**Copyright and Plagiarism Policies**

The primary objective of drafting the copyright law for the graduation project is to make understand the ethics of project report writing skills necessary for the graduating students to comply with the stipulated graduation requirements. Graduate students learn to understand the ethics of applying, analyzing and synthesizing and evaluating vital information towards the project deliverables and implement the outcome of the project successfully towards national transformation. This is advocated by the guidelines or copyright laws proposed by the faculty committee to foster quality projects. The project monitoring committee ensures the plagiarism free content of the submitted final senior graduation projects. Workshops will be held for final year students to explain how to write their graduation projects report and focus on copyright laws and regulations. These laws will be followed up by a committee established at the college level and supervised by the vice-dean. This is to ensure that at every stage of project execution till final completion by implementing the fair copyright laws as suggested below:

i) Students are given an initial workshop before the start of the final graduation project on the various aspects of the originality of the project and exposed to the consequences of Plagiarism.

ii) The student workshop will be aimed at project report writing to avoid plagiarism in any form and maintaining the originality of the project report.

iii) Students are exposed to vulnerable consequences of plagiarism when adopting any material content from online resources, a book or from other student’s work.

iv) If found adopting plagiarized content from any other sources the student may be accountable for copied content.

v) Copyright infringement involves engaging in any forms of photocopies of a protected report work done by whomsoever or any internet resources.

vi) Copying under specific circumstances can be permitted if the Fair Use, has been permitted by the user with an open-access license, or the rights holder has specifically granted to access or copy the contents.

vii) Plagiarism is a matter of ethics and professional integrity of a person and due ethical standards should be inculcated in the minds of the graduate students.

viii) When submitting the final graduation project, students will be borne to abide and agree to provide a copyrighted project report submitted for final approval by the project advisor and the examination committee.

ix) Anti-plagiarism declaration of the graduation project, declaring that the project is the sole contribution of the student(s) and no part thereof has been reproduced illegally either by means of cut and paste of published technical contents which are deemed to be considered as plagiarism. All referenced contents that have been used in the thesis are primarily to support and differentiate the ideas proposed by previous studies and ensure to be cited properly.

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