provided with appropriate advice to help them maximise their potential in each of these distinctive roles, and to help them manage each of these career transitions effectively.

The professional development of Administrative and Support staff

A disparity in existing levels of provision has been noted by stakeholders in the discussions to date, in that employees classified as manual, clerical, technical as well as administrative staff have tended to receive less direct support for their professional and career development, compared to other categories of employees in the Campus. This needs to be addressed.

Organizing and attendance of conferences and related activities

There is need to support employees in keeping abreast with developments in their discipline, profession or work. The Campus has always spent a significant amount of money on supporting employees who present papers or who fulfil some other formal role at conferences for this purpose. While this will clearly continue to be important, it is now appropriate, in an environment where total expenditure on human resource development activities will continue to be constrained, to examine more carefully the pattern and value for money that the development elements of this expenditure represent.

Supporting managers in addressing performance issues

As well as helping employees to adjust to various changes, there is also need to address the range of performance issues that can arise just after they are recruited, when they are inducted into their roles, or at later stages of their careers in the Campus. Where aspects of an employee's performance become an issue, managers and employees need to be supported in addressing the related performance issues appropriately. Procedures to manage individual employee performance difficulties shall be developed; and, human resources development support for the managers involved shall be key to their successful implementation.

Reviewing Training Priorities

The Human Resources Development priorities shall be periodically reviewed in light of changing circumstances. Some form of interim review will be useful, say after the first three years of implementation. If any major changes in circumstances require an immediate review of these priorities, then the matter shall be referred back to the Human Resource Development Committee(s) and stakeholders for consideration.

(x) The need for appraisal

Progress on a range of training and development matters will require an improved and more workable format for performance appraisal, so that more meaningful links can be established between departmental and individual objectives. Appraisals should be conducted annually. In order to achieve this, paperwork and administration involved should be simplified and the process should be followed up so that agreed actions are implemented. Momentum in this exercise will be gained and sustained where departments take a keen interest in appraisal of employees.

(xi) Equity and Equality of opportunity

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All the above priorities will be influenced by an understanding of good practice in the area of equal opportunities; and, training and development providers in the Campus will have a key role to play in enabling employees to interpret, appreciate and apply the principles that have been established in this area in recent years.

12.2.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR TRAINING

(i) Academic Training Programmes

- a) An employee, confirmed in the Campus Service, shall be eligible to go for further training leading to academic qualification, subject to fulfilling the provisions of these guidelines.
- b) Except in special circumstances as determined by the Committee, an employee not yet confirmed in the Campus Service shall ONLY be eligible to go for further training after serving the Campus for at least one academic year, and where:
 - 1. The recommending Department/ Unit lacks sufficiently trained employees in a specified area of expertise;
 - 2. Efforts to recruit suitably trained employees have proved futile;
 - 3. An employee has secured a fully funded scholarship from a source outside the Campus; or
 - 4. An employee is admitted to Campus and he/ she continues to cover up to 20% of the normal work load, while studying.
- c) An employee in category a) and b) above shall be permitted to go for training where the workload distribution in the Department/ Unit can be managed without recruiting additional employees.
- d) An employee on contract outside the training grades is not eligible for sponsorship to training that leads to academic qualifications or lasts for more than one month.
- e) An employee who obtains a higher qualification after training under provisions in b) above will first resume service under the original terms of appointment before applying for appointment on new terms, promotion or confirmation in service.
- f) Except in special circumstances as determined by the Committee, an employee who successfully completes a training programme lasting at least nine months shall be eligible for permission, and sponsorship where possible, to undertake another programme after serving the Campus for the bonded period as stipulated in the training agreement.
- g) Given the limited funding available for Human Resources Development; and, the profile of qualifications in the job market in Nepal, there shall be no support for an employee who wishes to obtain Certificates, except in special circumstances as determined by the Committee.
- h) Table 1.8 sets out the age limits for an employee who seeks study leave and/ or permission to register for an academic programme; and, the maximum period to be spent on training for academic qualification.
- i) An employee, not eligible for training under provisions 2.1 a) to h), but has relevance under 2.3a)
 j) and would like to acquire additional qualifications through part time, distance or evening study programmes, shall sign an agreement with the Campus stipulating what is expected of both parties.

The training grades are: Teaching Assistant, Administrative Assistant and Assistant Lecturer

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Table: 1.8 Permissible maximum age for an employee to commence training and permissible maximum period an employee shall spend on a training programme

Level of Academic Training	Maximum age permissible at the commencement of training (in years) ³		Period permissible for one to spend on a training programme (in years)	
	Female	Male	Minimum	Maximum
Postgraduate Diploma	40	35	1	2
Masters degree	40	35	2	3
Doctor of Philosophy	454	40	3	5

(ii) Professional and Workplace Skills Training Programmes

All employees shall attend these programmes in line with:

- a) The identified training needs, personal development plans and Institutional succession framework;
- Recommendations from the Faculties/ Departments/ Units in collaboration with the Directorate of Human Resources to address particular and/ or profession-specific skills' or performance gaps;
- c) Senior Academic and Administrative employees appointed on contract in the M3 scale and above; as well as all employees appointed on contract after reaching the official retirement age, shall ONLY be eligible for this type of training during their tenure in office and not programmes leading to academic qualifications; and
- d) All other provisions of these guidelines.

(iii) Factors to be considered in identifying and/ or approving employees to be trained

The Human Resources Development Committees at the various levels, while considering applications for any form of training, shall take into account the following factors:

- a) Age of the applicant;
- b) Sex of the applicant;
- c) Availability and reliability of full or partial funding for training in a given period;
- d) The Campus's Human Resources Development priorities (See Regulation 1 above);
- e) Relative lack of expertise/ trained employees in a given area of specialty in the Department/Unit;
- f) The work load among employees in a Department vis-à-vis the number of employees already on study programmes;
- g) An employee's career development plan;
- h) Performance management reports about the applicant;

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³ Recommendation is based upon the quality of human resources available in the local and regional job markets; and, the time available after training in which staff shall put the acquired skills to optimal use to the benefit of both the Campus and the individual employee.

⁴ A female employee may develop her career after handling family matters.

