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ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ENVIRONMENT OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PHARMACY

Academic integrity is one of the key components of higher education and scientific research. Adherence to the principles of academic integrity is crucial for maintaining the quality of education. National University of Pharmacy (NUPh) places great emphasis on the implementation and preservation of the principles of academic integrity in the educational and scientific environment.

Academic integrity is defined as the observance of high ethical standards in all areas of academic activity. This includes honesty in the preparation of assignments and examinations, avoidance of plagiarism, objectivity in research, and fairness in peer review and publications.

NUPh has developed and adopted the Code of Academic Integrity, which sets the standards of behavior for students, faculty, and researchers. This Code aims to instill academic values, preserve the university's traditions, and promote a high academic culture [1, p.4].

NUPh actively implements measures to prevent academic plagiarism and ensure the observance of academic integrity. The "Regulations on Measures to Prevent Cases of Academic Plagiarism at the National University of Pharmacy" define the procedures for the creation and functioning of collegial bodies aimed at preventing and detecting plagiarism in all types of scientific and educational work among various participants in the educational and scientific process at NUPh [2, p.4].

The main objectives of these regulations include [2, p.4]:

- **Enhancing the quality of education:** One of the primary objectives of these regulations is to improve the organization and effectiveness of the educational process by preventing plagiarism and ensuring the proper level of written work quality.
- **Respect for intellectual property rights:** The regulations emphasize the importance of respecting the intellectual property rights of individuals and legal entities by faculty, researchers, doctoral students, PhD candidates, master's students, and other participants when working with published sources of information.
- **Improving skills in proper source handling:** These regulations help participants in the educational and scientific process improve their skills in searching, using, and citing sources of scientific information.
- **Promoting independence and individuality:** The regulations support the creation of unique, authorship-based work and encourage the development of individuality in educational and research activities.
- **Responsibility for violations of citation rules:** The regulations stress the importance of adhering to accepted citation rules and specify sanctions for their violation.

NUPh has established a Group for Promoting Academic Integrity [2, p.8], which operates as a permanent collegial body. The group includes representatives from the faculty, students, and other university officials. The group's goal is to create a scientific and educational environment that promotes academic integrity, intellectual growth, and high-quality education and research at NUPh [2, p.9].

One of the essential tools for ensuring academic integrity is the use of plagiarism detection software. At NUPh, programs such as AntiPlagiarism and Strikeplagiarism are employed to promptly identify and prevent plagiarism among students and researchers.

Furthermore, the university actively collaborates with international organizations and participates in projects aimed at promoting academic integrity and improving the quality of education. For instance, NUPh's involvement in the "Academic Integrity and Education Quality Initiative" (Academic IQ) by the American Councils for International Education

reaffirms the university's commitment to advancing academic integrity. The Memorandum of Cooperation between NUPh and the American Councils for International Education is another significant step in this direction.

NUPh also organizes competitions and scientific-practical seminars on academic integrity to raise awareness and consciousness among university community members regarding the importance of this issue.

All these efforts collectively contribute to the establishment of a culture of academic integrity at NUPh and ensure high-quality education and research. Academic integrity remains the foundation for achieving excellence in higher education and research.

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