V THE COST OF PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty, and is therefore viewed by all teachers and educational authorities as a serious offence, and with good reason. A plagiarist is in effect attempting to obtain a scholastic grade by fraud, as well as to make a mockery of education itself. There are severe penalties in place at the university regarding the submission of plagiarized work by students.

The gist of these penalties is as follows:

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(i) If academic dishonesty is found in respect of subject based assessment, an ‘F’ grade will be assigned to the subject.

(ii) For more serious or repeated cases, the student concerned will be given an ‘F’ grade for the subject and more stringent disciplinary action will be taken.

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(iii) If academic dishonesty is found in the submission of a thesis/dissertation, the Board of Examination could fail the student concerned and allow for a re-submission of work or terminate the candidacy of the student concerned.

For details regarding official policies and procedures, please refer to the Appendix of this handbook.