



Students' Bylaws

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**PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

- 1.1** These Bylaws may be cited as Mwanza University Students (General conduct, disciplinary offences, disciplinary proceedings and penalties) By-Laws (2021) and shall come into force on such date as the Council may direct. *Citation*
- 1.2** These Bylaws are made by Council in accordance with provisions of Sect. 45 (2) (h) of the Universities Act No.7 of 2005, which inter alia, provides for the control, governance and administration of the University.
- 2.1** In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires: *Definitions*
- “The Act” means the Universities Act No.7 of 2005, as amended from time to time;
- “The Students’ Disciplinary Appeals Committee” means the Appeals Committee established under Article 12.10 of Mwanza University Draft Charter of 2021”;
- “Competent Authority” shall have the same meaning as “Competent Organ”;
- “Competent Organ” includes such Board, Committee, Office or Officer of University vested with express or implied legal powers to do or to disallow or to order the doing or disallowance of such act or acts as is or are referred to in any of the respective provisions of these Bylaws;
- “The Council” means the Mwanza University Council;
- “The Head of Students Services” for the purpose of these Bylaws, means the Head of Students Services and Assistant Head of Students Services as ascribed under Sect. 2 of the Mwanza University Draft Charter of 2021;
- “Disciplinary Authority” means a Disciplinary Authority established under Sect. 12.5.2 of the Mwanza University Charter of 2021.

“Disciplinary Offence” shall have the meaning ascribed to it under Sect. 12.4.2 of the Mwanza University Draft Charter of 2021;

“Natural Justice” as ascribed under Sect. 10.4 of the Mwanza University Draft Charter of 2021 shall include the right to be heard by an impartial body; the right to be informed of the specific offence alleged to have been committed and the specified law alleged to have been violated; the right to tender defence and the right to appeal;

“Student” means any person admitted to the University as a candidate for the degree of the University;

“The Students Organisation” has the same meaning as that ascribed to it under the Sect. 12.2 of the Mwanza University Draft Charter 2021;

The University” means the Mwanza University established by the Mwanza University Draft Charter 2021;

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In these Bylaws unless otherwise provided, the words imposing singular include plural and vice versa, and the words imposing the masculine form shall include feminine and vice versa.

3.1 *Acceptance of Bylaws’ Conditions for Admission*

Every student on enrolment shall be required to procure a copy of these bylaws and of any other University regulations for the time being in force. Acceptance of a place in the University is conditional upon agreement by the student by abiding to the bylaws. The operation and application of the bylaws is without prejudice to the constructions and general laws of Tanzania.

3.2 *Payment of fees; conditions for registration*

Payment of prescribed fees shall be a condition for registration to pursue and/or to continue with studies at the University; provided that the manner of payment shall be in accordance with instructions enunciated from time to time in the University Prospectus. Once paid, University fees are not refundable.

For avoidance of doubt, prescribed fees shall be such fees as are approved by the University Council and shall include student’s organisation

membership subscriptions or “*Students Union Fee*”

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PART – II
DISCIPLINARY OFFENCES

For the purposes of these Bylaws, general disciplinary offences shall include the following: *General Disciplinary Offences*

- i) Conduct, which does or is likely to damage; defacement or violence to person or property within the University provided that such conduct is that of a student towards another student, member or members of the University community or any employee or employees of the University, provided that the conduct in question occurred in the University Campus;
- ii) Using force or offering violence against, or striking a fellow student, or an officer or any member of the University community, provided that such violence occur on the University Campus;
- iii) Maliciously damaging, defacing or destroying a wall, gate, fence, post or any other item being property of the University, whether such property has been leased to any public or private company or person. For avoidance of doubt, damage to such property shall not constitute a disciplinary offence except where it is prejudicial to the peace and security of the University;
- iv) Act or conduct, which is likely to obstruct or obstructs or to frustrate or frustrates the holding of any academic or administrative activity(ies) or both academic and administrative activities authorised by the University;
- v) Unauthorised use of or interference with any technical, electrical or other service or installation of the University;
- vi) Where the student is charged with the offence of theft under law;

