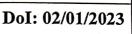


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### Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Institute Level Student-Parent Grievance Redressal Committee

### 1. Objective:

The objective of this SOP is to establish a structured process for the redressal of grievances raised by students or their parents regarding academic, administrative, or disciplinary matters, ensuring timely and effective resolution in accordance with institutional policies.

### 2. Composition of the Committee:

The Student-Parent Grievance Redressal Committee shall consist of:

- Chairperson: A senior faculty member or administrator.
- Faculty Representatives: From various academic departments.
- Student Welfare Officer: To represent student concerns.
- Administrative Staff: To handle procedural aspects.
- External Member (optional): If required, an external or independent representative to ensure impartiality.

### 3. Grievance Submission Process:

#### Step 1: Mode of Submission

- Grievances can be submitted by students or parents through:
  - o Online Grievance Portal: If available, an online platform for submitting grievances.
  - o Written Submission: A physical form or letter submitted to the grievance office.
  - o Email Submission: Dedicated email for grievance submissions.

#### Step 2: Information Required

- The complainant must provide:
  - o Name and contact details (email/phone) of the student/parent.
  - A clear description of the grievance, including relevant dates, events, and individuals involved.
  - Any supporting documents or evidence.

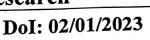






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• Grievances must be submitted within a specified period (e.g., within 30 days of the occurrence of the issue).

#### Step 3: Acknowledgment

• Upon receipt of the grievance, the committee will acknowledge the complaint within 2 working days. An acknowledgment receipt will be issued with a unique grievance ID for tracking.

### 4. Categorization of Grievances:

The grievance will be categorized as follows:

- Academic Grievances: Issues related to examinations, grades, curriculum, attendance, etc.
- Administrative Grievances: Issues related to fees, facilities, or procedural delays.
- **Disciplinary Grievances**: Issues related to misconduct, harassment, or behavioral concerns.
- Other Grievances: General complaints not covered under the above categories.

#### 5. Initial Assessment and Review:

#### **Step 1: Preliminary Review**

- The committee will conduct a preliminary review of the grievance within 3 working days to determine its validity and ensure it falls within the committee's jurisdiction.
- If the grievance is outside the scope of the committee (e.g., related to sexual harassment), it will be forwarded to the relevant committee (e.g., Internal Complaints Committee).

### Step 2: Additional Information

• If the grievance lacks sufficient information or clarity, the committee may request additional details from the complainant within 5 working days.

# 6. Investigation of Grievance:

Step 1: Formation of Investigation Team





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 For valid grievances, the Chairperson will form an investigation team comprising members from relevant departments or administrative sections.

#### **Step 2: Data Collection**

- The investigation team will:
  - o Gather all relevant documents, emails, and records.
  - o Conduct interviews with the complainant, any respondents, and witnesses.
  - Review institutional policies or guidelines related to the grievance.

### Step 3: Completion of Investigation

• The investigation should be completed within 7 working days from the date of the formation of the investigation team.

### 7. Resolution and Decision:

## Step 1: Deliberation

- After completing the investigation, the committee will deliberate on the findings and recommend a course of action.
- The resolution could involve:
  - o Corrective actions (e.g., re-evaluation of marks, fee adjustments).
  - o Disciplinary actions (if misconduct is involved).
  - Mediation or conflict resolution meetings (if interpersonal issues are involved).

### **Step 2: Communication of Decision**

- The committee will communicate the resolution to the complainant within 15 working days of the grievance submission.
- A formal letter or email will be sent to both the student/parent and any other parties involved, outlining the decision and any steps to be taken.

## 8. Implementation of Resolution:

 Once the decision is communicated, the institution will implement the resolution immediately.



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The committee will follow up with the relevant departments to ensure compliance with the resolution.

### 9. Appeal Process:

- If the complainant is dissatisfied with the resolution, they may file an appeal within 5 working days of receiving the decision.
- The appeal will be escalated to a higher authority (e.g., Principal, Director, or Governing Council).
- The decision of the higher authority will be final and communicated within 10 working

# 10. Confidentiality and Fairness:

- The committee will ensure that all grievances are handled with the utmost confidentiality.
- The identity of the complainant, respondents, and witnesses will be protected throughout
- The grievance will be handled impartially, ensuring that no bias or unfair treatment affects the outcome.

# 11. Documentation and Record Keeping:

- All grievance-related documentation (complaints, investigations, resolutions) will be securely stored for future reference and audit purposes.
- Records will be maintained in compliance with institutional and legal data privacy

## 12. Reporting and Review:

## Step 1: Regular Reporting

- The committee will submit regular reports to the institutional leadership, summarizing:
  - o Number of grievances received, resolved, and pending.
  - o Types of grievances and the actions taken.

## Step 2: Annual Review







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• The grievance redressal process will be reviewed annually, and any necessary improvements or updates will be implemented based on feedback and outcomes.

#### 13. Awareness and Communication:

- Information about the grievance redressal mechanism will be made easily accessible to students and parents.
- Details will be available on the institutional website, through handbooks, and via notices or orientation programs.

#### 14. Handling Emergency Grievances:

- In cases where grievances involve immediate threats or serious issues (e.g., harassment, violence), the committee will expedite the process.
- Interim protective measures may be put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of the complainant.



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