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Objective / Rationale

Every society has a culture based on adopted traditions and practiced norms. It includes the way people live, think, behave, respond, celebrate, eat and wear. The Dress Code is based on the theory of modesty that allows individual to socialize and interact in the manner and attire acceptable in the society at large. The way you wear shows how you like to be perceived by others on your first appearance. The individual's dressing on specific occasions and activities is one of the key factors in determining the personality so is critical in overall educational environment.

Understanding, educating and developing such behaviors that inculcate adequate sense of wearing does not only improve the quality of one's life, but also contributes towards the optimum morale, as well as embellishes the overall campus image. They also play a major role in instilling a sense of integrity and an appreciation for values and ethics.

The continuous demonstration of appropriate manners and dressing ensure that the Usman Institute of Technology's (UIT) students meet the standards of quality achievement in the social, physical, moral and educational aspects of their lives - essential areas of development necessary for propelling students toward successful professional prestige.

Policy

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To bring awareness about professional dressing so the students learn which attire is professionally acceptable.
- 1.2. To portray a positive image that the Institute is also concerned about students' interpersonal development.

- 1.3. To make students realize that dressing is the first source of portraying an individual's personality.
- 1.4. To promote the societal and cultural norms prevailing both in individual's personal and corporate life.
- 1.5. To avoid any kind of vulgarity and exploitation that may lead to damage congenial campus environment by any means and to deviate students focus from the studies.

2. Policy

- 2.1. The overall policy is that student's dress shall look clean, neat, professional and appropriate to the activities of the day; as well as comfortable and safe for the season and the weather.
- 2.2. The Institute recognizes the diversity of cultures, religions and disabilities of its students and will take a sensitive approach when this affects dress code requirements.
- 2.3. This policy elaborates the application of Institute's / University's standards of dressing and appearance. The policy is not exhaustive in defining standards of dress and appearance for employees however, it may serve as guiding principles to adhere the dress code.

3. Dress and Appearance Generally

- 3.1. Professional attire is required. Common sense should prevail if activities require more practical clothing.
- 3.2. Hair must be neatly groomed.
- 3.3. Sports clothes should only be worn if students and staff are participating in official Institute's / University's Sports activities.

4. Students Dress Code

- 4.1. Tight or revealing clothes, crop tops, capped sleeves and sleeveless tops / vests / shirts, slippers / flip-flops, shorts, etc are not allowed.
- 4.2. Jewelry and accessories should be kept to a minimum. Excessive jewelry and accessories can create an unsafe working environment and be a source of distraction. Jewelry and accessories that are distracting in size and number shall be avoided. Offensive jewelry and accessories are not permitted. Coordinated belts should be worn with pants designed for belts. Fashion headwear should be avoided.
- 4.3. Hair should be neat and tidy at all times and long hair should be tied from the back. Headscarves worn are permitted. Abaya is allowed. Beards are allowed however, should be neatly trimmed and does not reflect a carelessness by any mean.
- 4.4. Any clothing and add-ons in the form of Jewelry and other ornaments including a foreign dress that may bring undue attention are strictly prohibited.

5. Appropriate Grooming and Hygiene

- 5.1. Personal hygiene is critical to the professional appearance and perception of an academic care professional. Particular attention should be given to skin, fingernails, hair, bathing, proper oral hygiene, and use of deodorant as needed.
- 5.2. Students must keep their hair clean, well groomed, and away from the face in an orderly fashion that does not present a safety hazard. Beards, mustaches, and sideburns are to be neatly trimmed and groomed.
- 5.3. The use of excessive makeup should be avoided and strong fragrances are prohibited.

6. Communication and Compliance

6.1. For Male Students:

- 6.1.1 Monday/Tuesday – Business Attire: Shirt / Formal Trousers or Shalwar Kameez. Formal shoes with socks or sandals covered from the front with back strap are allowed.
- 6.1.2 Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun - Business Casual: Shirts with collars, crewneck or fold & polo shirts or

Shalwar Kameez or Jeans, T-shirts. Casual shoes/sneakers/joggers with socks or sandals covered from the front with back strap are allowed.

- 6.1.3 Jewelry of any kind, shorts and slippers are strictly prohibited in the campus. Torn or faded jeans & shirts/t-shirts with obscene messages not allowed at all.

6.2. For Female Students:

- 6.1.4 Mon/Tue - Business Attire: Shalwar Kameez or Formal Pants with shirts. Tights or jeggings are not allowed. Formal shoes or sandals. Hair must be tied or hijab may be used.
- 6.1.5 Wed/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun - Business Casual – Casual (Culturally Suitable) outfits. Formal shoes or sandals.
- 6.1.6 Minimal makeup & jewelry that's not distracting.
- 6.1.7 Slippers are strictly prohibited on campus. Torn or faded jeans & shirts/t-shirts with obscene messages not allowed throughout the week.

- 6.3. Failure to comply with these standards will result in progressive disciplinary action.
- 6.4. All levels of management are responsible for teaching, role modeling, and enforcing the standards of dressing and appearance through consistent application of progressive corrective action.
- 6.5. The departmental heads and Officers may prohibit students from working/studying until they follow prescribed Dress Code or make other adjustments necessary to comply with standards. The student may be required to leave the Institute/University if they don't turn up in the appropriate attire.
- 6.6. Any non-compliance may be reported to the Office of Student Affairs or Administration Department or Student Disciplinary Committee.

7. Implementation

- 7.1. The Offices of the Student Affairs, Administration, HoDs, Officers and Class advisors are in-charge of the implementation of this Policy.