

CONSTITUTION OF STUDENTS' UNION PDUAM, DALGAON

We the students of PDUAM, Dalgaon, Darrang, having solemnly resolved to refrain from any form of party politics, sectarianism and communalism, to ensure our physical, intellectual, mental, spiritual and cultural development, to groom ourselves as conscious and good citizens, to promote fellow feeling and spirit of harmony amongst ourselves irrespective of religion, caste, language, race and gender and above all, to maintain the discipline and uphold the sanctity of this institution, do hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this draft constitution on this 11th day of February, 2022.

Proposed amendments in compliance of the Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, passed on 22-09-2007 in (SLP CIVIL) No. 24295 Of 2004 and terms of the Judgement passed by the Hon'ble Guwahati High Court in W.P. (C)5963/2013

Preamble: Whereas, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has rendered its judgement dated 22nd September 2007 in the SLP (CIVIL) NO. 24295 of 2004 in the case of University of Kerala vs Council, Principals of Colleges, laying down the guidelines regarding holding of election to the office bearers to the College Students Union Societies and whereas the Hon'ble Guwahati Court in W.P (C) 5963/2013, has also directed for implementation of Clause 6.1.8 of the J. M. Lyngdoh Committee Report till further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Now, therefore, in implementation of the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Guwahati High Court and in compliance of the instructions of the Government of Assam, the authorities of the PDUAM, Dalgaon, Darrang make the following Rules:

Functions of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon

In order to implement the ideas enshrined in the Preamble for all round development the PDUAMSU Dalgaon will carry out the following functions:

- a) To extend full cooperation to the authority by playing a lead role in maintaining peace, harmony and academic atmosphere for the sanctity of the college.
- b) To engage students in social works.
- c) To mobilize public opinion against environmental pollution and to act as per necessity.
- d) To encourage students to take part in and extend cooperation to the debate competitions, seminars, lectures formation of various forums.
- e) To hold sports tournaments among the students of the college for the improvement of the standard of games and sports in the country and to participate in the competitive games.
- f) To encourage cultural and literary activities among the students and to organize art, music, dance, drama and literary competitions at the college with a view to providing a spring board to the budding talents.
- g) To organize educational tours, excursions, etc.
- h) To participate in competitions and Youth Festivals under Guwahati University.
- i) To arrange the commemoration of illustrious persons.
- j) To promote leadership role of the institution.

I. Short Title, Extent and Commencement:

1. Name of the Union: This Union shall be known as the “**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students’ Union (PDUAMSU, Dalgaon)**”
2. These Rules may be called the “**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students’ Union Election Rules, 2022**”.
3. These rules shall extend to and apply to all students of PDUAM, Dalgaon.

II. Office in respect of which election shall be held:

The Executive committee of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon will be constituted with the following Office Bearers.

Sl. no	Portfolio	No. of post	Nomination fee	Remarks
1	Office of the President, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From Degree II Year only
2	Office of the General Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From Degree I/II Year only
3	Office of the Assistant General Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
4	Office of the Sports Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
5	Office of the Debate & Symposium Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
6	Office of the Cultural Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
7	Office of the Literature and magazine Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From Degree I/II Year only
8	Office of the Social Service secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
9	Office of the Boys’ Common Room Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
10	Office of the Girls’ Common Room Secretary, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only
11	Office of the Secretary of Gymnasium & Yoga, PDUAMSU	1	Rs. 1200	From HS I Year, Degree I/II Year only

III. Termination of Membership

The membership of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon shall be terminated on the following grounds:

- a) If a student appears in the end term examination of the final semester prescribed for a regular course duration
- b) If a student leaves the college

- c) If a student expires
- d) If a student is expelled from the college by the College Authority in any circumstances
- e) If any disciplinary action is taken by college against office bearers