- i) Purpose of the training to be undertaken mutually agreed upon by the individual employee, the Department and the DHR; including but not limited to: career development, capacity building, strategic training for succession line up, gender balance or form of affirmative action (not necessarily in that order of priority).
- j) The projected effect of the training on the individual employee's performance at work.

12.2.3 PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING APPLICATIONS

12.2.3.1 Procedure of receiving and handling applications for full sponsorship

- a) An eligible employee shall complete the relevant application form and present it to the Departmental/ Unit's Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) for consideration, irrespective of the source of funding.
- b) The HRDC of the Department/ Unit shall consider the applications; prioritise those recommended for further consideration and forward them to the Faculty's or Support Department's HRDC, accompanied with a covering letter and minutes signed by all members of the committee.
- c) The HRDC of the Faculty, Institute or School shall consider the applications, prioritise those recommended for further consideration and forward them to the Directorate of Human Resources.
- d) The DHR shall present the applications to the HRDC of Council for consideration.

12.2.3.2 Selection of Employees to be sponsored by the Campus

The selection process shall involve stakeholders at all stages in a transparent and participatory manner. In order to achieve this, the application/selection process shall be handled twice a year from January to March for staff who wish to join programmes that start during the months of July to December of the same year; and July to December for those who wish to join programmes during the months of January to June, the following year.

Table 1.9: Cycle of processing applications for academic training

Month	Activity		
January '	 Applications from employees submitted to Departmental/ Unit HRDCs. Departmental/ Unit's HRDC recommendations submitted to the next level. 		
February	Consideration of applications at the Faculty, HRDC and submission to the DHR.		
March	 Meeting of the HRDCC to consider applications for sponsorship. Publication of those selected to be sponsored. 		

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12.2.4 PERMISSION FOR STUDY AND/OR STUDY LEAVE

- a) An employee who intends to register for any type of training programme on full time basis shall apply for permission for study or study leave from the Campus Chief, through the Head of Department, and Director, Human Resources, irrespective of the source of funding. Academic staff registered for Campus study programmes shall be required to undertake some teaching workload in their respective departments as shall be reasonably determined by the head of department.
- b) Permission for study and/or study leave shall be granted where an employee provides proof of the source(s) of funding and satisfies the provisions of both the Human Resources Development Policy and the accompanying Regulations.
- c) The study leave granted shall not exceed the duration of the training programme as stipulated in the admission letter.
- d) Extension of study leave shall ONLY be granted to an employee where:
 - i. The Head of Department has made a positive recommendation;
 - ii. The cause of the failure to finish in time is deemed to have been inevitable;
 - iii. The applicant provides a satisfactory progress report from his or her supervisor; and
 - iv. One secures full funding to register for a PhD immediately after Master's Degree.
- e) Extension of study leave shall be considered after providing proof of the source(s) of funds to cover the extended period.
- f) An employee's permission to study and/ or study leave is valid only when he or she has duly completed and signed the bonding forms.
- g) An employee who proceeds for training without permission or registers for any form of training outside these Regulations does so illegally and shall be liable for disciplinary action, including but not limited to: suspension, termination or dismissal.

12.2.5 SABBATICAL LEAVE

(i) Eligibility

- (a) For one to be eligible to take sabbatical leave, an employee must:
 - 1. Be on permanent terms of employment at Campus;
 - Have served at a level not less than a Senior Lecturer/ Senior Research Fellow/ Senior Librarian/ Senior Officer in the administration of the Campus at M5 and above, for a continuous service period of at least four years; and,
 - 3. Have served the Campus for at least 2 years since a previous Sabbatical or completely served out the bonded period after Study Leave.
- (b) For Departments/ units which have more than one eligible sabbatical leave candidate at a given period:
 - 1. The order of priority for taking the sabbatical leave shall be determined by the relevant Department/Unit;
 - 2. An employee who has served the Campus longer since the completion of PhD or since the previous sabbatical leave shall merit a higher priority consideration;
 - 3. An employee who has just completed two terms as Campus administrator (e.g. Campus Chief, Assistant Campus Chief, Dean, Director or Head of Academic or Administrative

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- Department), during which period he/she had relatively little time available for research, shall also be placed on a high priority; and
- 4. Under no circumstances shall teaching or any other service in a given Department be allowed to suffer as a result of an employee's taking of sabbatical leave.
- (c) Where an employee takes a year off for further training (e.g. post-doctoral research), for a fellowship, or a special assignment, or for secondment to Government or other organisations, the experience acquired during the period of absence from Campus shall be considered as a substitute for a sabbatical leave.

(ii) Procedure of applying for sabbatical leave

- (a) An employee applying for sabbatical leave shall submit his/her application to the Director, Human Resources, through one's Department and Faculty, for the approval of the Campus Chief, a comprehensive and acceptable research programme or academic activity which shall be undertaken during that period.
- (b) An employee shall also submit to the Director, Human Resources, through one's respective Department and Faculty, for the approval of the Campus Chief, details about the institution where one intends to spend the sabbatical leave period.
- (c) As far as possible, sabbatical leave shall be taken at a place most suitable for the employee's study/ research discipline.
- (d) An employee shall identify, confirm and provide evidence of (a) source(s) of funding when applying for the sabbatical leave.
- (e) An employee shall submit an activity report to the Campus Chief through the Head of Department and Director, Human Resources, on completion of the sabbatical leave.

(iii) Duration

- (a) The duration of the sabbatical leave shall be one calendar year. Extensions of up to 3 months may be granted under very special circumstances.
- (b) Where the sabbatical leave candidate is a Campus Chief, Director or Head of Department, Librarian or other approved category of administrator, whose absence from office for a long and continuous period, exceeding six months, is judged as detrimental to the Campus's operations, the sabbatical leave shall be taken on a piece-meal basis.
- (c) Where, because of the high international travel costs, a Campus Chief/ / Director/ Head of Department is unable to satisfy the piece-meal sabbatical arrangements as per 5.3.2 above, and must stay out of office for a period exceeding six months, he/she must notify the Campus authority well in advance, so that a new substantive Principal/ Dean/ Director/ Head is appointed in his/her place.

