STUDENT MENTORING POLICY

In the context of higher education in the Janta College, Bakewar mentoring may be recognized as a strategy required by the students to achieve learning goals with emotional and instrumental support. Thus, the student mentorship programme will incorporate the support of faculty members as "Mentors" to all the students in the college. Each student shall be assigned a "Mentor" to overcome their hurdles to achieve the goals desired by them in their academic career.

OBJECTIVES OF STUDENT MENTORING POLICY

The target of this Mentoring Programme is to identify fundamental mechanisms that will

- 1. Provide students with academic and non-academic counseling.
- 2. Provide students with information so skill courses, for their academic prosperity.
- 3. Focus and motivate students to achieve learning goals and thereby improve their academic performance.
- 4. Guide, encourage, and advice the students about their upcoming student life, student health, mental and emotional well-being and listen to their issues with patience and help them solve their concerns with appropriate resources, support and referral available.
- 5. Generate curiosity and interest in academics and other institutional activities amongst the students.

ELEMENTS OF STUDENT MENTORING POLICY

The Student Mentoring program will help identify

- Under achiever students.
- The mechanism to aid under-achieved students.
- Realization of desired outcome post mentoring.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Mentors and mentees should meet at least once in a session or as per need. They are encouraged to meet socially periodically to build rapport within the team. Mentees are encouraged to initiate meetings with mentors at the starting of session and there affer they can contact their mentors in the next sem also if they are facing any problem.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MENTOR

A mentor should wear multiple hats. For effective mentoring, the mentor should embrace the ability and willingness to

- 1. Mentor to advise the mentees on how to accomplish their goals
- 2. Provide guidance and help to increase the mentee's exposure to new experiences.
- 3. Teach to provide learning opportunities.
- 4. Counsel to enhance the mentee's self-esteem through supportive, non-judgmental discussions.
- 5. Communicate through active listening. Focus fully on the mentee and show active verbal and non-verbal signs of listening.

Share experiences and be open to sharing mistakes, failures and lessons learned.

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- 7. Maintain strict confidentiality of the information shared by the mentee. orally or written
- 8. Be a role model to walk the talk and exhibit the behaviors essential for success
- If at any time, the mentor feels that the mentees need special counseling, the mentor
 may encourage the students to seek counseling with the professional expert the
 Student Counselor.
- 10. If any student needs special academic tutoring, the mentor may direct the mentees to an appropriate faculty and may even ask the faculty to help their mentees in a particular area.

MENTEE'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Mentee is responsible for initiating all contact with the mentor and should be prepared and punctual for the mentoring sessions.
- 2. Mentee is responsible for establishing the agenda for the conversation. The student might even email topics to the mentor ahead of time. At the beginning of each session, the mentee should provide a brief update on progress since the last conversation.
- 3. Mentee should share his/her ideas, concerns, and professional goals so that the mentor is able to place the situation in perspective.
- 4. Mentee should focus on the relationship, rather than outcomes. Mentor's role is not to provide a job; it is to share valuable experience with the mentee.
- Mentee should ask direct questions about what he/she most want to know and shouldn't be shy about asking. Mentee is responsible for ensuring, the conversation meets, his/her needs.

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