IV. Eligibility Criteria for the Candidates

- a) All regular students having the age limit between 17 to 22 years (Ref: Lyngdoh committee recommendation) on the date of scrutiny of nomination form have the right to contest in the process of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon election.
- b) The candidates can contest maximum for one session for a single post of the office bearer. Each candidate can contest for a single post throughout his/her period of study.
- c) A candidate can file nomination papers for a single post only once.
- d) Undergraduate students of H.S. 1st yr. and Degree 1st, 2nd year may contest in the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon election.
- e) The candidate should in no event have any financial dues to the college and should not have any academic arrears in all previous semesters/examinations for contesting the election. The academic arrear shall include the students who have dropped from any final/end semester examination or required to clear any back paper.
- f) The candidates should have attained a minimum of an average of 75% class attendance in current semester to contest in the PDUAMSU election.
- g) During the period of election, no person, who is not a regular student of the college, shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity. Any person, candidate or member of the student organization is found violating the rule shall be subjected to disciplinary proceedings, in addition to forfeiture of his/her candidature as the case may be.
- h) The candidate must not have any previous criminal records and he/she should not have been subjected to any disciplinary action by the College Authority. Candidate must submit a self-declaration form along with the nomination form.
- i) A contesting candidate can propose or support another candidate.
- j) In case, no candidate contests for a post or the nomination papers filed by the candidate/candidates in that particular post is found to be invalid, the college authorities shall have the right to nominate a candidate for such a post.

V. PDUAMSU Election Committee:

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students' Union Election shall be conducted by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Student's Union Election Committee duly formed by the college authority. The committee shall conduct election according by the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya Students' Union Election Rules.

VI. Submission of the Nomination Paper:

A contesting candidate must submit the nomination paper in the prescribed format issued by PDUAMSU Election Conduct Committee within the stipulated time. A candidate must submit their duly filled nomination papers to the Assistant Returning Officers. The candidate should fill up their nominations papers in the same language as the language in which the prescribed form is printed.

VII. Scrutiny of the Nomination papers:

The scrutiny of the nomination papers shall be done by a team of faculty members appointed by the college authority and the provisional list of the contesting candidates shall be published by the Returning officer on the same day.

VIII. Rejection of Nomination Paper:

Nomination papers shall be rejected on the following grounds:

1. Failure on the part of the candidate to submit along with the nomination paper:-
 - i. Clearance certificates in origin for attendance obtained for concerned department of the candidate.
 - ii. Self-attested photocopy of mark sheets/grade sheets of the last final examinations of the candidate.
 - iii. Self-attested photocopy of the clearance certificates of college fees of the candidate.
 - iv. Clearance certificates in origin for attendance and college dues of the proposer and the supporter.
 - v. Clearance certificate from the college library of the candidate.
 - vi. Self declaration (Standard) regarding non-indulgence in criminal activities.
2. Failure on the part of the candidate, the proposer and the supporter to sign their names in full. Signing in block letters shall also lead to rejection.
3. Failure to write the name of the office/ filling up of the form neatly, correctly and in exact form as it appears in election notification. Use of whitener is prohibited.
4. Making a false declaration in the nomination paper shall lead to the forfeiture of voting right of the student in the election.
5. Copy of college ID card should be submitted.
6. Submission of incomplete forms will lead to rejection of candidature.
7. Forms found without the signature of the Returning Officers will be rejected.
8. If the candidate is found to be lacking in any of the stated qualifications.
9. If the forms are found to be damaged or worn down, the candidature will be rejected.
10. If the proposer and supporter of a candidate are found to be proposer/supporter of more than one candidate will be rejected.
11. If any other anomaly/anomalies are found in the forms, it will be rejected.
12. If any candidate is found tampering the nomination form in any manner, his/her candidature shall be liable to be cancelled.

IX. Withdrawal of Nomination Paper:

A candidate can voluntarily withdraw his/her candidature. The opinion of his/her proposer or supporter shall have no say over the candidate's decision.

X. Code of Conduct:

1. No candidate shall indulge in, nor shall abet in any activity, which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different caste and communities, religious or linguistic or between any group(s) of students.
2. Criticism of other candidates, when made, shall be confined to their policies and programs, past record and work. Candidates shall refrain from criticism of any aspects of

the private life which is not connected with the public activities of the other candidates, or their supporters based on verified allegations or distortion.