(iv) Sabbatical activities

- (a) While on sabbatical leave the employee shall focus his/her efforts on undertaking the following:
 - 1. Advancing frontiers of knowledge through research;

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- 2. Processing of research data and publishing the results in the form of scholarly papers and/ or books; and
- 3. Consultancy work, where there is evidence of research involvement and benefit to both the Campus and the employee.
- (b) Disciplinary action shall be taken against an employee who deviates from the approved sabbatical leave activities.

Financial Arrangements (v)

- a) An employee who plans to take sabbatical leave may apply for funds from the Human Resources Development Fund or a Development Partner.
- b) An employee who receives only an allowance for meeting one's living and research expenses from a Development Partner during the sabbatical leave period shall receive 100% of his/her Campus salary during the approved sabbatical leave period.
- c) An employee who is paid a salary alongside research and living expenses by a Development Partner or host institution shall forgo salary from Makerere Campus for the duration of the sabbatical leave.

12.2.6. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(i) **Training Loan**

- a) An employee proceeding for training, within or outside Nepal, on study leave or not, under the sponsorship of the Campus⁵ or a Development Partner, shall be deemed to have taken a study loan from the Campus equivalent to the full package of financial support (see Provisions 6.3 – 6.13 below).
- b) An employee who registers for further studies shall sign a bonding agreement in respect of that training, irrespective of the source of funding, type of study programme; and, whether one is on study leave or not.
- c) On completion of the training, an employee shall be required to work for the Campus for a period corresponding to the duration of training received before the loan is deemed to be paid back in full (See Table 3 below).

Table 1.10: Summary of training periods and corresponding bonding periods

Programme Type	Period Spent (Years)	Bonding Period (Years) 1 3-4	
Post-Doctoral	1		
PhD	3-4		
Masters	1-2 1-2	1 - 2	
Postgraduate Diploma 1		1	

⁵ Sponsorship by the Campus refers to all Campus Council funds; it espective of the level at which disbursement

shall be authorised.

d) When an employee leaves the Campus service before serving the period for which he/she is bonded, he/she shall be required to refund to the Campus the balance of the study loan plus interest, as shall be determined by the HRDCC, as summarized in the Table 4 below:

Table 1.11: Percentage of Period Served after Training and the Corresponding Percentage of Training Costs to be refunded.

Percentage of Period Served by Staff after Training ⁶	Percentage to be Refunded by Staff to the Campus
0 – 20%	100%
21 – 40%	80%
41 – 60%	60%
61 – 80%	40%
81 – 99%	20%
100%	0%

- e) Since the training loan is mainly recoverable from terminal benefits; and, since loans from banks and other financial institutions are also recoverable from the same source, an employee on a study programme shall not be eligible for Campus secondment to the banks and other financial institutions for loans against the said terminal benefits.
- f) After the study period/leave, an employee may apply for a loan whose value is not more than all terminal benefits less the balance on the training loan.

(ii) Accountability

- a) All beneficiaries shall be required to fully account for all funds received from the Campus.
- b) Failure to do so shall attract disciplinary proceedings as stipulated in the Campus's Code of Conduct.

(iii) Salary

- a) The Campus shall pay salary to and remit benefits for an employee on study leave.
- b) Allowance that is work-related, such as Top-Up, **shall not** be paid to an employee during the study leave.
- c) Payment of salary and benefits to an employee shall stop where an employee fails either to submit reports as stipulated in Section 8 (below) or to report back for duty at the end of the study leave.
- d) Disciplinary proceedings shall be instituted against an employee who absconds from Campus service during or after the end of study period and/ or leave, and the Campus shall recover all training costs plus salary and benefits paid to such an employee during the study period and/ or leave.

(iv) Campus Accommodation or Allowance in lieu

⁶ All types of training involve costs and funds shall be computed and recovered in respect of both Short Courses and Academic programmes.

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- a) An employee occupying a Campus house will be allowed to retain it during the approved study leave.
- b) An employee who is entitled but is not housed by the Campus will continue receiving housing allowance during the approved study leave.
- c) Where an employee fails to report back for duty at the end of the study leave/ period, the housing unit shall be withdrawn within four weeks.

(v) Tuition and other Statutory Fees

- a) The Campus shall meet in part or in full, as shall be decided from time to time, such tuition and other statutory fees as levied by the Institutions or Universities or service providers in respect of an employee sponsored by the Campus to attend academic, professional or work place skills' training programmes.
- b) The Campus reserves the right to grant waiver of tuition fees in respect of an employee studying in any of the academic units at Campus.
- c) The Campus shall not accept responsibility, beyond what will have been approved, for each employee on training.
- d) In all cases where Campus funds have been paid to an Institution, the employee being trained shall submit full accountability to the Bursar through the Directorate of Human Resources.
- Failure to account for funds shall attract disciplinary measures, including but not limited to, recovery of funds from salary, suspension from Campus service and attachment of terminal benefits.

(vi) Stipend

- a) Stipend shall be paid to an employee on a training programme of more than four weeks' duration, at a venue located beyond at least 30 km outside Kampala.
- b) Stipend covers living costs such as: accommodation, feeding, laundry, transport between Institution and place of residence, etc.
- c) The HRDCC shall periodically determine the rate of stipend to be applied.
- d) An employee fully sponsored by a Development Partner shall not be eligible for stipend or other forms of support from the Campus.

(vii) Textbooks and Stationery Allowance

- a) The Campus shall contribute to textbooks and stationery allowance for staff directly sponsored by the Campus at a rate, as shall be approved by HRDCC.
- b) Payment of this allowance shall be made once to Masters Degree students; and twice to PhD students, in the first and second years only.

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c) From year three onwards, PhD candidates shall include textbook and stationery costs in the research budget.

(viii) Transport for Staff on Study Programmes

- a) An employee shall be provided with **one** return air ticket, except where one has to defend the thesis.
- b) A coupon of the ticket (or boarding pass in case of electronic tickets) and a photocopy of the passport pages with exit and entry stamps shall, in all cases, be submitted to the Bursar through the DHR and Head of Department as proof of travel.
- c) Costs of inland travel shall be met by the Campus Council.
- d) The Human Resources Development Fund shall not cover research expenses and attendance at graduation.

