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Date: 01st September 2025.....

Penalties Policy

Policy owner: Academic Board

1. Purpose

To provide a transparent and proportional system of penalties for proven cases of academic misconduct, including plagiarism and cheating.

2. Scope

Covers all students at PSBU in any programme or mode of study.

3. Principles

- Penalties must be fair, consistent, and appropriate to the severity of the offence.
- Sanctions are educational rather than purely punitive where possible.
- Repeat or serious offences attract higher penalties.

4. Levels of Offence

Minor: Inadequate referencing or misunderstanding of citation norms.

Moderate: Partial copying or collusion showing intent to deceive.

Major: Substantial plagiarism, contract cheating, or examination fraud.

5. Possible Penalties

- Formal warning and requirement to resubmit the work.
- Reduction of grade or failure in the assignment.
- Failure of the course or module.
- Suspension or expulsion for repeated or severe misconduct.
- Revocation of degree in extreme cases of post-award discovery.

6. Record Keeping

All penalties are recorded in the student's academic file and reported to the Academic Board.

Next Review Date: 20th August 2028


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