3. There shall be no appeal on caste and communal feeling for securing votes. Place of worship within or outside the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.
4. All candidates shall be prohibited from indulging in or abetting any activities which are considered to be “corrupt practices” and offences, such as bringing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling station, holding public meeting during the period of 24 hours ending with the fixed for the close of the poll, and providing of transport and conveyance to voters to and from polling station.
5. Candidates are prohibited from seeking or accepting any financial, physical, or logistical support from individuals or organisations outside the institution.
6. No candidate shall be affiliated with, or supported by, any external political party. The use of party symbols, banners, or political party funding is strictly forbidden.
7. No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidate may only utilize handmade posters procured within the expenditure limit set out in these rules.
8. Candidates may only utilize handmade posters at certain places in the campus, which shall be notified in advance by the PDUAM Election Committee constituted by the college authority.
9. No candidate shall be permitted to carry out processions or hold public meetings or in any way canvas or distribute propaganda materials outside the college campus.
10. Neither a candidate nor his /her supporters shall paste posters, deface or cause any destruction to any property of the college.
11. During the election campaigning period the candidates may hold processions and/or meetings inside the campus provided that such processions or meetings do not, in any manner, disturb the classes and other academic and co-curricular activities of the college. Further, such procession/meeting shall not be held without prior written permission of the Principal of the college. Campaigning inside the class room is strictly prohibited.
12. The use of loudspeakers, vehicles and animals for the purpose of canvassing is strictly prohibited.
13. On the day of polling, student organization and candidates shall:
 - i. Co-operate with the officers on election duty to ensure peaceful and orderly polling and provide complete freedom to the voters to exercise their franchise without being subjected to any annoyance or obstruction.
 - ii. Not allowed to serve or distribute any eatables or other solid and liquid consumable except water.
 - iii. Candidate may appoint maximum one polling agent inside polling booth.
14. Except the voter, no person without a valid pass/letter of authority from the election conduct committee of the college shall enter the polling rooms.
15. The election committee of the college shall appoint impartial observers to oversee the process of nomination of the candidates having any specific complain or problem regarding the conduct of the election; they may bring the same to the notice of the observers.
16. All the candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up the polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling.

17. Any contravention of any of the above recommendations may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his/her candidature, or his/her elected posts, as the case maybe. The Election Committee of the college may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator.
18. Campaigning should end at 4 pm on the previous day of the election date.
19. No booth is allowed to be constructed on the day of the election.
20. After the declaration of the results of PDUAMSU election, public processions, meeting, celebration with fire-crackers, loud speakers or any sound amplifying devices are strictly prohibited to maintain public order.
21. All candidates shall be responsible for ensuring the cleanliness of election campaigning materials within the college campus and no furniture shall be provided to them by the college for the election purpose.

XI. Casting of votes:

Voting shall be done on the date of the election from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm in some venues fixed by the PDUAM Student's Union Election Committee. A group of faculty members shall act as the Presiding Officers. In case of any dispute regarding the election process the decision of the Presiding Officer will be final. A polling agent appointed by each of the candidate will witness the voting process. After the stipulated time the ballots boxes shall be sealed properly and return the boxes to the returning officers along with the Presiding officers diary and account of ballots. Sealed boxes shall be kept in the police custody till the counting of votes.

If any candidate or his/her supporters are found misbehaving with any election official, the candidature of the said candidate will be cancelled and disciplinary action can be initiated against both the candidate and his/her supporters. During the period of election no outsider shall be allowed to put forth their opinions on the ongoing election. If any student is found casting vote impersonating as other student, his/her vote will be immediately cancelled and disciplinary action will be initiated by the authority. All decisions taken by the Election Committee will be final. If required the rules for conducting the electoral process can be changed by the Election Committee.

XII. Counting of Votes:

Counting of ballot papers/votes shall be done as scheduled. College authority shall appoint the required counting officers from the faculty members of the college. Counting agents (one for each candidate) duly appointed by the candidate can witness the counting procedure. If any anomaly occurs during the process of counting of votes, the decision to suspend or recount of votes will be taken by the Retuning Officer. Neither the candidate nor the counting agent will be allowed to take their phones inside the counting booth.

XIII. Declaration of Result:

After the counting is over, returning officers shall handover the result to the principal, PDUAM and the final result shall be notified by the Principal, PDUAM.