An employee who attends a full time short programme beyond at least 30 km outside Campus for a period not exceeding four weeks shall be paid per rupees, using the approved rate.

(ix) Medical Insurance

The Campus shall insure an employee sponsored by the Campus and studying outside Nepal, at the rate as shall be approved by Council.

(x) Research Funds

Research funds are managed by the Campus to which applications should be made, through the Higher Degrees and Research Committee of the Faculty.

(xi) Co-sponsorship

- a) Subject to availability of funds, the Campus shall co-sponsor an employee where:
 - i) the other party allows for co-sponsorship;
 - ii) that other party offers partial funding of at least 50%; and
 - iii) that other party provides proof of their total itemised financial commitment for the entire study period.
- b) The Campus's financial commitment in respect of such an employee shall be worked out fully and documented for the entire study period before that employee embarks on the training programme.
- c) A funding agreement shall be signed between the Campus and the employee to that effect.

(xii) Visa Fee, Transit Fee, Caution Money, & Warm Clothing Allowance

A lump sum shall be determined by Council to cater for these items.

12.2.7. SUPPORT TO EMPLOYEES IN RESPECT OF CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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- (a) The Directorate of Human Resources shall organise training to equip employees with skills that will enable them make effective presentations as well as organise and host conferences.
- (b) Faculties and Departments are encouraged to organise workshops, conferences and short courses to raise revenue.
- (c) 20% of the net revenue, from provision 7 b) above, shall be set aside to support staff who wish to present papers at national or international conferences and workshops with air travel, per diem and related expenses. This should improve productivity of staff.

12.2.8. REPORTS

(i) Departure for and Return from Study/ Study Leave

- a) An employee who obtains permission to study and/ or proceed on study leave, irrespective of the source of funding, shall register with the Directorate of Human Resources.
- b) Similarly, an employee who completes academic training, irrespective of the source of funding, shall report to the DHR for registration and debriefing.
- c) An employee who completes academic training, irrespective of the source of funding, shall be required to present his/her original and photocopy of the transcript and/ or certificate to the Directorate of Human Resources.
- d) An employee who completes academic training at any other institution other than Campus, and irrespective of the source of funding, shall be required to submit a hard and soft copy of the dissertation/ thesis to the DHR within two weeks after reporting back to work, for depositing in the Library.
- e) An employee who fails to abide by the provisions a, b, c and d above, shall be liable for disciplinary action.

(ii) Work plan

- a) An employee, who registers for training leading to a qualification through research, shall be required to submit a detailed work plan to the Directorate of Human Resources within the first three months of the programme.
- b) Changes in the work plan shall be communicated to the Directorate of Human Resources with reasons and a supporting statement from the supervisor/ promoter.

(iii) Activity Report

An employee, who registers for a training programme leading to a qualification, shall submit an annual activity report including, but not limited to:

- a) Work covered vis-à-vis work planned;
- b) Work to be covered in the next twelve months;
- c) Expected date of completion; and
- d) Opportunities and challenges expected during the next twelve months.

(iv) Progress report

An employee, on a training programme leading to a qualification, shall submit a progress report after every six months, written by his/her supervisors, but using the format approved by the School of Graduate Studies. Such reports shall be considered by an appropriate Sub-Committee, as shall be agreed by the Human Resources Development Committee (HRDCC), and recommendation made to the HRDCC about the quality and relevance of training and corresponding value for money.

(v) Evaluation report

An employee who registers for any form of training, of any length, whether qualification-awarding or not, shall submit an evaluation report at the end of the training, using the approved format of HRDCC.

12.2.9. Employee Performance During Training

(i) Good Performance

The Campus shall continue recognizing and attaching importance to academic excellence.

(ii) Failure

- a) An employee shall be deemed to have failed when he/she does not complete such a programme within the statutory maximum period, or fails to stick to the work plan with no substantial reason.
- b) An employee who fails shall be deemed to be incapable of providing leadership in his/her area/discipline of speciality and shall have his/her services terminated.

12.3 STRUCTURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY

12.3.1 The Individual Employee

In recognition of the benefits that Human Resources Development holds for both the Campus and the individual, each employee is encouraged to:

- a) Develop a Personal Development Plan (PDP), stipulating intended achievements against a specified timeline, and share it with the Head of Department/ Unit or Supervisor;
- b) Seek opportunities to upgrade his/her skills and competencies in line with the provisions of this policy and relevant to his/her current occupation as well as the PDP;
- Use the performance appraisal process as a mechanism for presenting his/her PDP detailing his/her education, training and career development needs to the Head of Department/ Unit/ Coordinator;
- d) Consider upgrading his/her formal qualifications through further studies in order to prepare for future responsibilities at the Campus in line with the Campus's priorities and Development Plan; and
- e) Contribute towards the costs of his/her education and training as and when necessary.

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12.3.2. The Departmental/Unit Human Resources Development Committee

(i) The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be:

- a) Analyzing and identifying needs for HRD (per group and individual) by means of the performance management system and other appropriate means.
- b) Recommending Departmental/ Unit needs for HRD (for individuals or groups) to the HRDCC through the Faculty, or Campus Committee.
- c) Develop a training plan on an annual basis, clearly spelling out the order of priority.
- d) Monitoring progress on learning programmes and supervising a structure for mentoring.
- e) Identifying and funding of learning and development interventions in line with the Training Policy and its Operational Guidelines.
- f) Keeping a record of the learning and development interventions undertaken, the beneficiaries and the costs involved.

Composition of HRD Committee at the Department/ Unit (ii)

The following will constitute Membership of the committee:

- a) Chairperson Head of Department/ Unit;
- b) Two representatives of academic staff: one male, one female, for a term of two years renewable once;
- c) A representative of administrative staff, alternating between male and female after one of them completes a two-year term of office, renewable once;
- d) A representative of support staff, alternating between male and female after one of them completes a two-year term of office, renewable once;
- e) A representative from the Directorate of Human Resources; and
- f) Personal Secretary to the Head of Department Secretary.

