

Regulations for Handling Thesis and Dissertation Frauds by I-Shou University

Ratified and promulgated by the President on July 6, 2011

Article 1 The Regulations for Handling Thesis and Dissertation Frauds by I-Shou University (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulations”) are introduced pursuant to Article 7-2 of the Degree Conferral Law to maintain academic integrity and to handle theses and dissertations involved in plagiarism, forgery, ghostwriting, etc. under a well-established mechanism.

Article 2 If any thesis or dissertation (including works, exhibitions, performances, written reports, and technical reports) with which a degree has been conferred is found to be involved in plagiarism, forgery, ghostwriting, etc., it shall be reported to the Office of Academic Affairs. The degree shall be revoked and the diploma cancelled if any of the above-mentioned allegations proves true. At the same time, the National Central Library and the library of the University shall be notified of removing such a thesis/dissertation and its digital file from the shelves and the Internet. In case of any violation of other laws and decrees, violators shall be subject to respective laws and decrees.

Those whose degree has been revoked by the University shall not request to return to the University to keep studying for the degree even if the maximum years of study have not been reached yet.

Article 3 A review committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) shall be established to handle theses and dissertations involved in plagiarism, forgery or ghostwriting in a fair, objective and timely manner.

Committee members are: Vice President, the Dean of Academic Affairs, the Dean of Research and Development, the head of the accused’s department (program), the head of the accused’s college, one faculty representative from the accused’s department, and one impartial individual from outside the University, and the appointment of these committee members shall be reported to the President for ratification. The Vice President shall concurrently serve as the chairperson and convener. The accused’s supervisor(s) may be invited to attend meetings and give explanations if necessary.

The faculty representative and the impartial individual mentioned above shall be selected by the President from three to five candidates recommended by the head of

accused's department (program).

The supervisor(s), oral defense committee members, as well as blood relatives and relatives by marriage within the third degree of kinship of the accused must not be appointed as the members of the Committee.

Article 4 Reports with concrete facts of plagiarism, forgery or ghostwriting by someone with his/her name clearly stated on the report shall be handled immediately. Such cases shall be handled confidentially before the accusation proves true to prevent the identity of the informer and the accused from being disclosed.

Reports with concrete facts of plagiarism, forgery or ghostwriting by someone without his/her name on the report may be handled in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

Article 5 The Committee shall notify the accused within one month of receiving a report of submitting a written statement of defense within ten days of the following day he/she received the notification.

Article 6 When handling theses and dissertations involved in plagiarism, forgery, or ghostwriting, the Committee shall respect the judgment by professionals. The Committee shall recommend at least two impartial scholars in relevant professional fields to be reviewers, and their identity shall be kept confidential.

The reviewers shall complete the review and propose a report within one month of receiving the case, and the report shall be an important reference for the Committee.

Article 7 After the review is completed, the Committee shall make a decision and report the decision to the President for ratification. The decision and the reasons shall be provided in writing to the accused and the informer. The accused may put forward an appeal only once within fifteen days of the following day he/she received the notification if he/she has objection against the decision.

Article 8 The identity of the informer shall always be kept confidential even after the accusation proves true and the punishment is meted out.

Article 9 After an accusation proves true, the department (program) concerned shall impose a limitation on the number of postgraduates being supervised by the accused's supervisor(s).

Article 10 Any matter not mentioned herein shall be subject to government laws as well as the regulations and rules of the University.

Article 11 The Regulations become effective on the third day of promulgation after being adopted by the University Academic Council and the University Administration Council and ratified by the President.

Note: In the event of any disputes or misunderstanding as the interpretation of the language or terms of these Regulations, the Chinese language version shall prevail.