- vii) Unauthorised possession of a key to University property;
- viii)
 - a) Refusal or failure to comply with a lawful order or directive given by any lawful officer of the University acting on his/her behalf or under an order from any competent organ or officer of the University;
 - b) Knowingly giving information known to be false or believed to be true by the giver thereof or any person in that behalf;
- ix) Use of slanderous abusive, obscene or threatening language by any student against any other student or students, or against any officer or employee of the University in the course of performance of such officer's or employee's duty;
- x) Forging a document or producing a false document, or perpetrating forgery with intent to cause loss to any person, University, or any other institution whether in cash or otherwise;
- xi) Knowingly inviting or entering a student or students in the University whose name or names appear on the University noticeboard and having been or otherwise known to have been barred from University premises by a competent authority;
- xii) Refusal or failure to obey any lawful order issued under the University regulations of rules promulgated by a competent organ of the University;
- xiii) Failure or refusal to attend a meeting called or authorised by the Disciplinary Authority or any other competent organ of the University when summoned to do so by a proper written notice by such authority or organ as prescribed under these bylaws;
- xiv) Wilful obstruction of the work of or proceedings conducted by the Disciplinary Authority, advisory, disciplinary panel or any other competent organ of the

University, or interference with witnesses in disciplinary proceedings ;

- xv) Refusal or failure to abide by the ruling, decision and/or penalty made or imposed by the Disciplinary Authority or any other authority of the University;
- xvi) Unauthorised holding of University and/or Campus Baraza or general meeting. For avoidance of doubt, such Students' Organisation's meetings are scheduled in the University Almanac currently in force shall be deemed to be authorised, provided that emergency meetings may be held only after the Deputy Vice Chancellor–Academic, Research and Consultancy (DVC–ARC) has approved of the same if they have the effect of obstructing or frustrating the holding of any lecture, class or laboratory work given or authorised by the University, provided further that in any other cases, three days' notice to be given to the Deputy Vice Chancellor–Planning Finance and Administration (DVC–PFA) prior to the holding of such emergency meetings;
- xvii) Inviting outsiders as guest speakers and/or social entertainers without the permission of the relevant organs of the University, namely the Vice Chancellor, Head of Students Services, Dean of School, Heads of relevant Department or Students Organisation, as the case may be, depending on the intended audience and the status of the guest speaker or social entertainers;
- xviii) Forming and or establishing unauthorised students groups, which are likely to cause disunity and disorder at the University or in the wider community;
- xix) Without derogating the right to freedom of expression, wilful writing of defamatory literature and uttering insults or obscene language by any student or group of students or any employee of the University, or against the University, Government or any civil leader.

- xx) Sexual harassment of whatever kind;
For avoidance of doubt, sexual harassment may be:
- a) Physical and/or psychological in nature and may be committed by either sex and shall be deemed to include any repeated and unwanted verbal, physical or gestural sexual advances; or sexually explicitly derogatory statements or sexually discriminatory remarks made by a student of the University, which are offensive or may be reasonably interpreted as offending to a fellow student (victim) involved; or which cause the student (victim) to feel threatened, humiliated, patronised or harassed, or which interfere with the students smooth and peaceful pursuance of his studies or which undermine ones general feeling of security or creates a threatening or intimidating study and social environment
 - b) Rape or indecent assault.
- xxi) Mismanagement and/or embezzlement of Students' organisation funds and/or of any other recognised student society established under the auspices of the Students' Organisation in accordance with relevant provisions of the Students' Organisation constitution for the time being in force;
- xxii) Collecting or charging money from any student or student groups without prior permission of the University organs; namely, the Dean, the Students' Organisation, or, in special cases, the Dean of School or the Head of the relevant Department as the case may be;
- xxiii) Unauthorised carrying of lethal weapons within the Campus, which is likely to jeopardise peace;
- xxiv) Illegal entry into another student's room;

- xxv) Instigating or inciting students to boycott classes or destroying University property.
- xxvi) For avoidance of doubt, instigating or inciting shall imply persuasion, pressure, threats or encouragement with the objective that the student or students persuaded, pressured, threatened or encouraged commit(s) the offence in question;
- xxvii) Planning or participating in an unlawful demonstration, which shall include planning the route for the demonstration, encouraging the organisers of the demonstration, and providing banners or posters for the demonstration;
- xxviii) No Students' Organisation shall engage in activities of any political party on Campus, conduct its affairs or have a constitution, which in any way or manner whatsoever, offends or conflicts with the provisions of the Act or Mwanza University Draft Charter or of any other written law;

For the purpose of this provision:

- a) "Campus" includes any place where the activities or affairs of the University to which a Students' Organisation belongs may under lease or license occur, be conducted or where the residence of students is established, provided, organised or overseen whether regularly or intermittently or on a particular occasion or occasions;
- b) "Engaging in political parties activity" includes regular recruitment, training, registering or enrolling political party members, regular organisation of meetings, seminars and conferences for a political party or political parties, operating a branch office or cell of a political party or political parties, and matters of a similar nature; and
- c) "Students' Organisation" includes its members.