12.3.3 The Faculty/Campu Human Resources Development Committee

(i) The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be:

- a) Coordinating the annual training needs analysis in the Faculty, Institute or School;
- b) Prioritizing and recommending eligible staff members to the HRD Committee of Council for further education, training or development;
- c) Managing the funds allocated for education, training or development of staff in the Faculty/Institute/School budget;
- d) Keeping a record of the learning and development interventions undertaken, the beneficiaries and costs involved in the Faculty, Institute or School; and
- e) Liaising with the DHR in the implementation of the training policy.

(ii) Composition of HRD Committee at the Faculty: The following will constitute Membership of the committee:

- a) Chairperson Dean or Director;
- b) Heads of Departments;
- c) Two representative of Academic Staff; one male, one female for a two-year term, renewable
- d) A representative of Administrative Staff, alternating between male and female after one of them completes a two-year term of office, renewable once;

e) A representative of support staff, alternating between male and female after one of them completes a two-year term of office, renewable o

- f) A representative from the Directorate of Human Resources; and
- g) Faculty Registrar Secretary.

12.3.4 THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL (HRDCC)

(i) The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be to:

- a) Recommend policy, procedures and strategies for the training and development of Staff in the Campus;
- b) Recommend to Council sources of funding for human resources training and development;
- c) Disburse funds that may be made available for the staff development programme;
- d) Recommend budgets receive and consider financial, evaluative and activity reports about human resources training and development activities in the Campus;
- e) Endorse the annual Career Development Plan (CDP) and Workplace Skills Plan (WSP) and Implementation Report;
- f) Submit to Council biannual reports showing the progress and future plans for Human Resources training and development in the Campus; and
- g) Perform such other Human Resources-related functions as may be delegated by Council.

(ii) Membership

a) Chairperson - Campus Chief.

Members:

- b) Assistant Campus Chief Academic Affairs;
- c) Assistant Campus Chief Finance & Administration;
- d) -Two Council Representatives;
- f) One Academic Staff Representative on Council;
- g) One Senior Administrative Staff Representative;
- h) A representative of Campus Chief/Directors of Academic units;
- i) One Senate Representative outside Council;
- j) Person with disability; and

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- k) Chairperson of Council;
- Campus Secretary;
- m) Director of Campus.

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n) Director of Human Resources.

In Attendance:

- o) Director, Planning & Development Department;
- p) Dean of Students; and
- q) Bursar (as will be required).

12.3.5. THE DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

One of the strategic objectives of the Directorate is to 'Develop and implement a Human Resources development policy which will address all the identified needs of the Campus employees in line with the Campus Mission'. The Directorate seeks to achieve this by:

- a) periodically reviewing the HRD strategies of the Campus in consultation with stakeholders;
- b) providing a needs assessment framework for workplace education and training;
- c) identifying, developing and communicating to all employees the training priorities for a given period;
- d) capturing and updating the skills inventory for all employees in the Campus;
- e) drawing up annual strategies for career and development initiatives for employees;
- f) facilitating institutional reaction to national HRD strategies and legislation;
- g) coordinating the establishment and implementation of a framework for knowledge management at the Campus;
- h) compiling and disseminating reports about the Human Resources Development activities within the Campus; and,
- i) liaising with other units of the Campus and all stakeholders in implementing the Human Resources Development Policy.

12.3.6. Implementation of these Regulations

- a) Meaningful implementation of these Regulations is primarily the responsibility of each and every employee of the Campus.
- b) The DHR shall coordinate the overall implementation and evaluation of the HRD Policy and the Regulations.
- c) The DHR shall oversee the activities of the key players as indicated in the structure for implementing the Human Resources Development Policy.

d) The Regulations shall be reviewed when need arises through a consultative process with all stakeholders.

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e) Once approved, the Human Resources Development policy shall replace all other existing "training policies" as explained in the justification memorandum to Council.

SECTION 13: OFFICIAL TRAVEL

13.1 General provisions

Subject to the provisions specified in the financial regulations, travel by an employee of the Campus shall be as follows:

- a) On initial appointment
- b) On official duty
- c) On retirement as stipulated in the rules and regulations
- d) On special assignments
- e) Any other forms of authorised travel

13.2 subsistence allowance

- a) Subsistence Allowance to cover accommodation, meals and incidentals shall be paid to an employee who will be required to travel on duty away from the duty station at rates per night to be fixed by Council from time to time, per category of staff.
- b) No Subsistence Allowance shall be claimable where official travel is fully sponsored except for a modest out of pocket allowance not exceeding 20% of the per diem applicable.
- c) The obtaining rates shall be available at the office of the Director, Human Resources.

13.3 Transit Allowance

A transit allowance, as fixed by Council from time to time, shall be provided to an employee on a trip that involves change of flights.

13.4 Warm Clothing Allowance

- a) This shall be a sum of money payable to an employee on official trip to a temperate zone (temperate zone being any place 30° north and 30° south).
- b) The allowance shall be paid after every 3 years at a rate determined by Council from time to time.

13.5 Day Travel Allowance

An employee on duty but away from the designated duty station for a period of more than six (6) hours but not amounting to one night shall be entitled to a day travel allowance which shall be 25% of the local Subsistence Allowance.

13.6 Travel allowance on initial appointment or termination

a) Non residents

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- i. An allowance of up to Rs. 100,000 shall be paid in respect of passages between the "Home" as specified in the definition section and the Campus, plus permissible baggage charges as detailed in (ii) below.
- ii. Permissible baggage charges are any of the following in respect of personal effects (including, if desirable, a motor car), packing (including crates), collection; storage, delivery; insurance; freight; handling, dock charges and dues, but not customs dues.
- iii. The maximum Campus liability for any particular journey on appointment or retirement/termination shall be the cost of up to six persons economy class i.e. husband/wife and four children below eighteen (18) years of age.

b) Residents

- i. The Campus shall not be liable to incur any expenses on initial appointment of residents.
- ii. The maximum Campus liability for any particular journey on retirement or termination shall be provision of a campus or the equivalent of hiring one at the prevailing market rate to the employee's home.

