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**Information and Communication Technology
Policy and Procedures**

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Introduction:

The ICT policy aims to establish procedures for utilizing ICT resources effectively to meet global standards of quality and excellence. This includes providing access to modern ICT tools such as internet connectivity, computers, laptops, printers, scanners, projectors, wired and wireless networks, and various digital storage media. These facilities are essential for enhancing the teaching and learning process. The ICT Policy sets forth guidelines for integrating ICT into daily academic and administrative activities, reflecting the institution's dedication to maximizing learning opportunities through ICT.

Objectives of the policy:

- 1. Quality and Excellence:** Ensure the creation and utilization of ICT facilities to meet and uphold global standards of quality and excellence in education and administrative practices.
- 2. Access to Modern ICT Tools:** Provide access to contemporary ICT tools, including dedicated internet, computers, laptops, printers, copiers, scanners, LCD projectors, interactive boards, virtual classrooms, wired and wireless networks, World Wide Web, emails, CDs, DVDs, memory sticks, etc.
- 3. Enhanced Teaching-Learning Process:** Utilize ICT facilities to optimize the efficiency of the teaching-learning process, fostering an environment that encourages interactive and technologically enriched education.

4. Efficient Academic and Administrative Practices: Establish guidelines within the ICT policy to ensure the effective integration of ICT into day-to-day academic and administrative practices, enhancing overall operational efficiency.

5. Commitment to Learning Experiences: Demonstrate a commitment to maximizing learning experiences by leveraging ICT tools, acknowledging their role in providing diverse and dynamic educational opportunities.

6. Up-to-Date ICT Facilities: Ensure the continuous availability of up-to-date ICT facilities, recognizing the importance of staying abreast of technological advancements for maintaining relevance in the educational landscape.

7. Guidelines for Effective Use: Provide clear guidelines within the ICT policy for the effective and responsible use of ICT resources in both academic and administrative spheres.

8. Optimization of ICT for Learning: Commit to optimizing the learning experiences through the strategic use of ICT resources, aligning educational practices with technological advancements.

Scope of the Policy:

1. Infrastructure: This includes the provision and maintenance of hardware and software necessary for ICT operations, such as computers, servers, networking equipment, and software licenses.

2. Network Connectivity: Ensuring reliable and secure access to the internet and intranet services, including wired and wireless networks, to facilitate communication and information exchange.

3. Data Management: Establishing protocols for the collection, storage, processing, and protection of data, including sensitive information related to students, staff, and institutional operations.

4. ICT Security: Implementing measures to safeguard ICT resources against unauthorized access, data breaches, malware, and other cybersecurity threats.

5. Training and Capacity Building: Providing ongoing training and professional development opportunities for staff and students to enhance their ICT skills and competencies.

6. Educational Technology: Integrating ICT tools and resources into teaching and learning activities to enhance pedagogical approaches, promote interactive learning experiences, and support digital literacy initiatives.

7. Administrative Support: Utilizing ICT solutions to streamline administrative processes, improve efficiency, and enhance service delivery across various departments and functions.

8. Compliance and Governance: Ensuring compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards governing ICT use, as well as establishing governance structures to oversee policy implementation and enforcement.

9. Monitoring and Evaluation: Establishing mechanisms for monitoring ICT usage, evaluating the effectiveness of policy implementation, and making necessary adjustments to enhance outcomes.

10. Accessibility and Inclusivity: Promoting accessibility and inclusivity by ensuring that ICT resources and services are available and usable by all members of the institution, including those with disabilities.

By addressing these areas, the ICT policy aims to create a comprehensive framework for the effective management, utilization, and governance of ICT resources within the institution, ultimately supporting its educational and operational objectives.

Areas of ICT Application:

- Administration and Admissions
- Human Resources
- Teaching, Learning and Evaluation
- Research
- Student Support
- Community Engagement
- Library

Administration and Admissions:

- **Online Application Systems:** Institutions implement web-based platforms for submitting applications, making the admissions process more accessible and efficient.
- **Automated Administrative Processes:** ICT is used for managing student records, course scheduling, fee payments, and other administrative tasks, reducing manual workloads and streamlining operations.
- **Communication Tools:** Email, messaging apps, and collaboration platforms facilitate communication between administrative staff, faculty, students, and prospective applicants.

Human Resources:

- **Online Recruitment Portals:** Institutions use ICT to advertise job vacancies, accept applications, and manage the recruitment process digitally.
- **HR Management Systems:** These systems help in managing employee records, payroll, attendance, performance evaluations, and training programs.
- **Virtual Training Platforms:** ICT enables the delivery of training programs and professional development opportunities through online platforms and webinars.

Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation:

- Learning Management Systems (LMS): LMS platforms facilitate online course delivery, content management, assignment submission, grading, and communication between instructors and students.
- Digital Content and Resources: ICT provides access to digital textbooks, multimedia materials, online journals, and educational websites, enriching the learning experience.
- Assessment and Evaluation Tools: Online quizzes, exams, and assessment platforms enable instructors to conduct evaluations and provide feedback efficiently.

Research:

Online Databases and Repositories: ICT provides access to vast repositories of academic journals, research articles, and databases, facilitating literature review and research data collection.

Collaboration Tools: ICT enables researchers to collaborate with colleagues globally through video conferencing, shared documents, and collaborative research platforms.

Data Analysis Software: Tools for statistical analysis and data visualization aid researchers in analysing research data and presenting findings effectively.

Student Support:

ICT platforms connect students with tutors and mentors for academic support and guidance.

Community Engagement:

Social Media and Websites: Educational institutions utilize social media platforms and websites to engage with the community, share updates, and promote events.

Online Forums and Discussion Groups: ICT facilitates discussions and knowledge-sharing among students, faculty, alumni, and community members on various topics of interest.

Webinars and Workshops: Institutions organize virtual events such as webinars, workshops, and online courses to engage the community and share expertise.

Library:

Digital Libraries: Libraries digitize their collections and provide online access to e-books, journals, research papers, and multimedia resources.

Online Reference Services: Librarians offer virtual reference services, helping users with research inquiries, citation management, and literature searches.

ICT Committee:

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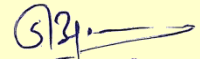
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