

MODELS FOR PROMOTING DISCIPLINE AND GOOD CONDUCT AMONG COVENANT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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INTRODUCTION

- Students are the reason for our engagement as faculty and staff.
- Students are expected to align with Covenant University's Core Values.
- Students are expected to do what is right, not what they like – Dr. David Oyedepo.



INTRODUCTION CONTD.

- It takes leaders to 'raise a new generation of leaders'.
- Many parents and guardians bring their wards to CU because of our code of conduct/disciplinary expectations.
- Background experiences.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING MODEL IN CU

- A high standard of personal discipline and integrity is expected of every student.
- Covenant University regards all acts of un-ethical, immoral, dishonest or destructive behaviour as well as violations of University regulations as serious offences.



OVERVIEW OF EXISTING MODEL IN CU CONTD.

- The power to discipline students who violate the University's rules and regulations is vested in the Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC).
- However, if a plea of guilt is entered by a student who appears before the Dean, Student Affairs, the case could be determined by an informal resolution, with the student's consent.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING MODEL IN CU CONTD.

Offences fall into two categories:

- All cases of misconduct, which the SDC tries.
- Criminal offences, which should be referred to the Police.
- Students' expected good conduct covers Chaplaincy, Residency, Dress Code, Examination, University General Assemblies, Cultural Ethics, General Behaviour.



OVERVIEW OF EXISTING MODEL IN CU CONTD.

Penalties for Violation of Rules and Regulations include:

- Letter of Warning, Letter of Caution, Fines, Confiscation of Items, Loss of Privilege, Disciplinary Probation, Definite Suspension, Indefinite Suspension, Advised-to-Withdraw, Expulsion.

OVERVIEW OF EXISTING MODEL IN CU CONTD.

- Any decision by SDC can be appealed by concerned students.
- The Appellate Committee of the University reviews appeals in line with the provisions in the Student Handbook and makes recommendations to Management



Caltech MODEL

- California Institute of Technology (Caltech) has its Honour Code Handbook for driving good conduct.
- The Guiding Principle of its Honour Code System is: ‘No member of the Caltech community shall take unfair advantage of any other member of the community.’”



Caltech MODEL

- The Honour System was not imposed upon the students hence any necessary interpretation and enforcement is performed by students.
- The Board of Control (BoC) and the Conduct Review Committee (CRC) are charged with enforcing the Honour System.

Caltech MODEL

- The BoC, a committee of undergraduates, is chaired by a student elected by the student body. Membership includes 2 representatives elected from each of the 8 houses and 3 representatives at large.
- Academic violations of the Honour Code are adjudicated by the BoC.

Caltech MODEL

- The CRC, a committee of undergraduates, faculty, and staff, is co-chaired by an Associate Dean of Students and a student elected by the student body. Student representatives are selected by each of the 8 houses along with 2 representatives at large.
- Non-academic and policy violations are adjudicated by the CRC.

MODEL 1 FOR DISCIPLINE AND GOOD CONDUCT

Student Centred Disciplinary System

- Inauguration of Student Consultative Assembly (SCA).
- Membership of the SCA will be subject to godly character and a minimum CGPA of 3.50.

Expectations from Student Consultative Assembly (SCA)

- The SCA is to provide more opportunities for students to express themselves as leaders and take ownership of the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary System.
- The Assembly will drive discipline and enhance positive influence over students.

Expectations from Student Consultative Assembly (SCA)

- The SCA will ensure better information flow to the students' body and improve the administrative structure of student leadership in Covenant University.
- Ultimately, the SCA will provide a pool of tested students for subsequent administration of the Student Council.



Membership of the Student Consultative Assembly

Student Consultative Assembly shall include:

- Student Council Members
- Chaplaincy Representation
 - ✓ Heads of Service Units
 - ✓ Hall Chaplains
 - ✓ Wing Chaplains
 - ✓ Floor Chaplains
 - ✓ Course Chaplains

Membership of the Student Consultative Assembly Contd.

- Academic & Social Representation
 - ✓ Heads of Academic Associations
 - ✓ Course Representatives
 - ✓ Heads of Social Associations
- Residency Representation
 - ✓ Wing Representatives
 - ✓ Floor Representatives

Operational Guidelines for Student Consultative Assembly

- The SCA shall be presided over by Vice-Chairman of the Student Council.
- The Clerk shall be elected by members.
- Resolutions from the SCA shall be passed through the Student Council to the Dean of Students.



Operational Guidelines for Student Consultative Assembly

- Meetings shall be held bi-monthly at specified times and two thirds of members shall form a quorum.
- Members will not serve for more than two academic sessions.
- A meeting of the Management with the SCA shall be held once a Semester.



Functions of the Student Consultative Assembly

- To discuss students' academic and welfare matters and make recommendations to the Student Council for the attention of the Management.
- To recommend reviews of the Student Handbook.

Functions of the Student Consultative Assembly

- To serve as an intelligence arm of the student body, providing information on the activities of students who are not Core Value compliant.

Functions of the Student Consultative Assembly

- To take disciplinary cases involving lateness to University assemblies and academic lectures, dress code violation, violation of the great silence rule, violation of interactive time and mode, squatting, environmental sanitation and illegal sales in the Halls of Residence and recommend penalties as stated in the Student Handbook.

MODEL 2 FOR DISCIPLINE AND GOOD CONDUCT

ICT Based Student Disciplinary System.

- Getting the campus (especially Halls of Residence) wired with CCTV cameras.
- Inappropriate conduct will be reduced.

MODEL 2 FOR DISCIPLINE AND GOOD CONDUCT

- Student Disciplinary Committee (SDC) will not be faced with burden of proof and its meetings will be shortened.
- Examination could be conducted without physical supervision thereby enhancing our reputation – students' honours code.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Student Handbook Review Committee should be constituted for the review of the Student Handbook which will be due for revision in 2017.
- All Faculty and Staff should have a copy of the Student Handbook for effective 'in-loco parentis' role.
- Inauguration of Eagles' Congregation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Appointment of Hall Coordinators for the Undergraduate & PG Halls of Residence.
- Competent and well trained staff should be posted to Student Affairs Department.
- Shift duty arrangement for Student Affairs staff should indicate reasonable period for off duty.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Students who wilfully damage university properties should be surcharged.
- Displaying defaulting students during university assembly appears counter productive and could be stopped.
- Enforcing discipline is our collective responsibility. Faculty Support Programme is an available platform.



CONCLUSION

- It is my considered opinion that a combination of the 2 models presented, the current disciplinary system as driven SDC and the recommendations highlighted here will further promote discipline and good conduct among students in Covenant University.



THANK YOU!