13.7 Authorization of Travel

- a) The Campus Chief shall obtain permission to travel from the Chairperson of the Campus Council.
- b) The Campus Chief shall authorise official and specific travel of the Assistant Campus Chief, Directors and members of Management.
- c) The Director, Human Resources shall authorise official and specific travel of other employees through their relevant supervisors.
- d) An employee must personally ensure that necessary authorization is obtained before travel. In the event that the Campus has to bear the travel expenses of an employee's dependant, the employee shall ensure that such travel has been authorized.
- e) The route for all authorized travel shall be the most economical and safe.
- f) All employees travelling by air shall use economy class except for those whose contracts or terms of service stipulate otherwise.
- g) An employee who resigns from service of the Campus shall not be entitled to payment of the return travel expenses for self or dependants
- h) The Campus shall not pay return travel expenses for a non resident employee, if without good reason, the employee has not travelled within three months from the date of termination of or retirement from service.
- i) An employee granted permission to travel shall submit a report about the trip and any necessary financial accountability upon return

13.8 Travel Insurance

For Travel Insurance see Section 7.2

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SECTION 14: EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

The Campus shall recognize and work with the following employee Organizations within the Campus system to promote good Employee Relations. Detailed information about each of these employee organisations can be obtained from their respective secretariat and in accordance with the Employment Act and other laws regulating employee relations.

14.1 Mahakavi Campus Academic Staff Association (MUASA)

MUASA is the official recognized Association that represents the interests of the academic staff in accordance with Institutions Act (as amended)

14.2 Mahakavi Campus Administrative Staff Association (MASA)

MASA is the officially recognized Association that represents the interests of the administrative staff in accordance with Institutions Act (as amended)

14.3 Dispute resolution

The Campus shall recognise the provisions of dispute resolution in accordance with the Campus Act

SECTION 15: EMPLOYEE SAFETY

All Campus employees shall be accorded a safe and secure working environment.

15.1 Obligations of the Campus

The Campus shall provide:

- a) A safe working environment
- b) Systems of work, plant and machinery that are safe and secure
- c) Ways to reduce hazards and risks to health
- d) Training on employee safety
- e) Competent supervision and generally ensure that safe working practices are in place and enforced

15.2 Obligations of the Employee

The employee, while at work, shall:

- a) Take maximum precaution regarding their health and safety at work
- b) Cooperate with Management in complying with health and safety legal requirements

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- c) Carry out lawful orders and obey all health and safety rules
- d) Report unsafe situations to the Supervisor or Head of Department
- e) Report all incidents that result in, or may have resulted in injury to the Supervisor or Head of Department

15.3 Compensation

- a) The Campus shall abide by the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act, currently in force whose salient features for purposes of this Plan are:
 - i. If the personal injury by accident arises out of and in the course of a worker's employment, the injured worker's employer shall be liable to pay compensation in accordance with this Act.
 - ii. The employer shall not be liable in respect of an injury which does not either-
 - 1. Result in permanent incapacity; or
 - 2. Incapacitate the worker for at least three consecutive days from earning full wages at the work at which he or she was employed.
 - iii. An act shall be deemed to be done out of and in course of employment when a worker acts to protect any person on the employer's premises whom the worker believes to be injured or imperilled, or when a worker acts to protect property on the employer's premises.
 - iv. Any personal injury by accident arising while the employee is travelling directly to or from his or her place of work for the purpose of employment shall be deemed to be an accident arising out of and in the course of his or her employment.
 - v. For the purposes of this section, it shall be for the employee who suffers injury by accident arising while travelling to or from his or her place of work to show that such travel was direct.
 - vi. Compensation shall be payable under this section whether or not the incapacity or death of the worker was due to the recklessness or negligence of the worker or otherwise.
 - vii. Any accident arising in the course of employment shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to arise out of employment.
 - viii. Compensation in cases of permanent incapacity or death shall, in principle, be paid in the form of periodic payments; otherwise, they may be awarded in lump sums as provided under this Act.

SECTION 16: TERMINATION OF SERVICE

16.1 General Provisions

Services of an employee shall be terminated under any of the following circumstances:

- a) Death of an employee
- b) Incapacity to continue in employment.
- c) Abscondment
- d) Resignation
- e) Retirement
- f) Expiry of Contract
- g) Redundancy
- h) Persistent Absenteeism from work
- i) Professional and or ethical misconduct

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- j) Gross negligence of duty
- k) Gross misconduct
- Upon conviction and sentence of a criminal case e.g., fraud, murder, rape, corruption, safety, forgery, defilement, malicious damage to property, assault and/or battery, etc.

16.2 Voluntary Termination

a) Resignation

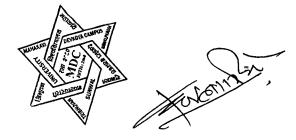
- i. An employee may resign from office by giving a duly written and signed resignation notice.
- ii. All notices of resignations (other than the Campus Chief and the Assistant Campus Chief, whose resignation notices shall be addressed to the Management Committee through the Chairperson of Council), shall be addressed to the Director, Human Resources through their supervisors and forwarded to the appointing authority for consideration and appropriate decision.
- iii. An employee shall not resign while under investigation or suspension.
- iv. The period of notice shall be three (3) months for Professors, Associate Professor, Directors, Senior Lecturers or equivalent and substantive heads of Department.
- v. For all other categories of employees, the required notice of resignation shall be **one (1) month** or payment in lieu of notice or as shall be indicated in their appointment letters.
- vi. The resignation of an employee shall not be accepted under the following circumstances:
 - 1. where an employee has not served the bonding period;
 - 2. where an employee has not fully handed over all Campus equipment/ property; or
 - 3. Where an employee is under investigation.
- vii. Acceptance/rejection of resignation shall be communicated to the employee before the expiry of the resignation notice.
- viii. In the event that resignation is rejected, the grounds for refusal as well as the consequences shall be clearly stated in the letter to the employee.
- ix. Any employee who feels aggrieved by the outcome of (vi) may appeal to the Campus Staff Tribunal
- x. An employee whose resignation has been accepted by the appointing authority shall be entitled to terminal benefits as provided for under Section 18 of this Planless what may be due to the Campus and other parties.
- xi. An employee whose resignation has been rejected by the appointing authority for good cause but goes ahead to leave service shall be deemed to have absconded from duty.