5.1

- Provisions and Offences Relating to Residence*
- i) Students may be offered accommodation in the University Halls of Residence or any Hostel or Hostel Residence rented to the University. Where Campus or Hostel is not available to all for residence on Campus Halls in the University-rented Hostels, priority shall be given to disabled students and such other categories as Council shall determine from time to time;
 - ii) The rooms are furnished with beds, mattress, tables and chairs. Occupants are not allowed to remove permanent fittings in the rooms and are responsible for the proper care of all the property and any damage or loss must be reported immediately to the Warden. The occupants shall be required to sign for all property in their respective room at the beginning of each Semester and sign off at the end of each Semester. The occupants shall ensure that they sign off at the end of each Semester otherwise they will be charged for the property not handed in;
 - iii) Payment of rent shall be made at the beginning of each Semester. All excuses shall be channelled through the Head of Students Services and approved by DVC–PFA.

5.2

Failure to observe any of the following rules shall constitute a Disciplinary Offence:

- i) Students shall be enjoined to care for the rooms they occupy. They shall themselves be responsible for the general cleanliness of the rooms;
- ii) Cooking is not allowed in the rooms. For evidence of any doubt, cooking disciplinary offences include frying, roasting, baking and boiling water by use of source of energy;
- iii) Students shall not interfere with or transfer furniture or fittings of any kind from any part of the University building without prior written permission from Estates Office or the Wardens of the Hostel as the case may be;

- iv) No cooking and no electronic devices other than reading lamps, table fan, electric iron, electric razor, electric hair dryer, electric kettle, radio, record player, TV, VCR or mobile phone shall be used in students' rooms or in any other unauthorised place or space;
- v) Electric lights must not be left on during day time or when the occupants are outside the room;
- vi) Musical appliances and instruments such as record players, radio sets, TV and other noise-making instruments shall not be played at noise levels, which are nuisance to other residents of the Hostel/room;

- vii) For specific official student's functions, permission to extend musical extravaganza in specified places within the University may be granted by the Head of Students Services beyond 1000 HRS;

- viii) A resident shall obey rules and instructions made in respect of Halls of Residence and shall refrain from conduct, which may discredit his Hall of residence or is prejudicial to the welfare of other residents of the Hall such as drunken and disorderly conduct, over blasting music, etc.;

- ix) No student shall be allowed to entertain visitors of either sex in his room without permission of Warden;

- x) Students shall not be allowed to live with any unauthorised person or persons in their rooms including their relatives;

- xi) Students shall be expected to live peacefully with one another in their allotted rooms. If at all, any student is found to be misbehaving towards his roommate, the misbehaving student may be given a probationary period of good behaviour up to 10 weeks or one Semester, whichever is the longer.

- xii) Regulations for University residence shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the students living in off-campus accommodation supervised by the University.

- xiii) Subletting any unauthorised person in the Halls(s)/Hostel(s) of residence;
- xiv) Failure or delay to pay accommodation fees within the stated period without approval of respective University Authorities;
- xv) Breach of accommodation contract;
- xvi) Students are supposed to dress properly. Tight and short dresses, tight jeans, transparent clothing, T/Shirts with abusive words/labels are banned from classrooms and in the University compounds. Indecent dressing shall constitute a disciplinary offence liable for punishment by the Disciplinary Committee.

**5.3 Provisions
relating to residence
during vacation**

- i) All students shall be required to vacate the Hostel at the end of each Semester when the University closes for vacation;
- ii) Under special circumstances not specified hitherto, students may be allowed to live in Hostel during the vacation with recommendation of the Head of Students Services and approval of DVC–PFA and at prescribed rates at that particular time;
- iii) Students with particular assignments or exceptional reason to stay in Halls of Residence at reduced rates may be permitted to stay in Hostel by DVC–PFA;
- iv) Students in their final year may be granted permission to stay in the hostel for the vacation immediately preceding their examinations, provided that they shall undertake to meet the cost of their stay at prescribed rates;
- v) Loss of keys by a student must be immediately reported to the Warden or Janitor on duty. The student responsible for loss or for safe custody of the key (hereinafter referred to as “key holder”) will replace the key on payment of the cost of a new lock;

vi) Keys must be returned on leaving the Hostel at the end of each Semester. Failure to do so shall involve payment of full residential charges from the beginning of vacation to the time the key is returned;

vii) Each key holder must ensure that he has signed in the key book when the key is returned to the Warden or Janitor.

