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## TITLE AND APPLICABILITY: SBV POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT - 2017

The Policy on International Student Support Cell, as applicable to the students enrolled at Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth would henceforth be known as **SBV POLICY ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT - 2017**.

#### **PREAMBLE**

International students to SBV are oversees citizens as well as NRIs. The cell is necessitated to accommodate the interest of the students who are coming to SBV based on inbound programmes. In view of the fact that SBV has got both constituent colleges and designated centres it becomes imperative to have a policy that would take into consideration the International students and observers who pursue their academic and research programme at SBV.

#### PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University u/s 3 of UGC act 1956) is a health sciences higher education institution that essentially has under its ambit, medical, dental and nursing institutes. Besides, a faculty of Allied Health Sciences and designated centers are also in place. In view of the fact that SBV offers diverse academic programs that are both under the purview of the regulatory and non-regulatory streams, and also because of the fact that the students are drawn globally, the need arises to prepare a generic policy that would comply with the support of the students from overseas countries who are pursuing academic programs at the constituent colleges/Centers of SBV.

The current trend of globalisation depicts the focus on issues related to international students, their support and progression. The inherent tenets as well as benefits of international Teaching learning experiences and research collaboration enhance the visibility and credence of SBV, besides contributing to the holistic perception of a Health Sciences Higher Education Institution.

#### **SCOPE OF THE POLICY**

The immediate and long-time academic needs attract international students to SBV. The concept of studying abroad has acquired greater relevance and dimensions in the

millennium. Academic Courses and programs in the realms of health sciences Universities presently include global perspectives. Meaningful and productive collaborations with campuses and research networks around the world are flourishing and taking cognizance of the fact, SBV has to essentially embark on a policy that would highlight the support provided to the International students pursuing academics and research at SBV.

An exclusive office in the name and style of SBV International students Support Cell at SBV has been established that would deal with the various procedures related to admissions and guidance/support provided to the international students and to take advantage of the opportunities and challenges in line with these trends. It provides enhanced visibility to international initiatives in several perspectives:

#### COMPOSITION OF SBV-ISSC

Following is the composition of the SBV- International Students Support Cell. The cell has tenure of two years, following which it would be reconstituted.

**Chair - Senior most Vice-principal (Students)** 

Member secretary -Professor on *inter se* basis

Joint secretary/ Treasurer - Associate Professor/Deputy Director of Centre

#### **Members**

- 1. Deputy Registrar (Academics)/ Public Relations Officer
- 2. VP- Students (Maximum two, other than the Chair) drawn from the constituent colleges
- 3. Student representatives -Five in total (One each from medicine, dentistry, Nursing and two from Centres/AHS)
- 4. Two alumni (one each from private and governmental organisations)

#### Management representatives -

- 1. GM (Admin.)
- 2. Head HR and Legal advisor

**Special invitees**, as deemed necessary and appropriate:

#### **OTHERS:**

- The objectivised coordination of international activities, through this cell, across the constituent colleges and centres of SBV university is central to this policy
- The selection of international partners/ collaborators will be based on the unanimous decision taken at the designated meeting and following the approval of the Vice Chancellor
- Wherever and whenever deemed appropriate, student support endeavours including psychological counselling, administration of yoga and music etc. would be enabled
- The cell would also be responsible for promulgating thorough assessment of the risks and responsibilities involved in international engagement

#### **ENQUIRIES**

All enquiries related to this policy should be addressed to the Chairperson of the SBV-ISSC with copies marked to Head HR and Registrar, SBV

#### APPELLATE AUTHORITY

For all difficulties pertaining to this policy, the power to remove difficulties rests with the Vice Chancellor, who is the Patron of the SBV-ISSC.

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