XIV. Recounting of Votes:

Any objection related to the counting of ballots shall have to be raised by the duly appointed counting agents during the counting process. For recounting, the concerned candidate shall

submit an application along with **recounting fee Rs. 500** in support of his/her demand to the returning officer after the declaration of the result within the specified time given in the election notification. Final decision of recounting of votes shall be taken by the **Office of the Election Board, PDUAM, Dalgaon.**

XV. Eligibility of Voters:

- a. All the regular students of PDUAM will have right to vote in PDUAM Student's Union Election.
- b. The college authority shall upload the provisional voter's list at college website at an early date before the date of election. The final voter's list will be uploaded before the date of election.
- c. Identity card with photograph issued by the principal of the college must be produced by the voters before casting vote, otherwise, he/she will not be allowed to cast his/her vote.
- d. All candidates and voters should be present in full uniform on the day of the election.

XVI. Election Related Expenditure:

1. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be ₹5000/-
2. Each candidate shall submit complete and audited accounts, certified by the candidate himself/herself to the Election Conduct Committee of the college within 14 days of the declaration of the result. The college shall publish such audited accounts within 2 (two) days of the submission of such accounts through its official websites.
3. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of any non-compliance or in the event of any excessive expenditure.
4. With the view to prevent the inflow of funds from political parties into the student election process, the candidates are specially barred from utilizing funds from any other sources.

XVII. Non-compliance/Violation of the Rules:

Any contravention of any of the above recommendations may make the candidate liable to be stripped of his candidature or his elected post as the case may be. PDUAMSU Election Committee may also advise the college authority to take appropriate disciplinary action against such a violator. In addition to the above, a candidate may also be prosecuted for any violation under provision of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (Section 153 and Chapter IX A "offences relating of Election") if it is so decided by the principal in consultation with the Election Committee.

XVIII. Maintenance of Law and Order:

Any instance of acute lawlessness or the commission of a criminal offence shall be reported either to the Grievance Redressal Committee of PDUAM or to the local police by the Principal of the college as soon as possible.

XIX. Removal of Challenges:

The Principal/Returning Officer shall issue necessary instructions/guidelines in consonance with these rules for removal of all challenges in the matter of holding elections and matters connected to and ancillary thereto and for smooth conduct of elections and for effective implementation of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and shall also be entitled to effect any amendment to these rules.

XX. Assumption of office and handling over charges.

After declaration of the result, the newly elected members of PDUAMSU, Dalgaon shall assume the offices after taking oath in presence of the Principal, PDUAM and the members of the PDUAMSU Election Committee. The Principal of PDUAM, Dalgaon will notify for the assumption of office of the newly elected office bearers of PDUAMSU.

Duration of the PDUAM, Dalgaon (SU) Election Process:

- a) The entire process of election, commencing from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of results, including the campaign period must be completed within 5(five) days.
- b) The PDUAM, Dalgaon, (SU) election shall be completed as per annually and the same shall be completed as per the academic calendar of the college.
- c) In the event of the offices of the office bearers falling vacant within two months of election, no provision for by election.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Office Bearers:

1. President:

- a. The President will preside over the General meeting and the Executive Committee meeting of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon.
- b. The President will have no voting power in the normal circumstances. However, in the event of voting equally divided, the President shall have the power to exercise the casting vote.
- c. All PDUAMSU bills sent to the Principal for approval shall have to be signed by the President of the PDUAMSU and duly forwarded by the Faculty-in-Charge of the portfolio concerned to the Treasurer for verification and recommendation.

2. General Secretary:

- a. In consultation with the President, the G.S will convene the General meeting and the Executive Committee meeting.
- b. The G.S will execute the decisions of the Executive Committee meeting and the General meeting. The meeting must be held in the college premises with due permission from the Principal.
- c. The GS is responsible for holding the Fresher's Meet, Farewell Meet, College Week, condolence meetings, birth and death anniversaries, festivals etc.
- d. He/she will coordinate the functions among the secretaries of different portfolios.
- e. He/she will maintain and preserve the files and documents of the PDUAMSU, Dalgaon.

3. Assistant General Secretary (AGS):

- a) The AGSs will assist the GS in all matters.
- b) In the absence of the GS, the AGS's will act as the GS on the nomination of President and with the approval of the Executive Committee.
- c) The AGS will be in charge of the Union Office and the furniture therein

4. Other Office bearers:

The other Office Bearers will take all necessary measures to realize the goals and objectives set in the Preamble and they must fulfil all the duties and responsibilities of the post they hold.

