Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell Action Plan for the Academic Year 2024 GDC Doorn

Objectives:

- To create a safe and supportive environment for all students, particularly focusing on safeguarding girls from any form of sexual harassment.
- 2. To raise awareness about sexual harassment and empower students to speak up and report incidents.
- 3. To ensure robust mechanisms are in place for prevention, reporting, and addressing sexual harassment cases.

Orientation and Awareness Programs

Orientation Sessions:

 Conduct mandatory orientation sessions for all new students to introduce the Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell and educate them about their rights, reporting mechanisms, and the support available.

Awareness Campaign:

- Launch an awareness campaign across the campus to sensitize student community at large.
- Introduce the anonymous complaint mechanism and emphasize the confidentiality of the reporting process.

Policy Review and Security Enhancements

Policy Review:

- Conduct a review of the existing anti-sexual harassment policies and update them if necessary.
- o Ensure that the policy is communicated effectively to all stakeholders.

Security Audit:

 Install additional CCTV cameras in identified areas and increase the number of security personnel, particularly female security staff.

Workshops and Training

Workshops for Students:

- Organize workshops on gender sensitization, self-defence, and understanding consent.
- Collaborate with external experts, NGOs, and legal advisors for conducting these sessions.

Training for Faculty and Staff:

- Provide training sessions for faculty and staff on how to handle complaints and support victims.
- Focus on recognizing signs of harassment and maintaining a supportive environment for students.

Review and Student Feedback

Review Meeting:

- Hold occasional review meetings to assess the effectiveness of the implemented measures.
- Review any complaints received and actions taken.

Student Feedback:

- Conduct a confidential survey to gather feedback from students on the measures implemented and any additional suggestions they may have.
- Analyse the feedback and incorporate feasible suggestions into the action plan.

Safe Zones and Reporting Mechanisms

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- Establish designated "Safe Zones" across the campus where students can seek immediate help.
- Ensure these zones are clearly marked.

Awareness and Engagement Activities

Anti-Harassment Week:

- Organize an Anti-Harassment Week with activities such as panel discussions, debates, poster competitions, and awareness rallies.
- Engage students, faculty, and staff in these activities to promote a culture of respect and safety.

Community Outreach:

- Collaborate with local NGOs and community organizations to extend awareness programs beyond the campus.
- Organize outreach programs in local schools to spread awareness about sexual harassment and its prevention.

Incident Review and Legal Support

Incident Review:

- Review any incidents reported and ensure that they have been resolved fairly and in a timely manner.
- Provide additional support to victims, including counseling and legal assistance if needed.

• Legal Awareness Session:

- Organize a legal awareness session to educate students about the legal aspects of sexual harassment and the protections available under the law.
- Invite legal experts to conduct the session and answer student queries.

Final Review Meeting:

- Conduct a final review meeting to assess the success of the action plan and document lessons learned.
 - Review the effectiveness of the Safe Zones, helpline, and other measures implemented during the year.

Student and Staff Recognition

Recognition and Awards:

- Recognize students, faculty, and staff who have made significant contributions to the anti-harassment initiatives during the year.
- Present awards or certificates to acknowledge their efforts in creating a safer campus.

Closure and Transition:

- Prepare a detailed report summarizing the year's activities, outcomes, and recommendations for the next year.
- Ensure a smooth transition to the new committee members or leadership if applicable.

Conclusion:

The success of this action plan relies on the active participation and cooperation of all stakeholders, including students, faculty, staff, and external partners. The Anti-Sexual Harassment Cell is committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for everyone on campus.

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