

PARUL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Registrar
July 28, 2021

R/Notification-710/2021-22

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Reconstitution of Grievance Redressal Cells

Ref: (i) No.R/ Notification-214/2017-18 dated 28.3.2018

(ii) Orders of the President

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- 11) Delay in conduct of examinations or declaration of results beyond that specified in the academic calendar;
- 12) On provision of student amenities as may have been promised or required to be provided by the University;
- 13) Denial of quality education as promised at the time of admission or required to be provided;
- 14) Non transparent or unfair evaluation practices;
- 15) Harassment and victimization of students, including sexual harassment;

IV) Obligations of the University Mandatory publication of prospectus, its contents and pricing

- (1) The University shall publish, before expiry of sixty days prior the date of the commencement of the admission to any of its courses or programmes of study, a prospectus containing the following for the purposes of informing those persons intending to seek admission to the University and the general public; namely:-
 - (a) Each component of the fee, deposits and other charges payable by the students admitted to the University for pursuing a course or programme of study, and the other terms and conditions of such payment;
 - (b) The percentage of tuition fee and other charges refundable to a student admitted in the University in case such student withdraws from the University before or after completion of course or programme of study and the time within, and the manner in, which such refund shall be made to that student;
 - (c) The number of seats approved by the appropriate statutory authority in respect of each course or programme of study for the academic year for which admission is proposed to be made;
 - (d) The conditions of eligibility including the minimum and maximum age limit of persons for admission as a student in a particular course or programme of study, where so specified by the University;
 - (e) The educational qualifications specified by the relevant appropriate statutory authority, or by The University, where no such qualifying standards have been specified by any statutory authority;

- (f) The process of admission and selection of eligible candidates applying for such admission, including all relevant information in regard to the details of test or examination for selecting such candidates for admission to each course or programme of study and the amount of fee to be paid for the admission test;
- (g) Details of the teaching faculty, including therein the educational qualifications and teaching experience of every member of its teaching faculty and also indicating therein whether such members are on regular basis or as visiting members;
- (h) Information in regard to physical and academic infrastructure and other facilities including hostel accommodation, library and hospital or industry wherein the practical training to be imparted to the students and in particular the facilities accessible by students on being admitted to the University;
- (i) Broad outlines of the syllabus specified by the appropriate statutory authority or by the University, as the case may be, for every course or programme of study, including the teaching hours, practical sessions and other assignments;
- j) All relevant instructions in regard to maintaining the discipline by students within or outside the campus of the University, and, in particular such discipline relating to the prohibition of ragging of any student or students and the consequences thereof and for violating the provisions of any regulation in this behalf made by the relevant statutory regulatory authority; and
- k) Any such other information as may be specified by the Commission:

Provided that the University shall publish information referred to in items (a) to (j) of this sub regulation, on its website, and the attention of prospective students and the general public shall be drawn to such publication on the website through advertisements displayed prominently in the different newspapers and through other media: Provided further that the University may publish prospectus in accordance with this sub regulation at any time before the period of sixty days.

(2) The University shall fix the price of each printed copy of the prospectus, being not more than the reasonable cost of its publication and distribution and no profit be made out of the publication, distribution or sale of prospectus.

V) Procedure in redressal of grievances by Ombudsman and Grievance Redressal Committee

- (1) The University shall establish a registry, headed by an employee of the University of appropriate rank as the Ombudsman may decide, where any aggrieved student or person may make an application seeking redressal of grievance.
- (2) The address of the registry so established shall be published widely including on the notice board and prospectus and placed on the website of the University.
- (3) On receipt of an application by the registry, the employee-in-charge shall inform the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall immediately provide a copy to the University for furnishing its reply within seven days.
- (4) The Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall fix a date for hearing the complaint which shall be communicated to the University and the aggrieved person either in writing or electronically, as may be feasible.
- (5) An aggrieved person may appear either in person or represented by such person as may be authorized to present his case.
- (6) The Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall be guided by the principles of natural justice while hearing the grievance.
- (7) The Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall ensure disposal of every application as speedily as possible and not later than a month of receipt of the grievance.
- (8) The University shall co-operate with the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, in redressal of grievances and failure to do so may be reported by the Ombudsman to the Commission.
- (9) On the conclusion of proceedings, the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall pass such order, with reasons for such order, as may be deemed fit to redress the grievance and provide such relief as may be desirable to the affected party at issue.
- (10) Every order under sub-regulation (9), under the signature of the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, shall be provided to the aggrieved person and the University and shall be placed on the website of the University.

- (11) The University shall comply with the order of the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be,
- (12) Any order of the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, not complied with by the University shall be reported to the Commission.
- (13) A complaint shall be filed by the aggrieved student or his parent or with a special permission from the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, by any other person.
- (14) In case of any false or frivolous complaint, the ombudsman may order appropriate action against the complainant.

VI) Information regarding Ombudsman, Grievance Redressal Committee to be published in prospectus

The University and the college concerned shall provide detailed information regarding provisions of Grievance Redressal Committee, Ombudsman and the duties and rights of students in their prospectus prominently.

VII) Consequences of non-compliance

The University Grants Commission, shall in respect of any University which willfully contravenes or repeatedly fails to comply with orders of the Ombudsman or the Grievance Redressal Committee, as the case may be, may proceed to take one or more of the following actions, namely:-

- 1) Withdrawal of declaration of fitness to receive grants under section 128 of the Act;
- 2) Withholding any grant allocated to the University;
- 3) Declaring the University ineligible for consideration for any assistance under any of the general or special assistance programs of the Commission;
- 4) Informing the general public, including potential candidates for admission, through a notice displayed prominently in the newspapers or other suitable media and posted on the website of the Commission, declaring that the University does not possess the minimum standards for redressal of grievances;
- 5) Recommend to the affiliating university for withdrawal of affiliation, in case of a college;

- 6) Recommend to the Central Government for withdrawal of declaration as Institution deemed to be university, in case of an institution deemed to be university;
- 7) Recommend to the appropriate State Government for withdrawal of status as University in case of a University established or incorporated under a State Act;
- 8) Taking such other action within its powers as the Commission may deem fit and impose such other penalties as may be provided in the Act for such duration of time as the University complies with the provisions of these Regulations:

Provided that no action shall be taken by the Commission under this regulation unless the institution has been given an opportunity to explain its position and opportunity of being heard has been provided to it.

By order,



(H.S. Vijayakumar)
Registrar

To,

The Above.

cc

- 1) All officers of the University
- 2) Principal / Director of all Colleges with a request to widely circulate the contents among the students.
- 3) Deans of Faculty
- 4) Establishment Section

Copy Submitted to

- 1) The President
- 2) The Vice President
- 3) The Provost