Faculty-in-Charge

- a) The Principal will select a Faculty-in-Charge for each Portfolio from among the faculties to advise and instruct the Officer Bearer concerned
- b) The Faculty-in-Charge will act as advisers
- c) The Principal will select a Treasurer from among the faculties, who will actively assist him with the maintenance of the accounts of PDUAMSU.
- d) The secretary of each portfolio will prepare and submit the annual budget and accordingly utilise the allocated fund in consultation with the Faculty-in-Charge concerned.
- e) Cash memos and vouchers without the counter signature from the Faculty-in-Charge are not to be approved by the Principal
- f) The secretary of each portfolio will prepare a stock book and each entry must be signed by Faculty-in-Charge concerned. The secretary concerned will have to deposit the college materials within 7(seven) days from closing of college week to the Faculty-in-Charge concerned, who will issue a written acknowledgment.
- g) If any portfolio is lying vacant due to any reasons or if a member of the Executive Committee, such posts shall be filled up by the College Authority.
- h) The Principal may ask a member of the Executive Committee to resign if the member goes against institution and violates the PDUAMSU, Constitution. The principal may dismiss such a member in the event of refusal to resign.

The fund of PDUAMSU

- a) The PDUAMSU fees collected from the students of the college shall constitute its fund. This fund shall be controlled and operated by the Principal of the college.
- b) The first meeting held immediately after the assumption of the office by the Executive Committee shall prepare a new budget for the session and it will be spend as per the budgetary allocation/provision.

Notice for PDUAMSU

- a) In consultation with the President, the GS may convene a general meeting serving a seven-day notice and an Executive Committee meeting serving a three-day notice with the prior permission from the Principal.
- b) Decisions and Resolutions in the general meeting and Executive Committee will be adopted on the basis of simple majority.
- c) If one-fourth of the total students submit a signed application to the President demanding a Requisition Meeting, the President may convene such a meeting by fixing a date with the prior permission from the Principal.
- d) The Requisition Meeting can adapt a resolution against or any of its members with a two-third majority of the students present, which may be sent to the Principal for consideration and necessary action.
- e) Emergency meeting can be held at short notice in the event of any emergency.

Quorum

The presence of One-third of the total members of the Executive Committee shall form quorum for the General Body meeting. The lack of quorum will lead to postponement of the meeting. But the adjourned meeting will not require quorum for the next sitting.

Dismissal/Reconstitution of the Executive Committee

In the event of series of difference of opinions among the Executive member or in the possibility of the disruption of law-and-order within the Institution for reason whatsoever, the Principal shall suspend the Executive Committee and shall take necessary steps to break the deadlock.

Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

1. There shall be a Grievance Redressal Cell (GRC) to be constituted by the Principal of PDUAM, Dalgaon as the Chairman. In addition, three senior faculty members including at least one female (till election results are declared students can be nominated on the basis of merit and/or participation in the co-curricular activities in the previous years)
The GRC shall be mandated with the redressal of election related grievance, including but not limited to breaches of the code of conduct of elections and complaints relating to election related expenditures. This cell would be a regular unit of PDUAM College.
2. In pursuit of its duties, the GRC may advise the Principal of PDUAM, Dalgaon to lodge FIR before the Police authority, prosecute violators of any aspect of the code of conduct or the ruling of Grievance Cell.
3. In carrying out the duties of the office, The GRC shall conduct proceedings and hearing necessary to fulfil those duties. In executing those duties, they shall have the authority:
 - i. To issue notice to compel candidates, agents and workers, and students to appear and give testimony, as well as produce necessary records; and
 - ii. To inspect the financial reports of any candidate and make these records available for public scrutiny upon request.
4. Members of GRC are prohibited from filling complaints. Any other student may file a complaint with the Grievance Cell, within a period of 3 weeks from the date of declaration of results. All complaints must be filed under the name and signature of the student filling the complaint. The GRC shall without the least possible delay, act on all complaints but not later than 24 (twenty-four) hours from the date of receipt of the complaint by either dismissing them or calling a hearing.
5. The GRC may dismiss a complaint if:
 - i. The complaint has not been filled within the time frame prescribed in these rules.
 - ii. The complaints fail to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted.
 - iii. The complaint has not and/or not likely to suffer injury or damage by the dismissal.
6. If a complaint is not dismissed, then a hearing shall be held. The GRC shall inform, in handwritten or via e-mail, the complaining party and individuals or groups named in the complaint of the time and place of the hearing. The parties are not considered notified until they have received a copy of the complaint.

7. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time, but not within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of the notice described above, unless all parties agree to waive the 24-hour time constraint.
8. At the time of notice of hearing is issued, the GRC by majority opinion, may issue a temporary restraining order, if it satisfied that such action is necessary to prevent undue or adverse effects on any individual or entity. Any restraining order, once issued will remain in effect until final decision of the GRC is announced after the hearing or until rescinded by the GRC.
9. All GRC hearings, proceedings and meetings shall be open to the students, employees and teachers of the College.
10. All parties of the GRC hearing shall present themselves at the hearing and may be accompanied by any other students from which they can receive counsel, and have the option to be represented by that accompanying student.
11. The GRC shall determine the modalities of the hearing, but in any event shall require that both the complaining and responding parties appear physically before the Grievance Cell And also, of the written objections and rejoinder formats. To effectuate the resolution of dispute/grievance, the following rules shall prevail at all hearings:
 - i. Complaining parties shall be allowed not more than two witnesses, however, the GRC may call witnesses as required. If the said witness is unable to appear at the hearing, signed affidavits may be submitted to the GRC for the purpose of the testimony.
 - ii. All questions and discussions by the parties in dispute shall be directed to the GRC.
 - iii. There shall be no direct cross-examination of any party or witness by complaining or responding parties during the hearings.
 - iv. Responsible time limit may be set by the GRC provided they give fair and equal treatment to both sides.
 - v. The complaining party shall bear the burden of proof.
 - vi. Decision, orders and ruling of the GRC must be concurred to by a authority of the members of the GRC and the same shall be announced as soon as possible after the hearing. The GRC shall record its findings within 12 hours of announcement of the decision. The written opinion must set forth the findings of fact by the GRC and the conclusions of law in support of it.
 - vii. The GRC shall select the remedy most appropriate to both the type and severity of the infracting as the intent of the violator as determined by the GRC. Such remedies shall include, but are not limited to fines, suspension of campaigning privileges and disqualification from the election, recommended to the Principal of the College for lodging FIR before the Police authority.
 - viii. Any fine or total amount of fines against a candidate in an election cycle may not exceed the spending limit as defined herein above.
 - ix. If after a hearing, the GRC finds that provisions of these rules have been violated by a candidate or a candidate's agent or workers, the GRC may restrict the candidate, or the candidate's agents or workers, from engaging in same or all campaign activities for some or all of the remainder of the campaign. If an order is issued covering only part of the remaining period it shall take effect immediately

so that after its termination, the candidate will have an opportunity to resume campaigning during the days immediately prior to and including the election days.

- x. If after a hearing the GRC finds that provisions of either of these Rules or decisions, opinions, orders or ruling of the GRC have been wilfully and blatantly violated by a candidate, or a candidate's agent or workers, the GRC may disqualify the candidate and disqualify him from holding office any further.
- xi. Any party adversely affected by a decision of the GRC may file an appeal with the institutional head, within twenty-four (24) hours after the adverse decision is announced. The institutional head shall have discretionary appellate jurisdiction over the GRC in all cases in which error on the part of the GRC is alleged.
- xii. The decision of the GRC shall stand and shall have full effect until the appeal is heard and decided by the institutional head.
- xiii. It shall be within the power and jurisdiction of the Principal to affirm or overturn the ruling/decision/order of the Grievance Cell or modify the same.

12. For any hearing a majority of sitting GRC members must be in attendance with the chair of the GRC presiding. In absence of the chair, the responsibility to preside shall fall to a GRC member designated by the chair.

[N.B: Any interpretations of PDUAMSU Election Rules, 2022 as amended in 2024, 2025, 2026 given by the Hon'ble Principal, PDUAM shall be the final.]