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Candidates' Code of Conduct

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CANDIDATES CODE OF CONDUCT

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1 INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION

The code of conduct for students of NWU must be applied in a manner which is consistent with the:

- 1.1 Statute of the North-West University (2020);
- 1.2 Institutional Rules on Student Governance (2021)¹;
- 1.3 Constitution of the Students' Representative Council of the North-West University (2021)²;
- 1.4 Relevant legislation, rules and guidelines as instated towards the management of the COVID-19 pandemic both by Government and the NWU; and
- 1.5 Additional policies, rules, and regulations of the university as applicable.

2 DEFINITIONS

In this code of conduct –

“student” – is defined by the Statute of the university as a person who is admitted to the university and registered for a programme leading to the attainment of a qualification.

“student supporter” – refers to any student who seeks to ensure the election, or non-election, of an individual (or group of) nominee(s), or candidate(s) as a member(s) of a Students' Campus Council, or SRC: Distance Students' Officer, by either voting, supporting, advocating, assisting, promoting or endorsing such a student(s).

“nominee” – refers to a student who has been nominated to be elected as a member of a Students' Campus Council, or SRC: Distance Students' Officer of the North-West-University, but has not yet been confirmed as a valid candidate.

“candidate” – refers to any student who has been nominated to be elected as a member of a Students' Campus Council, or SRC: Distance Students' Officer of the North-West university, and has been confirmed as a valid candidate eligible for election by the Independent Student Electoral Commission.

¹ Hereafter referred to as: the Institutional Rules.

² Hereafter referred to as: the SRC Constitution.

3 THE CODE OF CONDUCT

As a candidate eligible for election to an SCC, or SRC: Distance Students' Officer, of the North-West University I hereby recognise and subscribe to the values and ethos of the university, and commit myself to;

- 1.1 uphold the policies, rules and process of the university and subject myself to such at all times;
- 1.2 the relevant disciplinary processes as prescribed by the Policy on Student Discipline in the event that I may be suspected of possible act(s) of misconduct;
- 1.3 refrain from any action or utterance which would be to the detriment of the university, its staff, students and community;
- 1.4 uphold the principles of accountability, transparency, equity, honesty, fairness and integrity in all my endeavours;
- 1.5 be respectful and tolerant towards the rights, views and beliefs of others though they might differ from my own;
- 1.6 strive towards the eradication of any form of human rights abuses, discrimination, intimidation, initiation, and gender-based violence;
- 1.7 the promotion and celebration of all forms of diversity which remains inherent to the North-West University community; and
- 1.8 the creation of a university community recognised as for its inclusivity, socially responsiveness and an ethic of care.

In addition to the above mentioned, and in relation to the annual process of elections of the Students' Campus Councils and SRC: Distance Students' Officer of the North-West University I commit myself to;

- 1.9 not undermine the processes of a free and fair election process, nor to request, incite, insinuate that any other student(s), nominee(s), or student supporter(s) undermine such a process;
- 1.10 adhere the practical arrangements made by the SRC and the SCC in ensuring free, fair and orderly promotion and campaigning of candidates;
- 1.11 ensure that any student supporter(s) acting in my favour adhere to the rules, processes and procedures as set out in the Institutional Rules, the SRC Constitution and this Code of Conduct; and
- 1.12 to report any form of transgression of the Institutional Rules, the SRC Constitution or this Code of Conduct to the ISEC as soon as possible.

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