6. Permission to Leave Campus

i) No student should travel outside Mwanza without permission;

ii) Permission to travel over the weekend outside Mwanza Region may be granted by the Head of Students Services/Warden;

iii) Permission for travel for more than a week shall be obtained from DVC-ARC through the School Dean and notified through the Head of Students Services and the Warden.

7. Provisions relating to cafeteria and kitchen

Students utilising the University catering system are required to observe cafeteria regulations. Failure to observe any of the following rules shall constitute a disciplinary offence:

i) The kitchens shall be out of bounds to all students except for Student Leaders appointed to oversee cafeteria matters;

ii) Smoking and consumption of alcohol is not allowed in the cafeteria;

iii) Except with the permission of cafeteria owner, no student may take any equipment such as crockery, glasses, cutlery etc., from the cafeteria;

iv) Any criticism of or complaint about cafeteria services shall be made through a suggestions box or through Students' Organisation leaders to the Warden.

**PART III
GENERAL REGULATIONS**

8.

Failure to observe any of the prohibitions or provisions of this Section shall constitute a minor disciplinary offence:

On the use of University facilities

- i) Students shall not use University telephones for private calls except with the express permission of the head of the organ under whose charge a telephone is placed. Students may use public telephones installed at convenient places on Campus for use by students on such terms as may be prescribed by the competent authority;
- ii) Officials of the Students' Organisation or recognised Students' Societies or Clubs may with written permission from the Head of Students Services, request transport from the Transport Officer;
- iii) Students may communicate with outside institutions and the news media in their private capacity. All official correspondence by the students or by officials of the Students' Organisation or by officials of recognised student societies to Government Ministries, parastatals, non-government organisations etc., shall be channelled through the Head of Students Services or School Dean; correspondence to the Chancellor, the State House, Representatives of Foreign Government and international non-government organisations or any other such official body shall be channelled through VC;

On Official Correspondence

9. Keeping vehicles on Campus

- i) Any student who wishes to bring a vehicle to the University shall comply with the general law of the land governing the driving and parking of vehicles as well as the relevant rules which are in force on the University campus and shall register the vehicle with the Head of Students Services

Provided that the registration shall be conditional upon production for inspection of:

- a) The Motor Vehicle Registration card;
- b) The current certificate of insurance;
- c) When demanded, a certificate of road worthiness;
- d) A clean current driving license in applicant's name

Provided further that such registration shall be renewed annually.

- ii) Any student who brings to the University any vehicle which is not registered shall be guilty of a disciplinary offence

PART IV

EXERCISE OF DISCIPLINARY POWERS

In the exercise of his statutory functions, DVC–PFA will constitute a Disciplinary Authority Panel with the following members:

- a) DVC/PFA who shall serve as Chairperson;
- b) The Head of Students Services (Ex-Officio)
- c) Two students appointed by the Students’ Organisation, provided that DVC–PFA is satisfied that the appointed students are not directly related to the cases;
- d) The School Dean; and
- e) Corporate Counsel of the University

10. Disciplinary Authority

10.1 Institution of Formal Proceedings

- i) No formal proceedings for a disciplinary offence shall be instituted against a student unless he is previously served with a copy of the charge setting out the nature of offence which he is alleged to have committed and the charge shall be prepared by the Disciplinary Authority after carrying out such preliminary investigations as the Disciplinary Authority may feel necessary;
- ii) The charge referred to Sub-Article (i) shall state briefly the nature of the offence, which the accused is alleged to have committed and shall set out in concise form of allegations made against the accused student;
- iii) The charge as drawn up shall then be served upon the accused student together with a notice addressed to him inviting to state in writing and within such period as may be specified in the notice, the grounds upon which he relies to exculpate himself;
- iv) Where the accused student fails or is unable to make representation in writing giving grounds upon which he relies to exculpate himself within the period prescribed in the opinion of the Disciplinary Authority, do not amount to a complete defence of the offence

charged, the officers shall to hold an inquiry into the charge;

