

# Guidelines on the Implementation of Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right for Education and Providing Counseling

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- I. These guidelines are formulated in accordance with the Article 14-1 of the *Gender Equity Education Act* (hereby as the Act) to provide necessary assistance and ensure pregnant students' right for education.
- II. The University shall uphold the spirits of diversity and inclusiveness to care about pregnant students and safeguard their right for education. During the course of assistance, the University staff shall strictly adhere to professional ethics and take confidential measures for their privacy, so as to protect the right and interest of pregnant or parenting students.
- III. The University establishes a service window at the Counseling & Health Service Division (hereby as the CHSD) of the Office of Student Affairs to provide timely resources through networks with social service, police, civil society welfare, and mental health agencies.
- IV. In cases where students under the age of twenty are pregnant, the CHSD shall file a report in accordance with the MOE's *Guidelines on Safeguarding Pregnant Students' Right for Education and Providing Counseling*. The President shall invite relevant units to form an ad hoc team which provides necessary counseling and assistance. Pregnant students who are over the age of twenty or married may apply for assistance at CHSD in accordance with the Article 3 when having similar needs.
- V. The ad hoc team is divided into counseling and administrative units according to the nature of duties, with responsibilities attributed under the following principles:
  - (1) counseling units:
    - i. Meetings shall be convened based on individual cases and the needs of pregnant students. Meeting resolutions shall be then reported to the Gender Equity Education Committee.
    - ii. Information of students' pregnancy shall be recorded and then properly archived and managed based on professional ethics.
  - (2) administrative units:
    - i. The Office of Accounting shall budget relevant funding to provide pregnant students with counseling service in accordance the Article 10 of the Act.
    - ii. The Office of Academic Affairs and individual academic units shall handle the abovementioned students' attendance records, exam

retakes, and remedial lessons with flexibility in accordance with Articles 23 and 26 of the University's *Academic Regulations*, and provide them with necessary adjustment of the classroom, seating, and nursing room.

- iii. The Office of General Affairs shall allocate special parking spaces and lavatories in consideration of the needs of pregnant or parenting students.
- iv. To meet the needs of pregnant students, the CHSD shall integrate related resources and offer various courses related to maternity, postnatal care, breastfeeding, unplanned pregnancy, and family education. Social and medical resources may be brought in when necessary.

VI. These guidelines are approved by the Gender Equality Education Committee and the President before implementation. Amendment to these guidelines shall follow the same procedure.