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BRACU IP Policy

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Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 4:29 PM

Sir,

Greetings from School of Law. Hope this finds you in good health and spirit.

Few days back, while I was talking with you over telephone, you raised your concern about the Intellectual Properties that has been created through research and other activities at BRAC University over the years and showed your concern about whether Patents and Copyrights has been acquired by our University.

I wonder whether you are aware of the fact that BRAC University in fact, has an Intellectual Property (IP) Policy prepared at the behest of the then Vice-Chancellor, Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb, PhD (which was drafted by me and got approved by the BRACU Academic Council, BRACU Syndicate and BRACU Board of Trustees). I will be sending the hard copy of the IP Policy for your ready reference to Mr. Shahidul Islam of your Office. I am also attaching a soft copy of the policy with this email.

Regards
Shamsuddin

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Vice Chancellor, BRAC University <vc@bracu.ac.bd>
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Wed, Apr 23, 2025 at 5:03 PM

Fantastic Shamsuddin Bhai. How can we get this approved by the national body?

Warm Regards,
Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar
Vice Chancellor
BRAC University
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Mon, May 5, 2025 at 5:14 PM

Sir,

Greetings from School of Law!

This has reference to your communication of April 23, 2025 enquiring of how BRAC University may avail the approval of BRACU Intellectual Property Policy earlier drafted and approved accordingly through Syndicate and BoT.

To peruse and find the legal mandate behind formulating any such policies (be it Anti-Discrimination Policy or Zero Tolerance for Sexual Harassment Policy etc.) and assessment of existing relevant 'laws of the land' suggest that there is no dearth of authority for the BRAC University Management to formulate a Policy on Intellectual Property for its Faculties, Students, Staffs and others associated with BRACU and as such, found to be on sound footing. Please note, as a private university, BRAC University comes under the purview of *Private University Act, 2010* and are required to comply with Policies and Rules, as and when provided, by the University Grants Commission [the Commission being the Regulating Body established under *The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Order, 1973* (Presidential Order No. X) and can make regulations that are not inconsistent with the above Order for all matters that the Commission deemed necessary and

expedient in giving effect to the provisions of the above Order, Please refer Section 15 of the above *Order of 1973*]. Therefore, it has become customary for UGC to formulate and make policies (if and when required) for private universities to adopt and follow while functioning and managing the affairs of the University.

Provision of Section 37 of the *Private University Act, 2010* empowers all Private Universities to have statutes, rules and policies of their own in the light of Rules and Policies formulated by the UGC towards education, research, administrative and financial matters and other functions of the University, that has been passed in their Syndicate and thereafter, obtained Chancellor's approval through the University's Board of Trustees and the Government. The BRACU IP Policy comes under the above provision and will be construed as BRAC University Statutes too (I wonder if the different Policies or Rules of the BRAC University has followed the procedure as contained under Section 37 of the *Private University Act, 2010* above, and I earnestly suggest that the BRAC University Management looks into it).

I am attaching a Minutes of the 55th Meeting with the Leadership Team (LT) held on April 26, 2018 at 3:00 PM at the Conference Room (UB10503) where it was resolved-

Quote

"d. IP Policy: The University now has an Intellectual Property policy which identifies the rights of all intellectual properties for the researcher, university and/or any third party. The BoT has approved the policy." [Please refer Clause d of Agenda 1]

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to upheld my above observations that the Policy as stands today does not require any formal approval from National Body/UGC.

I hope this serves the purpose.
Thanking you.

Regards
Shamsuddin
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Mon, May 5, 2025 at 7:03 PM

Thank you so much. Should share with all as reminder.

Warm Regards,
Professor Syed Ferhat Anwar
Vice Chancellor
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