



Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

**Policy for University Governance Measures:
Engagement of Students and Local Stakeholders
through Active Participation in
connection with UN SDGs**

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Section-1: Definitions

In this Policy Document, unless otherwise specified, or anything repugnant to the Act and Statutes of Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU), the following expressions shall have the meanings as follows:

1.1 *University governance* is defined as the constitutional forms and processes through which universities govern their affairs. Governance and the process of governing the university interact with the internal and external stakeholders striving for a dynamic equilibrium (OECD, 2008).

1.2 *Measure* is a plan or course of action taken to achieve a particular purpose.

Section-2. Policy

University Governance Measures: Engagement of Students and Local Stakeholders through Active Participation

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy document is to provide policies and programmes to engage students and local stakeholders through active participation.

2. Scope:

The policy applies to the whole University including its sub campuses.

3. Policy Statement:

This policy intends to facilitate engagement of students and local stakeholders through active participation regardless of ethnicity, religion, disability or gender.

4. Engagement Of Students And Local Stakeholders Through Active Participation:

The University governance measures look at activities around elected representation of university stakeholders on the governing body as well as policy and processes to involve local non-university stakeholders. Related policies and programmes include but not limited to the following:

4.1 Recognizing student bodies including their clubs, societies, and forums. The university encourages establishment of independent university student bodies without political influence of the university authorities.

4.2 Identifying and engaging with local stakeholders in:

- i** Board of Governance
- ii** Advisory Boards of different departments
- iii** Supervisory Committees
- iv** Curriculum development committees
- v** Capacity Building and professional development initiatives as trainers, mentors and advisors

4.3 The University has written policies and procedures to identify and engage local stakeholders external to the university.

4.4 The University has participatory bodies to recognize and engage local stakeholders, including local residents, local government, local private, and local civil society representatives.