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POLICY OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY – PLAGIARISM

Introduction:

Bayamon Central University (BCU), committed to its values and high ethical standards of integrity and ethics, establishes regulations that develop values and positive attitudes that promote academic honesty. With the **Policy on Academic honesty – Plagiarisms** BCU establishes that, does not approve plagiarism or the appropriation of intellectual property. For effects of this policy, plagiarism is to copy or to appropriate of exact or partial form of writing, visual or sonorous, without identifying the author or owner of the material, is to present as original a document by-product of one that already exists.

This policy responds to the following laws and norms that sanction plagiarism. Esta política responde a las siguientes leyes y normas que sancionan el plagio:

1. Universal declaration of human rights, Art. 1, Sec. 8 of The United States Constitution that promotes arts and science progress, assuring for a limited time the exclusive right of the authors.
2. Federal Law, Authors Rights of 1976 (Copyright Act.), 101 U.S.C. § 101 ss recognize and protect the authors right to exploitation of their work..
 - Intellectual property Law of Puerto Rico of 1988, ensures recognition for the authors the right of recognition of their Works and protects against alteration or use without consent of the author.
3. Bayamon Central University General Norms and Regulations establish that the maximum sanction for a student that commits plagiarism is expulsion.

Purpose

Complying with their ethic and legal responsibility, Bayamon Central University establishes this policy that prohibits any possibility of plagiarism or appropriation of any intellectual property. BCU considers plagiarism from a student all evidence presented by a faculty member such as exams, essay, special work, investigation and other academic evaluation criteria that any student presents as his/hers. Plagiarism is considered an appropriation of intellectual property of any academic evaluation criteria that the professor requests in an on-site or on-line course.

Procedure

Bayamon Central University will establish disciplinary and academic sanctions for the student that commits Plagiarism. Plagiarism or appropriation of intellectual property is considered, according to the article 60; 60, 8 of the BCU Students Norms and Regulation Manual, as a serious offense that involves the following process:

- The Professor will determine sanction in classroom and should refer the student to the Dean of Student Affairs to continue with the disciplinary process, as determine in the Student Regulations Manual.
- The professor will include in the course syllabus the norm that states prohibiting plagiarism.

Plagiarism: Bayamon Central University considers Plagiarism as any deliberate action to take writings or literary concepts of others, and sell or publish them as a product or own creation. This action is considered a serious fault according to the Article 60.8 of the Students Regulation Manual. The violators of this article will be submitted to the Disciplinary Process and Sanctions, as established in the Articles 61-65 (supra).

If the writing on any subject that a student hands is detected expressions that do not seem to be theirs, the professor reserves the right to compare the corresponding sources. If it's found that parts of the work were copied from other sources without the necessary quotes, the result could be a grade of F in the assignment or in the course, if the offense is severe. There could be additional sanctions applied. If it's considered necessary, the offense will be reported to the corresponding administrators. It applies also if the student copied part or all of the work carried out by another student or person.

- The professor can use Plagiarism detection programs to evidence that the student took portions of text or phrases, without quoting the author. Some of the recommended programs are :

<http://www.turnitin.com>

<http://www.plagiarismdetect.com>

<http://www.plagiavism.phys.virginia.edu/wssoftware.html>
<http://www.plagiarism.com>
<http://www.canexus.com/>
<http://www.mydropbox.com>
<http://www.cflsoftware.com>
<http://www.ipd.uni-karlsruhe.de/iplag/>
<http://www.copyscape.com/>
<http://www.articlechecker.com>
<http://www.duplichecker.com/>

Validity:

This policy will come into effect immediately and derogates any other directive, norm, policy or a procedure that is in contrast with the discussed.

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