(b) Early retirement

An employee who is 55 years and above and has been in the Campus service for at least 10-years, shall be eligible for retirement and entitled to terminal benefits as provided for in Section 18.

16.3 Termination by the Employer

a) Dismissal



The following shall be instances of offences punishable by dismissal from employment.

i. Abscondment

Absence from duty by an employee without permission for a continuous period of 10 working days shall amount to abscondment from duty. Such an employee shall be dismissed.

ii. Persistent absenteeism

An employee who is persistently absent from duty with no justifiable reason may be dismissed from the Campus service at the discretion of the appointing authority.

iii. Removal for Good Cause

An employee shall be dismissed by the appointing authority on account of a grave offence or gross neglect of duty or for other causes as stipulated in Section 5. Removal for good cause shall follow the following procedure:

When in the opinion of the Campus Chief there has been good cause as defined above, the Campus Chief shall have power to suspend the appointment of an employee, provided that he or she shall forthwith report to the Chairperson of the appointing authority the fact of such suspension, together with the grounds for the action and any other statements on the case deemed necessary. The facts shall then be laid before the appointing authority. The appointing authority may interview the employee concerned, should it be considered necessary. Any member of the Academic or Senior Library or Administrative staff may be removed from office by the appointing authority for what the authority after due consideration may deem to be "good cause". No employee shall be removed by the appointing authority in exercise of the powers conferred by this rule unless such employee shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to have been heard by the appointing authority.

iv. Professional and or ethical misconduct

An employee shall be dismissed by the appointing authority on account of professional and or ethical misconduct.

v. Conviction in a court of law

An employee shall be dismissed by the appointing authority upon conviction and sentence in a criminal case e.g. fraud, murder, rape, corruption, forgery, defilement, malicious damage to property, assault, etc.

vi. Any other offence considered grave by the appointing authority.

b) Retirement

Employees on permanent terms who attain the age of 60 shall be automatically retired. Services of the employees above 60 years of age may be re-engaged on contractual terms as follows:

- i. *Professors* may be employed on contractual terms up to the age of 70 depending on satisfactory performance and their health;
- ii. Associate Professors may be re-employed on contractual terms up to the age of 65 depending on satisfactory performance and good health; and
- iii. *Chief Technicians* may be re-employed up to the age of 65 depending on satisfactory performance and good health.

All retired staff are entitled to retirement benefits as provided for in Section 18 of this Plan

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c) Expiry of Contract

- i. On expiry of contract of the employee, the Campus may terminate the employment contract or reengage the employee based on the initial provisions in the expired contract.
- ii. In case an employee on contract does not inform the appointing authority in writing of intentions to renew the contract, their contract shall be deemed to have lapsed upon its expiry
- iii. For contracts of four (4) years and above, application for renewal shall be forwarded to the appointing authority at least six (6) months before the expiry of the contract. For contracts between two (2) to three (3) years, submission of application for renewal shall be at least three (3) months before expiry of the contract and for contracts less than two (2) years submission of application for renewal shall be one (1) month before the expiry of the contract.

d) Redundancy

Termination by reason of redundancy shall be based on the following;

- i. When the Campus has ceased/intends to cease to carry on the activity for the purposes of which the employee was appointed or employed by the Campus or has ceased or intends to cease to carry on that activity in the place in which the employee concerned worked.
- ii. Where the requirements of that activity for the employee to carry out work of a particular kind have ceased/diminished or are expected to cease/diminish.
- iii. The procedures for termination on account of redundancy shall be as agreed upon with the relevant Workers' Union or as stipulated in the Employment Act in force.

16.4 Termination due to natural causes

a) Death

Refer to Section 17 of this Manual.

b) Incapacitation

i. Incapacity due to illness

If an employee is prevented by illness from carrying out their duties, the Campus Council may appoint a Medical Board to examine him/her. After considering the Medical Board's report, the Council shall decide whether or not to terminate appointment, on medical grounds.

ii. Incapacity due to other factors

If an employee is prevented by any other factor from carrying out his/her duties, the Council may decide to terminate the services of such employee, if it deems it fit.

16.5 Procedures to Terminate

a) The procedures for termination shall be as laid out in the specific employment letter/contract and in conformity with the Employment Act, and any other relevant law.

b) The procedure for dismissal shall be as laid down in section 16.3 a) iii of this Plans

16.6 Exit Interview

Whenever possible, the Campus shall conduct exit interviews, to get feedback for purposes of policy review and any other changes considered necessary to promote better employee management practices.

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SECTION 17: DEATH OF EMPLOYEE

17.1 General Provisions

- (a) Where an employee dies;
 - (i) at the place of work, the employer shall notify the employee's next of kin or legal representatives and shall obtain a copy of the death certificate.
 - (ii) other than at the place of work, the employee's next of kin or legal representative shall notify the Campus and present a copy of the death certificate and/or any other evidence of death to the Directorate of Human Resources for record and subsequent action.
- (b) When an employee dies in service, the Campus will meet the cost of the **transportation** of the body from where the employee died to the place of burial.
- (c) The Campus shall also contribute towards the burial expenses a sum of money to be determined by Council from time to time.
- (d) In case of inaccessibility to the deceased's traditional burial grounds, the Campus shall assist the next of kin/or legal representative to secure temporary burial grounds in Sunwal or to transport the body to an alternative burial site as will be determined by the next of kin/legal representative.
 - In the event that the deceased's burial grounds become accessible, the Campus shall only provide transport to the final place of burial.
- (e) On matters relating to the estate of the deceased, the Campus shall only deal with the legal representative of the deceased as approved by the Administrator General or Court of law.
- (f) The Campus shall pay death gratuity and any other payment in accordance with the regulations to the legal representatives of the deceased subject to production of letters of administration or letters of probate.
- (g) In the event of death of a registered spouse or natural or legally adopted child, the Campus will contribute not more than a sum of money determined by Council from time to time towards the burial expenses. This shall be limited to one legal spouse and four (4) biological or legally adopted children under 18 years in addition to transporting the body to the burial place within Campus.
- (h) If a housed employee dies while in the service of the Campus, the family/dependants residing there shall be allowed to retain the <u>Campus house for up to 3 months</u>. Upon the expiry of the 3- months, dependants shall be required to vacate the Campus house without further notice.

