



SNDT Women's University

Students Council Policy

(This policy has been approved by the Management Council)

I. Introduction

The University Students Council is envisioned to perform the multifunctional role of developing the overall personality of the students, organize activities to help hone and develop the innate creative and leadership skills of the students and provide a platform to the students to help them explore and exhibit their creative, artistic, literary, and other skills. It also serves as a channel through which the students can express their opinions and concerns. And work to identify student-related issues and help resolve them with the aim of building a healthy environment to ensure all round and holistic development of the students of the University.

II. Scope

The Students Council shall:

- Serve as the main forum of expression of student opinion.
- Strive to build a connect between the student community, teachers and university administration.
- Organise activities to help students develop their innate skills

III. Objectives of Students Council

- To take necessary steps for promotion of culture and students' development activities in colleges and university departments;
- To establish links with regional and national bodies in the various cultural activities and to promote various activities jointly with them;
- To take up activities in colleges and university departments to promote interest and skills for appreciation in the field of performing arts, pure art and painting skills;

- To hold university level competitions, skills development workshops, interactive activities in order to bring the society closer to the colleges, institutions and university;
- To establish rapport with groups (excluding political parties), societies and other professional bodies so as to involve them in the activities of Board of Students Development;
- To devise a mechanism of grievance redressal of student and prevention of sexual harassment and ragging of students and to prepare and submit the Annual Report of the Board to Senate for approval;
- To devise a mechanism to implement recommendations of the Commission as regards students' development and culture.
- To take necessary measures to ensure participation of well-trained teams in various regional, national and international level competitions, and cultural, recreational and other activities.
- To devise, develop and implement schemes of career counselling, psychological counselling and rehabilitation and upliftment of differently-abled students.

The University Department Students Council shall consist of the following members, namely: -

- i.** President, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in all university departments;
- ii.** Secretary, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in all university departments; ;
- iii.** one representative belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Classes, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in all university departments;
- iv.** one student from each department, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that department;
- v.** one student each from (a) National Service Scheme, (b) National Cadet Corps, (c) Sports and (d) Cultural activities, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the students who are engaged in National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps, Sports and Cultural activities, respectively, on the basis of prescribed criteria;

vi. Director, Students Development shall be an ex-officio member.

IV. Important Guidelines:

Apart from the University Students Council as specified in clause there would be a university department Students Council for the departments of the university and a college Students Council for each conducted college or institution of the University and each affiliated college, to look after the welfare of the students and to promote and co-ordinate the extra-curricular activities of different student's associations for better corporate life. The Councils shall not engage in political activities.

The College Students Council for each institution, conducted college or affiliated college shall consist of the following members, namely: -

- i. President, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that college;
- ii. Secretary, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that college;
- iii. One lady representative, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that college;
- iv. One representative belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes or De-notified Tribes (Vimukta-Jatis) or Nomadic Tribes or Other Backward Classes, by rotation, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that college: Provided that the University shall decide the category of reservation for each college for the purpose of this clause by drawing lots;
- v. One student from each class, elected by an electoral college consisting of students who are engaged in full time studies in that class; one student each from (a) National Service Scheme, (b) National Cadet Corps, (c) Sports and (d) Cultural activities, nominated by the Principal from the students who are engaged in National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps, Sports and Cultural activities, respectively, on the basis of prescribed criteria;
- vi. One senior teacher as coordinator of the Students Council appointed by the principal of the college and Director, Sports and Physical Education, NSS Programme Officer and NCC Officer as permanent invitees.

During the period of election, no person, other than a student on the rolls of college or institutions or University, shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any

capacity. Any student or a candidate violating this condition shall be liable for disciplinary action against him in addition to the revocation of his candidature.

The election of the student members of the Students Councils shall be made every year, as soon as possible after the commencement of the academic year, on a date as may be prescribed. The term of office of the elected student members shall begin with effect from the date of election and shall extend up to the last day of the academic year, unless they have, in the meantime, incurred any of the disqualifications specified by or under the Act, and shall then expire. One third of the members of the Students Council shall constitute the quorum.

V. Annexure 1:

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