- v) The Inquiry Officer shall notify the caused student of the day, date, time and place on and at which the inquiry is to be held save that (proceedings of the inquiry shall not be open to the public);
- vi) The accused student shall have the right to appear before the Inquiry Officer, examine witnesses and be heard in his own defence, save that failure by the accused student to appear at the inquiry shall not vitiate the proceedings;
- vii) The accused student shall have the right:
 - a) To cross examine any witness examined the inquiry officer or by the disciplinary authority;
 - b) To examine and make copies of any document produced as evidence against him;
 - c) To call any witness on behalf and produce any document relevant to the inquiry.
- viii) The Inquiry Officer may take into consideration any evidence, which he considers relevant to the subject of the inquiry before him, notwithstanding that such evidence would not be admissible under the law relating to evidence, and shall record the gist of the evidence adduced before him;
- ix) Upon the conclusion of the inquiry, the inquiry officer shall forward the record of the proceedings before him, together with his report on the proceedings, to the disciplinary authority.
- x) A report under Sub-article (ix) shall state:
 - a) Whether, in the opinion of the Inquiry Officer the charges against the accused has been proved
 - b) The reason or reasons for holding that opinion;
 - c) Any fact which, in the opinion of the inquiry officer, aggravates or

mitigates the gravity of the act of commission or mission, which was the subject matter of the charge; and

- d) Any other fact, which, in the opinion of the inquiry officer, is relevant but shall not contain any recommendation as to the punishment to be instituted.
- xi) Upon receipt of the record of proceeding and the report, the Disciplinary Authority shall, after considering the evidence and the report of the Inquiry Officer, make and record a finding whether or not the accused student is guilty of the disciplinary offence with which he was charged;
- xii) Where the finding of the Disciplinary Authority as to the guilt or innocence of the accused is contrary to the opinion of the Inquiry Officer as expressed in his report, the Disciplinary Authority shall record it as reason for the findings.
- xiii) Where the Disciplinary Authority finds the accused student guilty, it shall proceed to award the punishment prescribed by the by-laws in respect of the disciplinary offence or such lesser punishment, as it deems appropriate.

**10.2 Institution of
Summary
Proceedings**

- i) Where the Disciplinary Authority decides to institute summary proceedings against an accused student, it shall cause a statement giving particulars of the charge or charges to be prepared and served upon the accused student;
- ii) The Disciplinary Authority shall appoint the day; date, time and place for the investigation of the charge or charges and shall give the accused student notice of the same;
- iii) The investigation of the charge or charges shall be carried out in such manner as the Disciplinary Authority may determine. Provided that the accused student shall have the right to appear at the investigation and make his defence, but failure or refusal by

him to so appear shall not vitiate the proceedings;

- iv) Where at any stage of the proceedings, before a finding is made, it appears to the Disciplinary Authority, from the nature of the facts and circumstances disclosed, that it is necessary or desirable that the matter be dealt with by way of formal proceedings, the Disciplinary Authority may terminate the summary proceedings and institute formal proceedings in accordance with Article;
- v) Upon conclusion of the investigation, the Disciplinary Authority shall make a finding whether or not the accused student is guilty of the disciplinary offence or offence with which he is charged and if it finds the accused student guilty, the Disciplinary Authority shall proceed to institute such punishment, as it may consider appropriate. Save that, under no circumstances, shall the accused student be punished by dismissal or rustication from the University based on an investigation under this Article.

10.3 *Disciplinary Appeals Committee*

- i) There is hereby established a committee to be known as the Disciplinary Appeals Committee of the University;
- ii) The Disciplinary Appeals Committee shall comprise:
 - a) A Chairman appointed by the Council;
 - b) Four members elected by the Council one of whom shall be elected to the Council by Students' Organisation; and
 - c) A legally qualified person experienced in legal practice such as an Attorney, Advocate, Magistrate or Judge;

Save that any person who was or is involved in the investigation, hearing or decision of any matter connected or otherwise associated with any particular appeal to the Committee in which such matter is directly or indirectly relevant prior to the commencement of the appeal process, shall not take part in the hearing of such appeal.

