

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

STATUTE 6: STUDENT DISCIPLINE

A. Overview

1. All students by virtue of admission to the University must abide by and uphold the University Code of Conduct and Student Code of Conduct. This Statute provides the over-arching framework to support the University in the maintenance of good order and discipline among the students of the University.

B. Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Statute and any regulations made under this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "Expulsion" means the termination of candidature/enrolment of a student and cessation of all rights and privileges as a student of the University, including the right to re-enrol as a student;
 - (b) "Misconduct" means any behaviour which is contrary to the University's rules and regulations governing conduct, the University Code of Conduct, or a breach of rules or guidelines as may be prescribed by the Student Academic Integrity and Research Integrity Policies and Procedures;
 - (c) "student" includes a graduate from the University provided that the circumstances giving rise to the disciplinary proceedings arose while the student was registered and studying a course or programme at the University; and
 - (d) "Suspension" means the temporary debarment of a student from the University and the withdrawal of all rights and privileges as a student of the University for a specified period or until the fulfilment of specified conditions.

C. Disciplinary Structure

1. The student disciplinary framework of the University shall be based on the following structure:
 - (a) Preliminary Inquiry (PI)/Committee of Inquiry (COI) or equivalent: At the College, School and Department level, the Heads of the Academic Entities and/or the Heads of Administrative Departments shall deal with less serious Misconduct; and
 - (b) Board of Discipline (BOD): At the University level, the BOD shall deal with serious Misconduct, including those where Suspension or Expulsion of the student concerned is deemed to be the appropriate sanction.

D. Board of Discipline (BOD)

1. The BOD may, if it finds a student guilty of a disciplinary offence, impose one or more of the following sanctions:

- (a) issue letter of warning to the student;
- (b) stipulate a written undertaking by the student, including a statement on further sanctions if conditions of the undertaking are not met;
- (c) require any restitution by the student concerned that is accepted by the student, the complainant and the BOD to constitute full resolution of the complaint;
- (d) stipulate any form of service contributing to the welfare of the student community that is deemed to be an appropriate penalty;
- (e) mandate counselling by the University Counselling Centre or medical treatment by a suitably qualified medical practitioner;
- (f) deprive the student of a pass in the whole or part of any examination or series of examinations or any assignment, quiz or class test;
- (g) impose a fine not exceeding \$10,000;
- (h) expel or suspend the student concerned from the University either permanently or temporarily, which shall include the power to exclude the student from the University or any part of it, from any programmes or courses, or from any examination, or deprive the student of the status as a matriculated or registered student; and
- (i) deprive the student of any degree, diploma or certificate or other academic distinction to be awarded or previously awarded.

2. Only a student whom the BOD has:

- (a) expelled from the University;
- (b) suspended or excluded from the University or any part of it or from any programme or courses or excluded from any examination;
- (c) fined more than \$5,000; or
- (d) deprived of the award of degree, diploma or certificate or other academic distinction to be awarded or previously awarded

but not otherwise, has a right of appeal to the Appeal Committee.

E. Appeal Committee

The Appeal Committee shall hear appeals against decisions, rulings or any other courses of action by the BOD. The Appeal Committee may confirm, vary or rescind the sanction imposed by the BOD. The decision of the Appeal Committee is final and there shall be no further appeal.

F. Powers of the University's President

1. The University's President is empowered to make Regulations or policies on:

- (a) procedures governing disciplinary proceedings before the BOD and Appeal Committee; and
- (b) any matter pursuant to the implementation of this Statute.

G. Liability of the University

The University, its officers, or any other person or entity associated with them shall not be liable to any person for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses that the person may suffer or incur, whether directly or indirectly, (including loss of profit or any damage to reputation) by reason of any disciplinary proceedings or measures or summary actions taken pursuant to this Statute, related Regulations, the University's policies and procedures, and/or the publication of information relating thereto.

H. General

1. Nothing in this Statute shall prevent the University from referring any complaint or alleged offence to the relevant law enforcement agency of the country nor prevent the University from commencing civil proceedings against any student or any other person in relation to or arising from any complaint or alleged offence.
2. Where there is ambiguity concerning the classification of an allegation or offence, the BOD shall determine, at its discretion, how it shall be dealt with.
3. The provisions of this Statute shall be implemented regardless of the constitution, rules and procedures of Student Organisations.
4. All proceedings shall be conducted fairly and in accordance with natural justice and all decisions as to the procedure shall be at the discretion of the BOD.
5. All investigations and proceedings shall adopt rules of strict confidentiality that safeguard sensitivities and uphold the integrity of the process.
6. Disciplinary proceedings are confidential, and no information relating to such proceedings (including without limitation, details of what transpired during such proceedings, or the evidence given or decisions taken in relation thereto) shall be disclosed, published or shared by the student(s) who is/are the subject of such proceedings, nor by any attendee at the hearings of the BOD, save where the prior written consent of the BOD is obtained. The giving of such consent shall be in the BOD's sole and absolute discretion.