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IQAC RESEARCH COMMITTEE

CODE OF ETHICS TO CHECK MALPRACTICES AND PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH

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Preamble:

Ethics is the most important essence in any activities concerning teaching and research. Teaching and research is therefore a culture involving high moral standards. Expression of knowledge in the most ethical way possible not only encourages intellectual progress but also instills healthy academic environment in the institution. Any expression of knowledge therefore requires one to present findings, publish data and conclusions under strict academic guidelines in the manner the works are professionally appropriate and original.

Objectives:

Since the reputation of the institute as well as the individual depends on following ethical practices in teaching and research, the objective of Unity College are:

- i. Creating awareness in responsible conduct of academic research, study, project work, assignment, and prevention of malpractices including plagiarism in academic writing among students, faculty and other employees of the institution.
- ii. To facilitate responsible conduct of research, study, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, and deterrence from plagiarism.
- iii. To set up mechanisms detect plagiarism and to prevent plagiarism and accord consequences to a student, faculty, or staff of institution committing such acts of plagiarism.

Plagiarism

According to the Oxford Dictionary, plagiarism is the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own. It can also mean to use (another's production) without giving due credit to the source; or to present findings or conclusions as new and original from an already existing source. In short it is an act of literary theft. Although there is a general consensus that plagiarism is a bad idea, it cannot be avoided. It can be either Negligent or Unintentional. It is the responsibility of an institute or research guide to distinguish between original and plagiarized work. In order to detect the plagiarism some well known softwares/ tools are available like Turnitin, Grammerly, Dupli checker, Copyleaks, Paperrater, Viper, Plagiarisma, Plagiarism Checker, Plagium, Plagscan, and PlagTracker etc).

Avoiding Plagiarism

Plagiarism can be avoided by paraphrasing, citing, quoting and referencing the original work. There are five basic rules regarding the use of information in professional and in academic writing:

1. If you use the same sentences of your source, you must quote it exactly, enclose it in quotation marks, and cite the source.
2. If you use ideas or information that is not common knowledge, you must cite the source.
3. If you did not invent it, cite the source.
4. Unless your teacher tells you to paraphrase, don't paraphrase.

5. When in doubt, cite the source. Doing so can only enhance your readers sense of your honesty.

Some guidelines

- Unity College will use plagiarism software so as to ensure that documents such as term papers, publications or any other such documents are free of plagiarism at the time of their submission.
- Every student or teachers submitting papers or any other such documents shall submit an undertaking indicating that the document has been prepared by him or her and that the document is his/her original work and free of any plagiarism.
- The undertaking shall also include the statement that the document has been duly checked through a Plagiarism detection tool approved by the institution.
- Each teacher or intending author shall submit a certificate indicating that the work done by the student/teacher/researcher is plagiarism free.

Plagiarism is a Cognizable Offence; follow good research ethics!

References:

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