10.4 Appeals

- i) Where a student has been punished for any disciplinary offence and he wishes to appeal, he may, while carrying out the punishment, appeal to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee within thirty days after the decision of the Disciplinary Authority;
- ii) Where a student wishes to appeal pursuant to Sub-article 1, he shall within not more than three days of the decision of the Disciplinary Authority, give a written notice of his intention to so appeal to the Disciplinary Authority, which shall forthwith submit it to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee;
- iii) On every appeal under this Article, the student appealing shall have the right to appear before and be heard by the Disciplinary Appeal Committee.
- iv) On an appeal under this Article, the Disciplinary Appeals Committee may:
 - a) Set aside the findings made against student and punishment imposed on him;
or
 - b) Uphold the findings and the punishment;
or
 - c) Uphold the findings and reduce or enhance the punishment imposed upon the student.
- v) Notwithstanding the provision of sub Article (iv)(c), where the investigation of the offence by the Disciplinary Authority was conducted in accordance with the summary procedure prescribed by Part IV Rule 10.3, the Disciplinary Appeal's Committee shall not enhance the punishment to that of dismissal or rustication from the University;
- vi) Subject to the provisions of appeals to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee, the decisions of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to review by any other authority in the University.

PART V MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 11.
- i) Where there is an emergency need for overt operations of security officials or Policemen amidst students in student compounds, the Student's Organisation shall be informed as soon as possible of such presence
 - ii) Disciplinary Authority shall institute all proceedings and may lodge or defend any appeal before the Appeals Committee;
 - iii) These Bylaws are not exhaustive of rules and regulations governing students conduct at the University and do not exclude the application of special regulations applicable in specific organs of the University such as the University Library, etc.;
 - iv) All students are advised to open a bank account with any Bank in Mwanza.

**PART VI
PENALTIES**

11. Upon breach of any of the disciplinary offences specified in this bye-laws the Disciplinary Authority may impose penalties including warning, reprimand, fine, compensation, exclusion from halls of residence, suspension, rustication and expulsion as herein under provided; namely he:
- i) May give an ordinary or stern warning or reprimand to a student who contravenes the regulations in Part II para 4 (vii) (xi) and (xvii):
 - a) Shall order a student to pay compensation to the value of the damaged property for disciplinary offence under part II para 4 (iii);
 - b) Shall fine the student an amount not exceeding Tshs.60,000/= (TZS Sixty thousand Only) for a disciplinary offence under Part II (v);
 - ii) May suspend a student found guilty under Part II para 4 (ii, viii, ix, xii, xiii, xv, xvi, xxiii) for a maximum of four weeks;
 - iii) May rusticate a student for maximum of 6 months or one academic year for a disciplinary offence under part II para 4 (ii, iv, vi, x, xiv, xviii, xix, xx, xxii, xxv and xxvi);

- iv) The University may suspend the student from studies until such time as his/her case is determined by the court of law and where he/she is convicted he/she shall be terminated from studies for a disciplinary offence under Part II para 4 (xv and xxi);
- v) May expel any student found guilty of disciplinary offences under part II para 4 (xv and xxi);
- vi) The Disciplinary Authority may impose other penalties as follows:
 - a) Any student found guilty of a disciplinary offence under Part II para 4 (xxii, xxiii) may, in addition to the penalty specified for the offence be required to pay the money embezzled or collected as the case may be with or without interest on.

Provided that such first mentioned penalty may be compounded upon repayment of the money, provided further that the Disciplinary Authority may instant require that such student found guilty of a disciplinary offences under Part II para 4(xxii) not graduate or obtain his certificate and/or academic transcript until the debt is discharged.

- b) Subject to the provisions of the next para or any other relevant para herein before contained, offences under Part II Rule 5 and 6 of these Bylaws shall be punished with penalties ranging from reprimand to exclusion from the University residence.
- c) Compensation may be charged in full or in part for loss suffered as a result of breach of the provision of para 5.2 (ii) as shall be determined by the Disciplinary Authority.

PART VII
CONTESTING FOR STUDENTS'
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 12.** Contesting for leadership under the Students' Organization, candidates are required to meet the following conditions: *Criteria for Contesting Candidates*
- a) Having a good academic performance with GPA not less than 3.0
 - b) Not having any disciplinary record(s) in the University or elsewhere;
 - a) Having no history of criminal offence,
 - b) Having no history of financial embezzlement/corruption,
 - c) Should not have pending supplementary examination(s).
- 12.1 Electoral Committee**
- i) The Head of Students Services or his appointee is part and parcel of the electoral process and is the returning officer of the elections;
 - ii) The Committee members are required to fulfil the leadership criteria stated above. The committee activities shall not interfere with any academic activity in the University or Clinical Teaching Sites.
- 12.2 Announcement of the Elected Student Leaders**
- i) The Head of Students Services shall make announcement of the elected Student Leaders only after approval by DVC–PFA;
 - ii) Any irregularities observed shall render the results of the election null and void; a new Electoral Committee shall be formed to hold fresh elections.