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## ARTICLE 320. Rules on Participation in Controversial Activities. The participation of students in controversial activities which include parades, demonstrations, mass meetings, webinars, on-line fora, social media activities, on-line protests, programs, and the like, organized or promoted by parties or interests not authorized by the University, shall be governed by the principles laid down in this Article. The University has for one of its aims the training of thought and action for the general citizenry of the country. For this purpose, the students of the University are encouraged, as they have always been encouraged, to take an intelligent interest in public questions. Though certain questions may be of a controversial nature, to place them beyond the inquiry and consideration by the students would be to defeat this object. Therefore, students of the University are, and should be, free to express their views and sympathies, on any public question, subject however, to the requirements of law, and certain self-evident and well established limitations, among which are:

- a. The participation of students in the above-defined and enumerated controversial activities, shall not interfere or disrupt classes, involve substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others, and disrupt other activities of the University.
- b. Students who take part in any of the aforementioned activities shall not exhibit any sign or give the impression that they represent the University, but shall indicate clearly that their participation, including their statements or opinions, are of their own individual accord.
- c. Students shall at all times observe the pertinent laws and rules and regulations of the University, and shall always act with fairness, tolerance, moderation, and respect for the opinions and feelings of others, bearing in mind that education stands for broadness of views and for the appreciation, evaluation and understanding of similar or competing principles.
- d. Students are expected to be courteous and considerate on all occasions as befitting men and women of refinement and good breeding, including in their behavior and pronouncements in the social media.

## TITLE THREE: STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

## CHAPTER 1. DISCIPLINARY RULES

ARTICLE 321. Student Discipline. The University shall have gender and disability sensitive rules and regulations formulated in consultation with students and faculty and published in a student handbook that is accessible and disseminated to students including students with disabilities, and to the faculty and parents. The definition or specification of certain offenses and breaches of discipline in separate resolutions of the Administrative Council and approved by the Board of Regents shall not be construed to exclude other offenses or breaches against

the rules of discipline promulgated by the President, the Vice Presidents, Deans, Campus Directors, Directors, and faculty members in those cases not specifically defined or provided in this Code. (CMO Number 9, series of 2013)

- ARTICLE 322. Prohibited Acts. The following prohibited acts shall be classified as improper student conduct and shall have the corresponding penalties as shall be imposed by appropriate University rules and regulations:
  - Dishonesty, such as cheating during examinations, or plagiarism in connection with any academic work. Plagiarism in this context shall include the use of another person's ideas, words, design, art, music and similar works as one's own in whole or in part without acknowledging the author or obtaining his permission.
  - Forgery, alteration or misuse of the documents of the University, records or credentials; knowingly furnishing false information to the University in connection with official documents filed by him;
  - Making, publishing or circularizing false information about the University, its officials, faculty members and/or students, either through the print media, the social media, the internet, and through other electronic means;
  - Obstruction or making unnecessary noise in University premises, or disrupting the teaching, administrative work, disciplinary proceedings, legitimate student activities, and other University activities;
  - Defamation committed against any student, faculty, or University officials, exaggerated utterances, irresponsible and libelous statements and other acts of militancy that threaten peace and order, whether orally, by print, or by mass or concerted action, or through the social media, internet, and other electronic means; (CMO Number 9, series of 2013)
  - Physical assault on any person within the premises of the University, or outside of such premises if the act shall arise in relation to the parties' official relations or activities with the University;
  - Theft of, or damage to, the property owned or in possession of the University, or of the University community;
  - 8. Unauthorized entry to or use of the facilities of the University;
  - 9. Vandalism, which is the willful destruction of any University property, and which includes, but is not limited to, such acts as tearing off or defacing any library book, magazine, or periodicals; writing or drawing on the walls and pieces of furniture; deliberately dismantling or damaging computers, projectors, and similar items; breakages of glass windows, showcases,