

AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY ON EXAMINATION MISCONDUCT

At the 79TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON TUESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2014

Report from Examinations Misconduct Committee. The Senate ratified the Vice-Chancellor's approval of the recommendations of the Examinations Misconduct Committee involving one hundred and thirty-five (135) students in the Lagos Study Centre who were involved in various examination irregularities.

Their offences ranged from: i) coming to the examination hall with extraneous materials; ii) using their phones to source for responses to questions on-line; iii) taking examination scripts away from the examination hall; and iv) impersonation

The Senate discussed the report and directed as follows:

(a) The constitution of an Examination Misconduct Committee in each Study Centre to be charged with the responsibility of

i) conducting preliminary investigations on reported cases ii) giving adequate fair hearing to culprits and

iii) forwarding the recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor who may refer it as appropriate.

(b) Each alleged culprit should complete and endorse the Examination Misconduct Form when caught or sign written statements on the day of the examination concerned.

(c) To guard against possible litigation and the resulting negative publicity on the University, each culprit must be given fair hearing by inviting the culprit to appear before the Centre's investigation panel. The proceeding of such investigation must be properly recorded, signed and forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor for further directive(s)

In furtherance, the Senate resolved as follows: i) all guilty students would serve the maximum punishment; ii) that suggested punishment for the common examination offences would be: (a) Caught with extraneous material- Rustication for one session (b) Impersonation – Expulsion (c) Unruly behaviour-Rustication for one semester/one session/ Expulsion depending on the seriousness of the case.

iii) a review of the existing Examination Rules and Regulations, specifying offences and penalties; students should be informed of the rules and regulations on Examinations.

iv) the Examination Misconduct Form should be redesigned to include a statement of admittance or otherwise by the student.

The Senate directed that the above decisions be integrated into the University's Examination Guidelines.