

## **Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice Student Code of Ethics**

### **Preamble**

The present time brings along many changes and poses topical challenges to the academic system that call for adequate responses. Therefore, priority of education as a key value is an adequate response. This is also honoured by Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (hereinafter referred to as "the University" or "UPJŠ") in its slogan: Wisdom of the Past - Knowledge of the Present - Education of the Future. The UPJŠ Student Code of Ethics (hereinafter referred to as the "Code of Ethics") is one such instrument for implementing this vision which can also contribute to increasing the University's competitiveness and its long-term sustainable development. It represents a moral standard for the student, which is in accordance with the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, with Law Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on the amendment to some of the law acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "LAHE"), the Statute of UPJŠ and other regulations related to the study at UPJŠ and other institutional and legal standards adopted at UPJŠ in Košice. In pursuing the principles of humanism and democracy, the personality of the University student shall be characterized by moral qualities related to humanity, rationality, responsibility, honesty, decency, and a sense of duty. Applying these qualities shall become a regulator of the student behaviour throughout the whole range of relationships in which they get involved during their studies at UPJŠ.

### **Article 1**

#### **The student's relationship to their University and the Faculty**

1. The student shall be aware of their belonging to the University, their Faculty and their academic workplaces (department, institute, clinic, etc.). They shall be proud of their UPJŠ student identity.
2. For this reason, the student should be loyal, have a positive attitude towards their University, Faculty and the academic workplaces at which they study.
3. The student should be aware that they represent their University and their Faculty in the public, shall not harm its goodwill by their behaviour, but pose a good example to others by their behaviour, thinking, communication, and action.
4. The student should have a positive relationship to the University's property and its Faculty; they have to respect, save, and protect it, because they can be educated by utilizing the above. The same shall apply to the protection of intellectual property from which they acquire knowledge.

### **Article 2**

#### **Student's Relationship to Study**

1. The student shall have the right to enjoy academic freedom and rights in accordance with the principles of democracy, humanity, moral standards, and legal standards.
2. The student shall employ professional attitude to study and to performing their study duties throughout their education.
3. The students should strive for their continuous professional development and the development of their professional skills, which should be consistent with their personality and moral maturation. They should be aware of the fact that honest training for their occupation requires a lot of effort.
4. The student should be employing a responsible attitude to their studies. They are to be actively involved in the teaching process during the semester, to fulfil the tasks assigned to them in time and to honestly approach their assessment output during the semester or in the examination period. While studying, they shall reject plagiarism and unacceptable forms of compilation.
5. During their field training, teaching activity, study or any other sojourn outside the University, the student shall employ courtesy and responsibility in performing their duties. by behaving in

the above manner, they shall not only confirm their study, intellectual and moral qualities, but also the level and reputation of their University.

6. The student should dress properly, in accordance with good morals and adequately with the individual events held under the aegis of the University.

### **Article 3**

#### **Student's Relationship with Teachers and Other Employees**

1. The student should show respect to academic officials, teachers, and other employees. This contributes to increasing their student identity and makes them open up to deep humanity that forms mutual trust.
2. The student shall be courteous and decent in both personal and electronic communication, expressing themselves to the point and having adequate realistic expectations. They shall honour professional bon ton and etiquette.
3. The student shall avoid manipulating their teachers and other staff, as well as misleading them for the purpose of their short-term advantage and benefit.
4. The student shall refrain from any form of corruption.
5. The student shall reject any advantages that might arise from their relationship to the teacher. They shall organize their study in such a way that, as far as possible, they eliminate their attendance of the classes taught by their direct relative. If this is not possible, the assessment by relatives without the assistance of colleagues from the academic workplace at the decision of the head of the department shall be ethically unacceptable.

### **Article 4**

#### **Student's Relationship to Other Students**

1. The student shall treat other students and colleagues with due respect. They shall be obliged to respect their human dignity and to abstain from anything that could limit or despise it.
2. The student may not, during their full-time or part-time study activities carry out activities in the premises of the University or the Faculty that would damage the reputation of the University and disregard the legal and moral order.
3. The student should be striving to help other students in their study and study activities in accordance with good morals and moral standards.
4. The student shall refrain from any form of discrimination against their colleagues. They may do nothing to offend and degrade their human dignity.

### **Article 5**

#### **Sanctions**

1. The purpose of the UPJŠ Student Code of Ethics is not employing any sanctions, but a call to mutual respect, decency, honesty, and moral standard that is to be characteristic of the human being and its dignity. Let us act by the golden rule of morality: Do not do to others what we do not want others to do to us.
2. In the case of a proven violation of the provisions of the Code of Ethics by the student, any member of the UPJŠ Academic Community may file an incentive to commence proceedings with the Chairperson of the UPJŠ Ethics Commission, which shall assess the seriousness of the breach of this Code of Ethics in accordance with its Rules of Procedure. On the basis of the Ethics Commission's statement, the Rector shall notify the student of the violation of the Student Code of Ethics. The Rectors shall send a copy of the notice of violation of the Student Code of Ethics to the incentive applicant and to the Dean of the relevant Faculty.

**Article 6**  
**Concluding Provisions**

This Code of Ethics shall enter into force on the date of its approval by the UPJŠ Academic Senate, i.e. as of 18/09/2014.

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