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1. General Provisions

1.1. The Sustainable Development Committee (hereinafter – the Committee) is a consultative and coordinating body established at Dlaty University to promote and coordinate sustainable development initiatives across all areas of the university's activities.

1.2. The Committee coordinates the implementation of international sustainability standards, including the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), ESG principles, green economy concepts, and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

1.3. The Committee operates in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Law on Education, other normative legal acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan, regulatory documents of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MSHE RK), the University Charter, and this Regulation.

2. Purpose and Functions of the Committee

2.1. **Purpose:** To establish an institutional foundation for the sustainable development of the university as an academic, scientific, and social environment.

2.2. Main Functions:

- Development of the University's Sustainable Development Strategy;
- Integration of sustainability principles into education, research, management, and extracurricular activities;
- Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of SDGs in academic programs, student projects, and research activities;
- Promoting the development of green and inclusive campus infrastructure;
- Supporting faculty and student sustainability initiatives;
- Creating a university-wide database of sustainable practices;
- Collaborating with governmental, scientific, non-governmental, and international organizations on sustainability issues.

3. Committee Objectives

- Propose the inclusion of sustainability themes in curricula and academic disciplines;
- Participate in the development of criteria for assessing sustainability-related competencies of students and faculty;
- Conduct sustainability-related audits (environmental, social, energy) on campus;
- Develop and distribute educational and methodological materials;
- Prepare reports on SDG implementation and submit them to university leadership and relevant external stakeholders;
- Organize faculty development and training programs on sustainability and ESD;
- Participate in national and international sustainability initiatives, contests, and grant-funded projects.

4. Committee Composition

4.1. The Committee includes:

- Vice-Rector (Chair of the Committee);
- Head of the Sustainable Development Center or another designated unit (Deputy Chair);
- Representatives of faculties, departments, and research centers;
- Staff members from administrative units (quality assurance, HR, infrastructure, logistics, energy, etc.);
- Representatives of student government and academic clubs;
- Invited experts and partners (as needed).

4.2. Committee members may include faculty members, master's and PhD students, administrative staff, and active students interested in sustainable development.

4.3. Committee composition is approved by the Rector's order for a term of 2 years and may be extended.

4.4. Chair responsibilities:

- Organize and oversee Committee activities;
- Represent the Committee before university leadership;
- Approve annual work plans and meeting agendas;
- Monitor implementation of the Committee's decisions.

4.5. Secretary responsibilities:

- Manage documentation and meeting minutes;
- Ensure internal communication and information sharing;
- Prepare reports and materials upon request.

5. Forms of Committee Activities

- Quarterly scheduled meetings;
- Ad hoc meetings as needed;
- Creation of working groups by topic (e.g., ecology, education, energy, infrastructure);
- Public consultations, round tables, expert panels;
- Management of an internal sustainability portal (informational resource);
- Participation in sustainability events, competitions, and exhibitions;
- Preparation of analytical and presentation materials.

6. Expected Outcomes

- Integration of sustainability topics into at least 30–50% of academic programs;
- At least 50% of faculty trained in Education for Sustainable Development;
- Reduction of the university's carbon footprint through sustainable practices;
- Hosting at least four major sustainability events annually (forums, SDG hackathons, Sustainability Days, etc.);
- Annual SDG progress report published on the university's official website;
- Increased student and staff participation in sustainability projects and initiatives;
- Expansion of partnerships with national and international sustainability organizations.

7. Collaboration and Resources

7.1. The Committee works in close cooperation with all university units, including deans, departments, student organizations, and administrative and technical services.

7.2. The Committee has the right to submit recommendations to the Rector, Vice-Rectors, and relevant university bodies.

7.3. Dukat University ensures the necessary informational, technical, and logistical support for the Committee, including access to rooms, equipment, and funding (through university or external grants).

8. Evaluation of Committee Performance

8.1. Committee performance is evaluated annually based on:

- Implementation of the work plan;
- Achievement of key indicators (SDG integration, faculty engagement, student involvement);
- Availability and quality of reporting documents;
- Feedback from staff and students;
- Recognition from external stakeholders (e.g., publications, participation in competitions, partnerships).

8.2. Evaluation results are presented at a meeting of the University Academic Council.

9. Final Provisions

9.1. This Regulation enters into force upon approval by the Rector's official order.

9.2. Amendments and additions to this Regulation may be initiated by the Committee or university administration and shall be approved in the established manner.