

## LIAQUAT INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL & HEALTH SCIENCES (LUMHS), THATTA GRIEVANCE POLICY

## 1. INTRODUCTION:

LIMHS is committed to providing an environment where students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders feel respected, supported, and heard. This Grievance Policy outlines the procedures for addressing and resolving grievances in a fair and timely manner.

## 2. DEFINITION OF GRIEVANCE:

A grievance is defined as a formal complaint or concern raised by an individual or group within the LIMHS community regarding an alleged violation of rights, policies, procedures, or standards that affect them adversely.

## 3. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all members of the LIMHS community, including students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders.

#### 4. INFORMAL RESOLUTION:

## 4.1. Open Communication:

- Encourage individuals to address concerns directly with the person(s) involved when appropriate.



- Promote open communication to resolve issues informally.

#### 4.2. Mediation:

- Offer mediation services facilitated by a neutral third party to assist in resolving conflicts.
- Mediation is voluntary and aims to find mutually agreeable solutions.

#### 5. FILING A FORMAL GRIEVANCE:

#### 5.1. Submission:

- Grievances must be submitted in writing to the designated Grievance Officer.
- Include a detailed description of the grievance, relevant facts, and any supporting documentation.

#### 5.2. Grievance Officer:

- Appoint a Grievance Officer responsible for receiving, investigating, and resolving grievances.
- Ensure the Grievance Officer is impartial and has appropriate training.

#### 5.3. Timely Filing:

- Grievances should be filed as soon as possible after the alleged incident, preferably within 30 days.

#### 6. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:

#### 6.1. Acknowledgment:



- Upon receiving a formal grievance, the Grievance Officer will acknowledge receipt within seven days.

#### 6.2. Investigation:

- The Grievance Officer will conduct a thorough and impartial investigation.

- Interviews may be conducted with relevant parties, and evidence will be gathered.

#### 6.3. Resolution:

- The Grievance Officer will communicate the resolution in writing to the involved parties within 30 days of receiving the grievance.

- The resolution may include corrective actions, if necessary.

#### 6.4. Appeal Process:

- If the involved parties are not satisfied with the resolution, they may appeal to the Grievance Appeals Committee.

- The Grievance Appeals Committee will conduct a review and provide a final decision.

#### 7. GRIEVANCE APPEALS COMMITTEE:

7.1. Composition:

- The Grievance Appeals Committee will consist of impartial individuals not involved in the initial grievance process.

- Members may include faculty, staff, and external representatives.



#### 7.2. Appeal Submission:

- Appeals must be submitted in writing within 14 days of receiving the initial resolution.
- Include the grounds for the appeal and any additional relevant information.

#### 7.3. Decision:

- The Grievance Appeals Committee will review the appeal and issue a final decision within 30 days.
- The decision of the Grievance Appeals Committee is final.

### 8. CONFIDENTIALITY:

LIMHS will make reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of all parties involved in the grievance process, to the extent permitted by law.

#### 9. NON-RETALIATION:

LIMHS prohibits retaliation against individuals who file grievances in good faith or participate in the grievance process.

#### **10. POLICY REVIEW:**

This Grievance Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.

#### **11. CONTACT INFORMATION:**

The contact information for the Grievance Officer and Grievance Appeals Committee members will be made readily available to the LIMHS community.



This Grievance Policy is intended to create a transparent and fair process for addressing concerns within the LIMHS community. It reflects the institution's commitment to resolving grievances in a manner that upholds its values of respect, integrity, and inclusivity.

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