17.2 Death Gratuity

Death gratuity is a special form of assistance in addition to the Campus's contribution towards funeral expenses.

It shall be a one month consolidated salary plus three (3) months housing allowance and shall be payable to the registered spouse/next of kin immediately after the death of a member of staff as a 'one off' payment.

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SECTION 18: TERMINAL BENEFITS

The Campus shall operate terminal benefits schemes as shall be determined by Council from time to time. The following two types of schemes have been in operation.

18.1 Contributory schemes

These are schemes to which the Campus and the employee make contributions.

a) National Social Security Fund (NSSF)

All Campus employees in the scales M.A to M.P and those on temporary terms of service contribute to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) where their retirement benefits are secured. (Further information about the operations of the scheme can be obtained from the NSSF offices).

b) Deposit Administration Plan (DAP)

The DAP scheme became operational with effect to replace the Retirement Benefit Scheme (RBS) for Support Staff and Senior Staff Superannuation Fund (SSSF) for Senior Staff. DAP was a contributory scheme where the employees contributed 5% of their consolidated monthly salary and the Campus contributed 5% of the consolidated monthly salary.

Calculation of the Award

Upon retirement a member gets the accumulated savings plus interest as a lump sum.

18.2 Non Contributory scheme

This is a scheme to which the employee does not make any contribution.

a) Entitled Staff

- i. All permanent employees on established positions (M.1 M.15) and Scales (A P) but not temporary and casual employees.
- ii. All employees of the Campus employed on contractual terms before reaching the statutory retirement age of 60 years. The retirement benefit shall include the whole period of their service, excluding the benefits received while on contractual terms in excess of the would be mandatory contribution by the Campus to a retirement scheme.

b) Operational Levels

Retirement before the age of 55 years

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Any employee on attaining the age of 55-years shall resign in the normal way in accordance with terms and conditions of engagement

Retirement at the ages of 55 – 59 years but with ten or more years of unbroken service

- 1. An employee who attains the age 55-59 may retire with full benefits as defined below: 50% of computed Gratuity fund in cash as take-away home
- 2. A former employee cannot be reappointed into the Campus service.

c) Retirement at the age of 60 years

Sixty (60) years shall be the age of Mandatory Retirement

- i. Any employee reaching that age shall retire with full benefits as defined here below:
 - 50% of computed fund gratuity in cash as take-away home.
 - 50% of computed fund gratuity over ten years of monthly pension.
- ii. Any employee shall be eligible for reappointment into the service on contract attracting 25% gratuity on basic salary, but without additional benefits accruing from the Scheme.

d) Payment of Retirement Benefits

- i. The Finance Department prepares the immediate take-away home package in a maximum of three months towards retirement.
- ii. Any retiring employee shall be paid 50% of dues pending an audit report by the Accountant Department. However, should the audit report be ready, the staff be paid 100% of the dues subject to deductions for damage to Campus property (if any).
- iii. That the administration and Staff representatives and Chairman of campus should where necessary, streamline the above scheme.

e) Source of Funding

That the source of funding for the Campus shall be 10% of the Campus's gross income.

f) Formulae for Calculating Retirement Package

The following formulae shall be adopted:

i. Annual Fund (p)

Annual Pension = a

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Where: a = Number of completed months of Service

b = Annual Basic Salary

360 = Maximum number of months in service (i.e. 30 years x 12 months)

ii. Total amount = Total amount = p x 15

iii. Commuted amount Gratuity (C.A.G) or Immediate Package

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iv. Monthly Amount

That the Monthly Pension shall be calculated using the formula:

Total Pension over 15 years – CPG 15 years x 12 months

g) Other provisions

i. Resignation before the age of 55 years

When an employee resigns in the normal way i.e. in accordance with terms of service, they shall be entitled to **only a half** of the Total Amount (i.e. CAG) as full settlement, once for all.

- ii. Voluntary Retirement at the age of 55 years, on application, but with at least ten years of unbroken service
 - 1. An employee is entitled to a single payment of CAG.
 - 2. An employee is also eligible for monthly pension for ten (10) years.
- iii. Voluntary Retirement at the age of 56 years, on application, but with at least ten years of unbroken service
 - 1. That the employees be entitled to a single payment of CAG.
 - 2. An employee is also eligible for monthly pension for eleven (11) years.
- iv. Voluntary Retirement at the age of 57 years, on application, but with at least ten years of unbroken service
 - 1. An employee shall be entitled to a single payment of CG.
 - 2. He/she shall also be eligible for monthly pension of twelve (12) years.
- v. Voluntary Retirement at the age of 58 years, on application but with at least ten years of unbroken service
 - 1. An employee shall be entitled to a single payment of CAG.
 - 2. Such an employee shall also be eligible for monthly pension for thirteen (13) years.
- vi. Voluntary Retirement at the age of 59 years, on application, but with at least ten years of unbroken service
 - 1. An employee is entitled to a single payment of CAG.
 - 2. Such an employee shall also be eligible for monthly pension for fourteen (14) ears.
- vii. Compulsory Retirement at the age of 60 years
 - 1. An employee shall be entitled to a single payment of CAG.
 - 2. A monthly pension for fifteen (15) years.
 - 3. Such employee shall be eligible for reappointment into Campus service on contract terms attracting gratuity (25%) on the basic salary, but without any additional retirement benefits from the In-House Retirement Benefit Scheme.

viii. At Death

An employee's benefits under the In-House Retirement Benefit Scheme shall go to the deceased's estate.

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ix. Management of the In-House Retirement Benefit Scheme

The management of the scheme shall be by the Board of Trustees.

18.3 Defined Contribution Retirement Benefits Scheme

The Campus put in place a Board of Trustees on Retirement Benefits to administer the retirement benefits of staff. Council also agreed that the Board of Trustees shall run a Defined Contribution (DC) retirement benefits scheme, which would replace the DAP, NSSF. The new DC scheme shall be a contributory scheme - from both employees and the employer (the Campus).

The Board of Trustees shall work out the details on how to run the scheme.

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