



Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Policy Title– Policy on Aligning SUSL Polices / By Laws / strategies /procedures with National Policies

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Approving Authority – The Council, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Administrative Responsibility –Senate, Council

Overview

Mission and goals of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka are set for producing quality graduates who cater the national and international demands. As the University is one of the higher educational institutes of the country which uses state funds, the university has responsibility of producing graduate suit to the needs of the country. Therefore, the education provision in the university must align with the national policies.

Purpose

As the University is a government funding agency, it is required to liaise its all the activities with the legal acts, establishment codes, rules, regulations, national policy framework and strategies. Therefore, the University should give strong directions to adapt or liaise with all the regulatory/ national policy frameworks.

Scope

Legal Acts, establishment codes, rules, regulations, national policy framework and strategies are integrated within the governance and management of the University. Hence this policy shall

apply to all the administrators of the University/officers, all statutory bodies, committees, all the staff and the students of SUSL.

Legislative context

University Act No 16 of 1978 with all the amendments up-to-date ([Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 \(ugc.ac.lk\)](http://ugc.ac.lk))

National Educational Policy Framework 2020-2030 published in 2022 by National Education Commission, Sri Lanka

National Policy Proposals on Higher Education, published in 2019 by National Education Commission, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Sustainable Development Act, no. 19 of 2017

Constitution of the country

University Establishment Code and Government Establishment Code

Financial Regulations

Government Procurement procedures ([Ministry of Finance - Sri Lanka \(treasury.gov.lk\)](http://treasury.gov.lk))

Strategic Plan of the UGC

Circular Number: PS/SP/SB/C/22/2019 issued by the Presidential secretariat

Definitions

MoHE	Ministry of Higher Education
QAC	Quality Assurance Council
Sustainable development	Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
UGC	University Grants Commission
University	Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

Policy Statement

01. University should be committed to comply with national policies, regulations, and guidelines prescribed by regulatory agencies without compromising the academic integrity of the institution.
02. SUSL should set own policies, By- Laws in comply with the national policies as relevant to the vision and the mission of the University.
03. SUSL shall develop and implement its policies By-Laws, Frameworks targeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)s as set forth by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to ensure the socio economic development of the country.
04. The university shall develop the strategic plan /corporate plan /action plan in compliance with National Higher Education Policy Framework and other guidelines of MoHE (Ministry of Higher Education), University Grants Commission (UGC) and QAC (Quality Assurance Council).
05. The University shall consider the strategic plan of the UGC when developing its strategic plan, action plan, policies, By Laws, guidelines and etc.
06. SUSL shall promote research, development and innovation in line with the national policy framework / rules / regulations/ SDGs
07. Whole University community must aware on the necessity of following relevant national level policies, rules, regulations and also the UGC imposed rules, regulation or laws. It is not possible to cross the national level rules and regulations when developing any policy or governing documents.
08. When the University develops any policy, By-Law or guideline to encourage the local and international partnership, it should focus on the country's requirement and legal frame work as well as the SDGs.
09. University shall review the policies, Bylaws and other documents in used for their compatibility with the changing national policies and other rules and regulations.
10. This Policy should be evaluated periodically and it can be amended with the recommendation of the Senate Standing Committee on QA and followed by the Senate

and Council approval (See the Policy on formulating and regulating policies of SUSL, Policy / SUSL / Gov & Mgmt / 14 – Annex 2)

Supporting Documents:

National Educational Policy Framework 2020-2030 published in 2022 by National Education Commission, Sri Lanka

National Policy Proposals on Higher Education, published in 2019 by National Education Commission, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka Qualification framework (SLQF), 2015

Responsibility:

Faculty Boards

Senate

Council

Promulgation:

- i. This policy will be circulated as an Electronic document among all the faculties
- ii. Will appear in the QA (Quality Assurance) section of the university Website
- iii. Policy repository of the SUSL

Implementation

This policy will be implemented by all the faculties of the University.

**Centre for Quality Assurance,
Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka,
May 2023**

******This has been approved at the 275th Senate held on 11.07.2023 and at the 299th Council held on 28.08.2023***